



The Presbyterian Church on the Hill
April 8, 2018 ~10:15am
Second Sunday of Easter

In Preparation *(Please meditate silently.)*

“Resurrection does not simply spell the survival of the soul but requires the transformation of the world as we know it.” Elizabeth Schüssler-Fiorenza

“Faith in the resurrection must come from real glimpses of our ability to make whole our suffering world. For the work of Christian grace and love is now, and not just later.” Rita Nakashima Brock

Peace Prayer

Prelude

“Christ Is Alive”

arr. David Johnson

Introit

“That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright”

Michael Praetorius

That Easter day with joy was bright;
 the sun shone out with fairer light when,
 to their longing eyes restored,
 the apostles saw their risen Lord.

He bade them see his hands, his side,
 where yet the glorious wounds abide,
 the tokens true which made it plain
 their Lord indeed was risen again.

From every weapon death can wield,
 your own redeemed forever shield;
 O Lord of all, with us abide
 in this our joyful Eastertide.

Latin hymn, 5th Century

Call to Worship

We come this morning in Easter joy, seeking to feel God’s love
 and to experience God’s power to renew,

**We come this morning in Easter joy, seeking to believe in
 Life beyond death and to become people of the
 resurrection.**

Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

▲ Hymn No. 246 **“Christ Is Alive”**

Truro

▲ The Invocation and the Lord’s Prayer (unison)

***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.***

Life on the Hill

Today (Apr. 8): ✚ WORSHIP 10:15am

Monday (Apr. 9):
 Worship 6:30pm
 Christian Ed 7:30pm

Tuesday (Apr. 10):
 Finance 7:00pm
 Mission 7:00pm

Thursday (Apr. 12):
 Moms & Young Gals 9:30-11:00am
 Choir Rehearsal 7:30pm

Next Sunday: ✚ WORSHIP 10:15am

Anthem

“The Heart’s Offering”

Antony Baldwin

As I rise with the morn may my soul be reborn;
take this heart, all forlorn, and refresh me in the morn.
Alleluia!

In the warmth of the day I consider Thy way.
May Thy love ever stay in my heart, O Lord, I pray.
Alleluia!

In the still of the night as I think on the light
in my heart burning bright, keep me precious in Thy sight.
Alleluia!

God of each living thing bless the gift that we bring.
Take our hearts’ offering while in joyful praise we sing.
Alleluia!

Antony and Lori Baldwin

Chancel Choir

*Yuri Albertao, Michael Compoly, Jill Creveling, Marilyn Dicken,
Otto Eickmeyer, Hilary Epstein, Ed Fix, Bernice Gangaware,
JP Hanly, Nancy Kinaszuk, George Liddy, Barbara Lofthouse,
Isaiah Mason, Bob Morris, Sandy Papp, Cheryl Schmidt, Randy Stolze,
Marcia Turpin.*

☺ **Children thru 5th grade will exit to Sunday School** ☺

Silent Confession

O Lord, hear our personal prayers as we admit to our sins.
Hear our confession:

Personal Prayers of Confession

Words of Assurance

God works with wondrous power to affirm life,
**reconciling divisions among us,
restoring shaken faith, renewing our spirits.**
Glory be to God!

Song of Assurance

Hymn No. 435 **“There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy”**

In Babilone

Old Testament Lesson Psalm 133:1-3 NRSV

Janet Lee



How very good and pleasant it is
when kindred live together in Unity!
It is like the precious oil on the head,
running down upon the beard,
on the beard of Aaron,
running down over the collar of his robes.
It is like the dew of Hermon,
which falls on the mountains of Zion.
For there the Lord ordained blessing,
life forevermore.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Presenting Our Gifts to the Lord

Offertory

“That Easter Day”

arr. David Johnson

▲ Doxology

Lasst Uns Erfreuen

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

Praise God, all creatures here below:

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Praise God, the source of all our gifts!

Praise Jesus Christ, whose pow’r uplifts!

Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

▲ Prayer of Dedication

▲ Passing of the Peace and Greeting One Another

New Testament Lesson Acts 4:32-35 NRSV



Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common.

³³With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all.

³⁴There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. ³⁵They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Hymn of Preparation

Hymn No. 372 "O for a World"

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Message "Living the Resurrection"

Rev. Dr. Byron E. Shafer

Prayers of the People

▲ Hymn No. 300 "We Are One in the Spirit"

They'll Know We Are Christians

▲ Benediction

▲ Postlude "They'll Know We Are Christians" *arr. Mark Hayes*

(▲ All who are able, please stand.)

