

CASTILE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
4 Washington Street Castile, NY 14427

Easter Sunday

April 9th, 2023

10:00 AM

❖ - Please stand if able

Prelude

Ring of Tower Bell

“Halleluia” – Solo by Bonnie Miller

Greeting & Announcements

❖ **Hymn of Praise No. 118 “This is the Day”**

Call to Worship (Please be seated)

Pastor: Day has dawned and shadows are left behind.

The stone is rolled away and hope is reborn.

People: This is the day our God has made.

We will rejoice and be glad in it.

Pastor: God opens us to the gates of righteousness.

We enter to give thanks to our God.

People: We give thanks, for our God is good.

God’s steadfast love endures forever.

Pastor: Set your mind on things that are above.

Look up and welcome Christ’s appearing.

People: We have been raised with Christ.

Glory is being revealed to us on this day.

❖ **Opening Hymn No. 217 “Christ the Lord is Risen Today” vs. 1,2,3**

❖ **Prayer of Invocation:**

God of amazing surprises, the story of Easter is ever new. Suddenly we are aware of your presence with us. We had lost touch with you. Our minds were full of worries and distractions, set on things of this earth. Our spirits felt the grip of death. Jesus seemed a legend from the past, not a real person who shared our common lot. But today, you awaken something new within us. We hear the cry, Christ is risen, and we want to respond. Dry our tears and call our name. We need the good news of Easter. Amen.

❖ **Gloria Patri**

Old Testament Reading: Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24

Children’s Message: “An Easter Surprise”

No Sunday School Today

Choral Anthem: “Sing for Joy This Happy Day” - North

Castile UCC Handbells: “Exuberance” By Michael J. Glasgow and William A. Payn

Gospel Reading: Matthew 28:1-10

❖ **Hymn No. 226 “The Day of Resurrection”**

Message: “The Foundation of Our Hope”

You Tube: “The Easter Song” – Tiffany Coburn

Sharing Joys and Concerns

Silent Prayer Pastoral Prayer

The Lord’s Prayer (sins)

❖ **Closing Hymn No. 220 “He Lives”**

Benediction

Postlude

❖ **Our Offering Plates are located in the church narthex.**

If you are a guest here today, we welcome you and invite you to visit us again whenever possible. Please introduce yourself to our Temporary Pastor, Tammy Lathan, before you leave today.