

# Ark and Dove Presbyterian Church, USA



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## SILENT PRAYER AND MEDITATION

*God of resurrection: you make all things new. Let us not linger in the past, dwell in yesterday, or languish in last week. Today is a new day, full of grace and freedom. Tomorrow is another opportunity, full of potential. This week will have many chances to show kindness, mercy, and love. On this day of resurrection, pull us out of the prisons of our past and even our self-made graves. Give us courage to begin again, this time with grace and joy. Amen.*

# JOY AND LAUGHTER SUNDAY

April 24<sup>th</sup>, 2022 10:30 a.m.

## PREPARATORY MUSIC

A Thousand Hallelujahs

- Brooke Ligertwood

## THE PRESENTATION OF SCRIPTURE

### THE CALL TO WORSHIP (Based on Psalm 150)

One: Praise God in the sanctuary!

**Many: Praise God in all the earth!**

One: Praise God for our salvation, for God's surpassing greatness!

**Many: Praise God with voice and instrument!**

One: Let everything that breathes praise God!

**Many: Let us worship God!**

## HYMN NO. 245

Christ the Lord Is Risen today!

(congregation may stand)

- Robert Williams

## JOY AND LAUGHTER

## EASTER PRAYER OF PRAISE

All thanks and praise to you, O God, for you raised Jesus from the tomb. The stones we cannot move are rolled away by you. The deepest graves we dig are shallow to you. The prison doors are open for you. Nothing can separate us, nothing can divide us from you—not even death. Now, we can live with heartfelt hope for the future. Now, we can love without restraint. Jesus Christ is risen and we rise with him. Alleluia, Amen.

## RESPONSE NO. 587

Alleluia!

(congregation may stand)

-Fintan O'Carroll

## JOY AND LAUGHTER

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

## WELCOME, FRIENDSHIP REGISTERS, LIVE-STREAM CHECK-IN, AND JOYS AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

*(We invite you to sign in on our red Friendship Register books found at an end of each row.)*

## HYMN NO. 231

Christ Has Risen While Earth Slumbers

(congregation may stand)

- Arr. Alfred V. Fedak

## JOY AND LAUGHTER

## **PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING**

### **ACTS OF THE APOSTLES READINGS:**

5:12-16

5:17-32

### **RESPONSE**

Leader: The Word of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

### **SERMON**

“A Troubling Teaching”

-Jon Nelson

### **THE MORNING PRAYER AND THE LORD’S PRAYER** (p. 35, debts & debtors)

### **THE OFFERING**

### **MUSICAL OFFERING**

**Joy**

-Rend Collective

### **RESPONSE NO. 515** (Vs. 1)

(congregation may stand)

**I Come with Joy**

- Arr. Austin C. Lovelace

### **DEDICATION OF OUR TITHES, OFFERINGS, ELECTRONIC AND ONLINE GIVING**

### **HYMN NO. 539**

(congregation may stand)

**We Will Go Out with Joy**

- Andrew and Hilary Donaldson

### **THE CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

### **CLOSING MUSIC**

**Now Go in Joy**

-Caribbean Folk Melody/arr. Jorge Lockward

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**FIRST QUARTER GIVING STATEMENTS** First Quarter Giving Statements have been sent out. Please take this opportunity to review your Giving Statement. If you have any questions or comments please reach out to our Giving Statement Coordinator, Steve Debus at [steven.debus89@gmail.com](mailto:steven.debus89@gmail.com).

**ARK AND DOVE TO SPONSOR AN AFGHAN REFUGEE FAMILY** We are weeks away from being paired with a family from Afghanistan! Please see the insert (*Checklist below*) to donate items for their new home. We are also in need of temporary garage space for furniture donations. Please contact Debbie Arey at [debarey@hotmail.com](mailto:debarey@hotmail.com) if you are interested in joining, helping, or donating to the Refugee Resettlement team.

**JOIN THE USHER TEAMS** We are seeking to train new ushers for both Sunday worship services. Ushers provide hospitality and help to ensure a smooth service of worship. Interested in joining or have questions? Contact Greg Makar at [GLMakar@juno.com](mailto:GLMakar@juno.com).

**LOGOS MEMORIES/CELEBRATION VIDEO** The logos team created a short video of photo memories to celebrate this past year. You can find the YouTube link in the latest Arkive Email. (<https://youtu.be/NpQEu1e6k2w>)

**MINISTRY AND MEMBERSHIP CLASS** An informational, no-obligation ministry and membership class will be held **Saturday, May 21st, 9am - 11am** with breakfast available, childcare can be provided. Email Outreach and Connections with any questions or to RSVP ([outreach@arkanddove.org](mailto:outreach@arkanddove.org)).

