



*He is  
Risen*

He is risen! Wishing you a  
blessed Easter Sunday as  
we celebrate the hope and  
grace of the resurrection.

**April 5, 2026**

Prelude #634

*To God Be the Glory*

Evan O'Donovan

Welcome and Invocation

Reverend Ed Hoener

\*Opening Hymn #232

*Jesus Christ Is Risen Today*

***God sends the sun and rain...***

Jesus, we rejoice in Your risen presence! You have overcome death forever, and You have sown the seeds of new life, in a new realm, following You. **Come, Holy Spirit, send the power of resurrection deep into the roots of our faith.** O Christ, You tend our souls with never-ending mercy and grace. You nourish them with Your word. **Your love warms the seeds of faith buried in my heart and they begin to grow.** Risen Lord! Awaken joy in our hearts! Revive hope that dissolves all despair. **Bring all Your dreams for us into bloom!**

Reading and Meditation

\*Hymn #250

*In the Bulb There Is a Flower*

***Christ is the Vine Dresser***

Reading and Meditation

Unison Prayer:

Jesus, you are the Source of new life, now and forever. Come, and clear out the debris in our lives – everything that hinders growth. Nourish every capacity in us; where new gifts, new possibilities are beginning to sprout. Coax the fruits of Your Spirit from us, so that we are living with the vitality of your grace, for the sake of an abundant harvest for your kingdom. Amen.

*Silent Prayers*

Assurance of Grace:

Jesus Christ cleanses us from every impediment to growing in faith and discipleship. He empowers us to abide in Him so that we bear much fruit. **In Jesus Christ, we sow to the Spirit, and we reap everlasting life. In the Spirit, we grow in His ways, now and forever.**

\*Congregational Response #382

*Heaven Is Singing for Joy*

Scripture Reading

*Matt. 28:1-10*

Ministry of Music

W. Vaché, Jr.

\*If you can stand comfortably, please do so.

## ***Tending the Soil***

**Meditation**

**\*Hymn #249**                      ***Because You Live, O Christ***

**Prayers of the People**

**The Lord's Prayer:**

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,  
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors;  
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

**\*Hymn of Preparation #505**      ***The Trumpets Sound, the Angels Sing***

**Holy Communion**

**Invitation**

**Prayer**

**Sharing the Bread and Cup**

**Prayer Following Communion**

**Call to Offering**

**\*Offering Song #710**                      ***We are an Offering***

**We lift our voices, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to You, we are an offering. Lord, use our voices, Lord, use our hands, Lord, use our lives, they are Yours, we are an offering. All that we have, all that we are, all that we hope to be, we give to You, we give to You. We lift our voices, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to You, we are an offering, we are an offering.**

**\*Prayer of Dedication**

## ***Harvest Times...***

**Charge and Meditation**

**\*Hymn of Response #238**                      ***Thine Is the Glory***

**Blessing**

**Postlude #231**      ***Christ Has Risen While Earth Slumbers*** vss. 1-2      Evan O'Donovan

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## **Announcements**

**Thank you to Cheryl Anne Cammann & William Siocha for running the projector & camera!**

*Join our Worship Support Team! For more information; ask the pastor or the technicians or call the church office.*

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### **Coffee Hour Sign-up**

We are looking for people to host coffee hour. There is a sign-up sheet for the Sunday(s) you'd like to host on the food table in Davis Hall.

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### **The Chosen**

We will meet at the manse at 12:30 pm on April 12<sup>th</sup>. If that date needs to be rescheduled, Diane will let us know the new date ASAP.

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### **Rahway's Best Events**

Rahway's Best has events that might be of interest to our families: Best Hoops "Pass Me the Ball" Basketball sessions (registration w/fee required) are being held now through April 24<sup>th</sup>; and enrollment for their Summer Camp is now open (registration w/fee required). For more information, please call or text: 732- 381-1933.



***Online Donations***

#### ***PRAYER PERSON OF THE WEEK***

***Portia Gaskin***

#### **PRAYER REQUESTS**

Abisiji B., Damilola B., Rosemary B., Bob M., Cheryl Anne, Anne H., Doug A., Robin S., Patrick W., Lynn H., Michele P., Louise & Teddy, Barbara, Carol & Jake, Sue K., Agnes N. & family, Savannah B. & family, Carole H., Becky, John, Sam, Michael, Sara & Joan P., Mary "Cookie" F., Nicole, Allison, Mary R., Helen, Logan, Harper, Helene & Diane, Dorothy R., Amy

### **The First Presbyterian Church of Rahway 1731 Church Street**

April 5, 2026  
Rev. Ed Hoener  
Lauris Beam  
Carol Ann Bregman  
Evan O'Donovan

10:30 A.M.  
Pastor  
Worship Leader  
Administrator  
Music Director

For this very special service, we welcome guest musician, **Warren Vaché, Jr.**, who will be accompanying our Music Director, Evan O'Donovan.



Here is a portion of Warren's biography taken from his website. To read his full biography and learn more about Warren's amazing career as a renowned musician, visit [www.warrenvache.com](http://www.warrenvache.com).

Born Warren Webster Vaché, Jr., February 21, 1951, in Rahway, New Jersey. In Vaché, jazz has found a creator whose prodigious, hard-earned skills enable him to craft swinging performances of beauty, emotion and surprise. Sometimes narrowly classified as a swing musician, the cornetist regularly defies this or other labels.

Vaché has listened to and absorbed all styles of music. His trumpet heroes include Louis Armstrong, Roy Eldridge, Bobby Hackett, Fats Navarro, Tom Harrell and Ruby Braff among others. Having played in a variety of settings, including polka bands, Dixieland bands, big dance bands, Broadway pit bands, small jazz groups, and large free-wheeling combos, it is in the latter setting that he has earned his worldwide reputation.

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**Warren Vaché, Jr.'s Career**

Began first piano lessons in third grade; started trumpet in order to play in fourth grade band in school; first formal trumpet/cornet teaching from Jim Fitzpatrick through sixth grade; Harold McGee through junior and senior high school years; father started him on early jobs, 1963-65; played wide variety of jobs in the Rahway area through high school and college; attended Montclair State College, earning degree in music education, 1974; began studying with famed swing era trumpeter Pee Wee Erwin while in college; first "regular" professional job with Billy Maxted in Detroit, c. 1972; first New York job in stage productions, 1975; played jobs with Benny Goodman band, mid-1970s to early 1980s; first recording as leader, 1976; began long association with Concord Records, 1977; film appearance in *The Gig*, 1984; composed and played on film soundtrack for *The Luckiest Man in the World*, 1989; presently maintains full schedule of recording, worldwide festival appearances, Broadway shows and club dates.