

# READINGTON REFORMED CHURCH

Cathy Gumpert, Pastor

John Ayer, Music Director

EASTER SUNDAY  
April 8, 2007  
11:00 a.m.

## THE APPROACH TO GOD

+Announcements

Introit "On This Day" Michael  
Jothen  
*The Youth & Chancel Choir*

Prelude

Moment of Silence

Call to Worship Psalm  
118

Leader: O give thanks to the LORD, for God is good; His steadfast love endures forever!  
Let Israel say, "His steadfast love endures forever."

**People: The LORD is my strength and my might; He has become my salvation.**

Leader: There are glad songs of victory in the tents of the righteous: "The right hand of the LORD does valiantly; the right hand of the LORD is exalted; the right hand of the LORD does valiantly."

**People: I shall not die, but I shall live, and recount the deeds of the LORD. The LORD has punished me severely, but He did not give me over to death. Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the LORD.**

Leader: This is the gate of the LORD; the righteous shall enter through it.

**People: I thank You that You have answered me and have become my salvation. The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.**

Leader: This is the LORD's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.

**ALL: This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

\*+Hymn of Praise #312 (RIL) "Jesus Christ Is Risen Today" EASTER

HYMN

Prayer of Confession Psalm  
118

**Holy God, You are the source of all good, of all strength, of all love. Your steadfast love endures forever. That is something too marvelous for us to truly understand sometimes, Lord. We lose sight of Your steadfast love in the**

busyness of our lives. We rush from task to task, trying with all of our might to do what we should. And then we are surprised when we begin to feel disconnected. Perhaps it is because we lose sight of the important in the clamor of the urgent. Perhaps it is because we try with our might, and forget to ask what it is that You would have us do. We are sorry to get so distracted, Lord. Today, on this holiest of days, open our hearts and minds to the incredible gift of salvation offered to the world through Jesus Christ. Help us to share this gift with the world, which is also so disconnected from You. In this way Your will can be done here on earth, as it already is in heaven. We ask this in Jesus' strong name. Amen.

Kyrie Eleison  
**Lord, have mercy upon us, Christ, have mercy upon us, Lord, have mercy upon us.**

Words of Assurance Isaiah 43:1-2

Summary of the Law John 13:34-35

\*+Gloria Patri  
**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world with end. Amen.**

## THE WORD OF GOD

Children's Sermon Laura  
Fields

\*+Hymn of Preparation #315 (RIL)  
"Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain" ST.

KEVIN  
Prayer for Illumination  
Scripture Lessons  
Old Testament Ruth 4:9-22 p.  
212  
New Testament John 20:1-23 p.  
882

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

Sermon HONORING THE PAST WHILE EMBRACING THE FUTURE

**THE RESPONSE TO THE WORD**

\*Confession of Faith

The Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God, the Father, Almighty. From thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Offering *(Please fill out the red pew pads at this time. Remember to PRINT your name.)*

Offertory "Alleluia, Come, Let Us Sing" John

Bertalot

*The Chancel Choir*

Doxology

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise Him, all creatures here below, praise Him above, ye heavenly hosts; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

Dedication of Gifts

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the Community and The Lord's Prayer

\*Hymn of Dedication #593 (RIL)

"All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"

CORONATION

*Verses 1-4*

\*Benediction

\*Benediction Response

"All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"

CORONATION

*Verse 5*

Postlude

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\*Congregation (those who are able) will please rise.

+Latecomers and returning worshipers may be seated.

Hymns this morning are from "Rejoice in the Lord".

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**WORSHIP SERVICE: 11:00AM** (10:00 A.M. Father's Day through Labor Day) Nursery Provided

**SUNDAY SCHOOL: 9:30A.M.** Classes for Pre-school through adult (September through June)

Infant Nursery Provided

**Our Invitation**

We welcome you as we join together in prayer, in song, and in praise to God. It is our prayer that the blessing and fellowship you find here will enrich your life so that you will truly feel that you are a part of this historic, caring church. May God bless you in a very special way!

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**Organized 1719**

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*Above all, we exist to worship God. Through the grace of God and the guidance of the Holy Spirit, we will make the love of Jesus Christ tangible by caring for one another and those around us and will go out into the world to spread the Good News of Jesus Christ*

**The Rev. Cathy Gumpert, Pastor**  
**The Rev. Donald A. McCabe, Pastor Emeritus**