**BUILDING THE BELOVED COMMUNITY** The Anti-Racism/Social Justice team invites you to join us for the following opportunities:

**4/26 - 7PM** Affinity Group Discussion - zoom follow-up for participants of our "Nice Racism" study. Please contact Paula Sparks, [trebleclef48@gmail.com](mailto:trebleclef48@gmail.com) or Deb Saylor, [saylordeb@yahoo.com](mailto:saylordeb@yahoo.com) for zoom links.

RACISM 101 and RACISM 102 has been CANCELLED: Presentations of Racism 101 and Racism 102 scheduled for April 24th and May 1st have been cancelled. Follow the Arkive and weekly announcements for other opportunities.

**EARTH CARE TEAM MEETING** The Earth Care Team will meet on **Wednesday, April 27, 2022 at 7:30** on Zoom. Please contact Bob Fuller - [rtfuller@mac.com](mailto:rtfuller@mac.com) - for the zoom invitation.



### **PRESBYTERY BALTIMORE STRATEGIC PLAN LISTENING SESSION**

Please join the Bay Area Disciples **Thursday, April 28 at 7:00 pm** for a virtual focus group meeting. In order for the Presbytery to more effectively support its members, it is essential that its programs and resources are responsive to the needs and aspirations of every one of its churches. This assessment and re-alignment can only be possible with your feedback! **Please visit: [BaltimorePresbytery.org/Plan](https://BaltimorePresbytery.org/Plan) for more information and a link to register.**

**PEACEFUL DEMONSTRATION** Peaceful Demonstration in support of Black Lives and LGBTQIA+ lives on **April 29, 4:00 - 6:00 pm**. Please contact Paula Sparks - [trebleclef48@gmail.com](mailto:trebleclef48@gmail.com) or Amy Tardiff - [Lilac.n.Spruce@gmail.com](mailto:Lilac.n.Spruce@gmail.com).

**ARK & DOVE BRANDING REFRESH WORKING GROUP** An Ark and Dove style and branding guide is being developed and we want your help! An interest meeting is being held **Friday, April 29th at 7:30 pm** by zoom. Contact Katie Nilsen-Johnson (Outreach and Connections) at [outreach@arkanddove.org](mailto:outreach@arkanddove.org).

**HOW TO BE AN LGBTQ+ ALLY** This zoom class on **Tuesday, May 10, 7:00- 8:30 pm**, will talk about ways we can expand our language to be more inclusive, practice using singular they/them pronouns, talk about how to affirm folks who don't use pronouns or use more than one pronoun, and share ways we can step-up to interrupt bias-based behaviors in support the LGBTQIA+ community. Questions or to attend contact Amy Tardiff at [Lilac.n.Spruce@gmail.com](mailto:Lilac.n.Spruce@gmail.com).

**CHILDRENS'S CHOIR AND CHIME CHOIR** Children's Choir for ages preschool through middle school meets every **Sunday at 9:45 am** in the Marshall room. Chime Choir is on **Tuesday nights at 6:30 pm**. Chime Choir is a new group for older kids starting at Ark and Dove this spring. Email Abbey Boudreau at [abbey24bee@gmail.com](mailto:abbey24bee@gmail.com) or Christina Nelson at [christinajoy87@gmail.com](mailto:christinajoy87@gmail.com) for any questions.

**Ark and Dove is sponsoring a refugee family from Afghanistan.**

We will be assigned our family by mid-May and need to gather items for an apartment.

Please let us know how you can help. We will pick up items from your home when their apartment is ready to be furnished within about a month.

Please **circle** what you can contribute and indicate size or quantity as appropriate:

Bed (size: _____)	bedding (size: _____)
Side table	book shelf
Dresser	desk
Desk chair	couch
Soft chair	lamp (floor, table, desk)
Coffee table	rug (size)
Dining table	dining chairs (how many? _____)
Other furniture items _____	towels
Cooking utensils	Pots, Pans, Baking pans, bowls, kettle
Dishes	Knives, forks, spoons
TV (size)	electronics (name _____)
Basic tools: hammer, screwdriver, wrench	Vacuum, broom
Household cleansers, paper towels, toilet paper	Backpacks
School supplies	
Other: _____	

I can contribute the following amount for financial assistance \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Please return this form to the church or to Debbie Arey: [Debarey@hotmail.com](mailto:Debarey@hotmail.com)

If you have questions feel free to call Debbie at: 508-579-7748

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**Welcome!** We hope you enjoyed worshipping with us! Join us again, every Sunday, 9:00 & 10:30 am for an in-person worship service. Our 10:30 service is also livestreamed on YouTube and Facebook. Godly Play Sunday School for grades pre-K thru 5 is held in-person during the 10:30 service. Would you like a pastor to contact you? Would you like to learn more about Ark and Dove? Please send a note to [admin@arkanddove.org](mailto:admin@arkanddove.org).

***We are a Matthew 25 church, a More Light church, and Earth Care Congregation!***

**Ministry Leaders**

**Liturgist** – Kelly Stern

**Usher** – Greg Makar

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