

NORTHPARK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

April 11, 2021

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Peace is not something you wish for. It's something you make, something you do, something you are, and something you give away.

- John Lennon

PRELUDE Trumpet Prelude
Louis Walker, Organist

J. H. Roman

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

Cheryl Cunningham, Liturgist

One: We gather knowing that the tomb is empty.
All: **We gather as a resurrection people.**
One: May the peace of Christ illuminate our faith.
All: **May we see the light of God in unlikely places.**
One: Let us worship God with great joy!
All: **Let us worship God with glad hearts and spirits uplifted!**

HYMN Thine Is the Glory

JUDAS MACCABEUS

**Thine is the glory, risen, conquering Son;
endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.
Angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away,
kept the folded grave-clothes where thy body lay.**

Refrain:

**Thine is the glory, risen, conquering Son;
endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.**

**No more we doubt thee, glorious Prince of life!
Life is naught without thee; aid us in our strife.
Make us more than conquerors through thy deathless love;
bring us safe through Jordan to thy home above. (Refrain)**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*together*)

**God of empty tombs and emptier people:
when we hesitate to speak of your peace,
forgive us, and give us a voice.
When we want to talk about people instead of talking to people,
forgive us, and give us fresh compassion.
When we want to stand with the high and mighty,
forgive us, and seat us next to the poor and oppressed.
When we cannot believe your Word of new life,
forgive us, and fill us with your joy.
Heal our brokenness.
Move us to seek reconciliation.
And restore our spirits to dance again. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

One: Friends, hear and believe the good news of the gospel.
All: **In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Thanks be to God. Amen.**

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 without end. Amen, amen.**

MOMENTS WITH CHILDREN

Kathy McCarron, Director of Christian Education

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING

Ephesians 2:11-19

SECOND READING

John 20:19-22

SERMON Dare to Dance Again: First Steps of Peace

Rev. Nicole Bates, Pastor

HYMN Called as Partners in Christ's Service

BEECHER

**Called as partners in Christ's service,
called to ministries of grace,
we respond with deep commitment
fresh new lines of faith to trace.
May we learn the art of sharing,
side by side and friend with friend,
equal partners in our caring
to fulfill God's chosen end.**

**Christ's example, Christ's inspiring,
Christ's clear call to work and worth,
let us follow, never faltering,
reconciling folk on earth.
Men and women, richer, poorer,
all God's people, young and old,
blending human skills together
gracious gifts from God unfold.**

**So God grant us for tomorrow
ways to order human life
that surround each person's sorrow
with a calm that conquers strife.
Make us partners in our living,
our compassion to increase,
messengers of faith, thus giving
hope and confidence and peace.**

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (*together*)

We believe that God has entrusted the church
with the message of reconciliation
in and through Jesus Christ.

We believe that the church is called
to be the salt of the earth
and the light of the world.

We believe that the church is called blessed
because it is a peacemaker.

We believe that the church is witness
both by word and by deed
to the new heaven and the new earth
in which righteousness dwells.

Amen.

The Confession of Belhar (adapted)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & 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.

SHARING OUR GIFTS

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ANTHEM Supplication and Alleluia
 Sanctuary Choir Ensemble
 Tinsley Silcox, Director

Eugene Butler

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

HYMN Alleluia! Laud and Blessing (*stanzas 1, 3*)

WEISSE FLAGGEN

1 Al - le - lu - ia! Laud and bless-ing to our God, whose Word is sure;
2 Al - le - lu - ia! God sus-tains us; match-less are the gifts we share:
3 Al - le - lu - ia! Ho - ly Par - ent, all your chil-dren now re-claim;



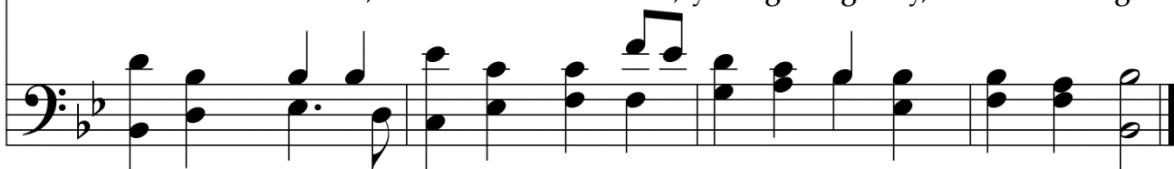
by whose grace we find re - demp - tion, in whose love we live se - cure.
light in dark-ness, hope in con - flict, an - swers to our deep - est prayer.
may our lives re - flect your jus - tice, heirs to your most sa - cred name.



Righ - teous - ness and rich com - pas - sion shall at - tend us all our days;
Ours to give as we are giv - en: arms to lift when oth - ers fall;
Fill our hearts with un - der - stand - ing, brace our weak - ness by your might;



may God's prom - ise to be faith - ful ech - o through our songs of praise!
im - ag - es of God's great good - ness, faith - ful ser - vants to God's call.
awe - some hon - or, born in wis - dom; your great glo - ry, our de - light!



CHARGE

Matthew 22:37-39

Go out into the world in peace. Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind; and love your neighbor as yourself.

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE Sinfonia de Chiesa (D Major)

J. H. Roman

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