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LEADERSHIP AND ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF

Lisa Keller, DIRECTOR OF CHRISTIAN ED. & NURTURE

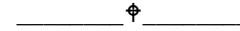
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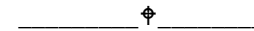
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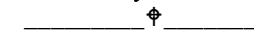
Jamie Montero, HEAD USHER
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Michael Compoly, TREASURER
Judy Quitne, DEACON CO-MODERATOR
Jackie Colin, ADMIN. ASSISTANT/OFFICE SUPERVISOR
Letitia Jensen, WORSHIP PREPARATION COORDINATOR
Bill Turner, PASTOR – HONORABLY RETIRED



We sincerely welcome all who have come to worship the Creator of us all. As brothers and sisters, let us give evidence that we belong to the family of God. Extend the hand of friendship to those around you, and be grateful for the gift of friends and family. If you are in need of pastoral care or perhaps a listening ear, please speak to one of our Elders, Deacons, or Stephen Ministers.



The Chancel Flowers are given to the Glory of God and in honor of Laura Evernham's birthday by Letitia Jensen & Guy Rayner



Serving Today

⊕ **Greeters:** The Pagnoni Family

⊕ **Ushers:** Team 1: Rick Degurski, Jon Black, Jackie Colin,
Helen Brandstetter, Chris Tobin, Rebecca Hanly

⊕ **Flower Duty:** Jamie Montero, Stephanie Toth

⊕ **Trustee Duty:** Maureen Bonney, Michael Compoly

⊕ **Fellowship Host:** The Pagnoni Family

⊕ **Worship Prep:** 4/07 Diana & Tom Griffith,
4/14 Laura & Ed Kelsey



SPECIAL OFFERINGS
ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

PCOH 2018 Goal \$6000

Current Total \$6054

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Life on the Hill Notes

April 8th



PCOH NURSERY

TODAY

Jamie Montero

Apr 15 M. Zarodnansky Apr 22 Bea Rogers
Apr 29 _____ May 6 _____



Children & Youth Team Leaders

Today

April 15th

Pre-k & Kindergarten

(brick classroom)

Shirley Carle
Stephanie Toth

Jessica Compoly
Cheryl Schleuss

1st – 5th Grade

(fellowship hall)

Carol Cox
Sherri Ryan

Cheryl Miller
Laura Ransom

6th – 12th Grade

(youth room)

No Sunday School

Sandy Pristas
Jill Vacchiano



Sign Up Sheets

(posted on rear table in sanctuary)



Fellowship Time Hosts



Scripture Readers



Greeters



The Ministry of Flowers



New 2018 Chart is now posted! If you would like flowers in the sanctuary for a particular Sunday please sign up. Cost: \$45.00. Questions? Please speak with Judy Quitne. Are you aware that our Deacons deliver the flowers to our shut-ins and hospitalized folks with our prayers and concern every Sunday?



*When you are shopping,
please remember that:*

Trinity Needs Food

*When you are cooking,
please remember that:*

The Center Needs Meals



“CHRIST CARING FOR PEOPLE THROUGH PEOPLE”

If you, or a neighbor, co-worker or friend could benefit from the trained, caring presence and listening ear of a Stephen Minister, please contact Dot French, Stephen Minister Coordinator at 732-774-4307.

“CHURCH ON THE HILL is a diverse, inclusive community of God’s people whose faith is led by the life and teachings of Jesus Christ. We welcome, love, and empower all persons to become constructive, affirming thinkers, filled with hope, making a difference in the world. Armed with forgiveness and understanding in the knowledge that “God alone is Lord of the conscience” (Historical Principles, G-1.0301a), we will move forward in an ever changing culture and world.

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Church Office HOURS: Mon. - Wed. - Fri. 9am-1pm

The Reverend Dr. Byron E. Shafer is an *emeritus* professor of Biblical Studies at Fordham University in New York City and also the *emeritus* Pastor of the Rutgers Presbyterian Church in New York City. He taught full-time at Fordham from 1968 to 1996 and part-time from 1996 to the present, while serving the Rutgers Church as full-time pastor from 1996 to 2006.

In retirement, from 2007 through 2010 he spent four academic terms serving as a Visiting Professor of Old and New Testaments at the United Theological College in Bangalore, India.

Dr. Shafer has been active in the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) on many levels. He was a member of the Committee of 15 that reviewed and edited that denomination's "Brief Statement of Faith," part of its *Book of Confessions*. And in 1993, he served as Moderator of the Presbytery of New York City.

Between 1985 and 2003, Dr. Shafer served as the Protestant host of "Religion on the Line," a three-hour Sunday-morning interfaith call-in program on WABC Radio in New York City.

Dr. Shafer received his B.A. in History from the College of Wooster in Ohio (1960), his M.Div. from McCormick Theological Seminary in Chicago (1963), and his Ph.D. from Harvard University in the History, Religion, and Literature of Ancient Israel (1968).

Transition On The Hill

In the weeks since Rev. Turner's retirement, we have been actively moving forward with our Interim Pastor search. The required documents have been completed by the Session, approved by the Presbytery and posted for response. A sub-committee from our Session has been selected to review candidates and make a hiring recommendation.

As always, your Session welcomes your input. If you have any questions, comments, or concerns, please seek out one of the Elders.