FIRST PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH OF BETHLEHEM

Easter Sunday Traditional Service



April 9, 2023

The Service for the Lord's Day

WE GATHER

PRELUDE All Glory, Laud and Honor — arr. Barbara Kinyon
Chancel Ringers
"Sinfonia" from Easter Oratorio, BWV 239 — Johann Sebastian Bach
Elysium String Quartet
Meditation on "O Waly Waly" — arr. Kevin McChesney
Chancel Ringers

WELCOME

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Christ is risen!
People: He is risen indeed!
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*PASSING OF THE PEACE

*Please stand if you are able.

*GATHERING HYMN #123

Jesus Christ is Risen Today EASTER HYMN

1 Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia!
Our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!
Who did once, upon the cross, Alleluia!
Suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!

2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia!
Unto Christ, our heavenly King, Alleluia!
Who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia!
Sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!

3 But the pains which He endured, Alleluia!
Our salvation have procured; Alleluia!
Now above the sky He's king, Alleluia!
Where the angels ever sing. Alleluia!

4 Sing we to our God above, Alleluia!
Praise eternal as God's love; Alleluia!
Praise our God, ye heavenly host, Alleluia!
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!

WE CONFESS

CALL TO CONFESSON

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious and Loving God, Christ taught us that the greatest commandment is to love you with all of our being, and to love our neighbors as ourselves. Too often, though, it is so difficult not to put our own interests and desires first, to hold back our love and compassion, our generosity and commitment to justice. We fear there will not be enough to give and make a difference; we fear there will not be enough left for us. Forgive us, Lord, and help us to love as you have taught and called us to love, so that through our lives others may witness your love at work in the world.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

WE LISTEN

CHILDREN'S SERMON

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SPECIAL MUSIC "Benedictus" from Kleine Orgelmesse, Hob. XXII:7 (1775) Franz Joseph Haydn
Madison Zahorsky, soprano and Elysium String Quartet

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord,
Hosannah in the highest.

SCRIPTURE Matthew 27:1-10 Judy Smullen

Leader: The word of the Lord;

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON The Rev. J.C. Austin

"The Shook Ones"

WE RESPOND

*SERMON HYMN #108

Christ Is Alive TRURO

1 Christ is alive! Let Christians sing.
The cross stands empty to the sky.
Let streets and homes with praises ring.
Love, drowned in death, shall never die.

2 Christ is alive! No longer bound
To distant years in Palestine,
But saving, healing, here and now,
And touching every place and time.

3 Not throned afar, remotely high,
Untouched, unmoved by human pains,
But daily, in the midst of life,
Our Savior in the Godhead reigns.

4 In every insult, rift and war,
Where color, scorn or wealth divide,
Christ suffers still, yet loves the more,
And lives, where even hope has died.

5 Christ is alive, and comes to bring
Good news to this and every age,
Till earth and sky and ocean ring
With joy, with justice, love and praise.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH ((from 1 Corinthians 15)

This is the good news which we have received, in which we stand, and by which we are saved, if we hold it fast: that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day, and that he appeared first to the women, then to Peter, and to the Twelve, and then to many faithful witnesses. We believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God. Jesus Christ is the first and the last, the beginning and the end; he is our Lord and our God. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND 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.

OFFERING

Call to Give

Offertory

"Kyrie" and "Gloria" from Kleine Orgelmesse, Hob. XXII:7 (1775) Franz Joseph Haydn

Chancel Choir and Elysium String Quartet

Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

Glory to God in the highest,
And peace on earth to men of good will.
We praise you, we bless you,
We worship you, we glorify you.
We give you thanks for Your great glory.
Lord God, King of Heaven,
God the Father Almighty.
Lord only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ.
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father.
You who take away the sin of the world,
Have mercy on us.
You who take away the sin of the world,
Hear our prayer.
You who sit at the right hand of the Father,
have mercy on us.
For you alone are holy, you alone are Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ.
With the Holy Spirit in the glory of God the Father, Amen.

*Doxology #592

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow OLD HUNDREDTH

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

*Prayer of Dedication

*SENDING HYMN #144

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus! HYFRODOL

Verse 1 – all; Verse 2 – upper voices; Verse 3 – lower voices; Verse 4 - all

1 Alleluia! Sing to Jesus!
His the scepter, His the throne.
Alleluia! His the triumph,
His the victory alone!
Hark! the songs of peaceful Zion
Thunder like a mighty flood;
Jesus out of every nation
Hath redeemed us by His blood.

2 Alleluia! Not as orphans
Are we left in sorrow now.
Alleluia! He is near us;
Faith believes, nor questions how.
Though the cloud from sight received Him,
When the forty days were o'er,
Shall our hearts forget His promise,
"I am with you evermore"?

3 Alleluia! Bread of angels,
Thou on earth our food, our stay.
Alleluia! Here the sinful
Flee to Thee from day to day.
Intercessor, Friend of sinners,
Earth's Redeemer, plead for me,
Where the songs of all the sinless
Sweep across the crystal sea.

4 Alleluia! King eternal,
Thee the Lord of lords we own;
Alleluia! born of Mary,
Earth Thy footstool, heaven Thy throne.
Thou within the veil hast entered,
Robed in flesh our great High Priest;
Thou on earth both priest and victim
In the Eucharistic feast.

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE "Bouree" from *Water Music* George Frideric Handel

Elysium String Quartet

The spring flowers decorating the Sanctuary are given in memory of loved ones.

Barbara Burger, in memory of Toby and Allan Read and Ione and Ted Burger
George and Gretchen Campbell, in memory of their parents
Jeanette and Mat Claessens, in memory of their parents
Alexander P. Dyer, in memory of Shirley Dyer and Jane Pendergast
Melody Engel, in memory of the Ritz Family and the Engel Family
Jeanne and Bob Hunsicker, in memory of their parents
Kari Keyock, in memory of V. Barry Young
Donna Knepp, in memory of loved ones
Jane Mackie, in memory of Larry Mackie
Dan and Wendy Magocs, in memory of Joseph D. and Ruth Dennison, and Doris and Vincent Fresoli
Mike and Bette Maiatico, in memory of loved ones
Allison Masters, in memory of Donald Masters
Ralph and Pam Morgan, in memory of their parents
Susan Nelson, in memory of her mother, Dorothy Field and her aunt, Jean Field
Pam Phillippe, in memory of Michael Phillippe
Susan Scheirer
Fred and Ginny Shunk, in memory of family, loved ones, Genie Robson and Kay Moran
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Frances Spicer, in memory of loved ones
Donna Taggart, in memory of Glenn Taggart
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