



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

In Preparation *(Please meditate silently.)*

“To love means loving the unlovable. To forgive means pardoning the unpardonable. Faith means believing the unbelievable. Hope means hoping when everything seems hopeless.” G. K. Chesterton

“Faith is to believe what you do not see; the reward of this faith is to see what you believe.” Saint Augustine

Peace Prayer

Prelude **“Beautiful Savior”** *arr. Dale Wood*

Introit **“Good Christians All, Rejoice and Sing!”**
Melchior Vulpinus

Good Christians all, rejoice and sing!
Now is the triumph of our King!
To all the world glad news we bring:
Alleluia!

Praise we in songs of victory
that love, that life which cannot die,
and sing with hearts uplifted high:
Alleluia!

Your name we bless, O risen Lord,
and sing today with one accord
the life laid down, the life restored:
Alleluia!

Cyril Alington

Call to Worship

Into the wonder of this new day, we come, as we are, to God,
bringing with us our hopes, our fears, our stories.
God of the morning, God of life,
**we come to encounter you in this time; we are here to
seek your truth.**
Move among us, God; give us life.
Let your people rejoice in you.

▲ Hymn No. 234 **“Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain”**

St. Kevin

▲ 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. 15): ✝ WORSHIP 10:15am

Tuesday (Apr. 17): Men’s Bible Fellowship 7:30pm

Women’s Bible Fellowship 7:30pm

Wednesday (Apr. 18): Stephen Ministry 7:30pm

Thursday (Apr. 19): Rachel Circle 9:30am

Adult Study 11:30-12:45pm

Choir Rehearsal 7:30pm

Saturday (Apr. 21): Property Day 9:00am-Noon

Next Sunday: ✝ WORSHIP 10:15am

Minute for Mission

Letitia Jensen, Understanding the Refugee Crisis – May 5th

“Roll That Stone Away!” *Mock/Nichols*

Bright and early in the mornin’ as the day began to dawn
the earth gave way to a rumble, heaven sang a joyful song.

Sister Mary came a-runnin’ full of fear, yet full of joy.

The tomb was empty, the stone was gone,
my Lord came forth at the break of dawn,
when the angel rolled that stone away.

Hallelujah, how I love to say,
Christ, my Savior took my sins that day!
When the angel rolled that stone away,
Hallelujah, what a day.

Soldiers there were a-plenty, they were makin’ not a sound,
tremblin’ at the sight of angels, they fell down upon the ground.
Pilate and his many wise men didn’t know what they should say.

The tomb was empty, the stone was gone,
my Lord came forth at the break of dawn,
when the angel rolled that stone away.

Hallelujah, how I love to say,
Christ, my Savior took my sins that day!
When the angel rolled that stone away,
Hallelujah, what a day.

Peter gathered the disciples in the upper room.
In fear they met with one another, doubtin’, filled with gloom.
Thomas listened to the story of the empty tomb.

The tomb was empty, the stone was gone,
my Lord came forth at the break of dawn,
when the angel rolled that stone away.

Hallelujah, how I love to say,
Christ, my Savior took my sins that day!
When the angel rolled that stone away,
Hallelujah, what a day.

Patricia Mock

Chancel Choir

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

☺ **Children thru 12th grade will exit to Sunday School** ☺

Silent Confession

God’s mercy is deeper than the depths of the sea, and God’s
grace is wider than the whole of the earth. Trusting in that mercy
and that grace, let us make our confession, before God and each
other, first in silent prayer.

Personal Prayers of Confession

Words of Assurance

Trusting the promises of forgiveness to all who in humility
repent of their sins, we pray:

**Holy God, we open our hearts to you this day, and offer the
truth of our lives:**

The fear that stifles us,

The prejudice that blinds us,

The ignorance that hobbles us,

The doubt that plagues us,

The anger that paralyzes us,

The failures that haunt us.

Help us, we pray, that we will

Find courage in unlikely places,

See the world with new and gracious eyes,

Move to those places where love is needed,

Have faith that you are with us.

This we pray in Jesus’ name. Amen.

Song of Assurance

Hymn No. 2115 **“Christ Has Risen”**

Stanzas 1 and 2

Holy Manna

New Testament Lesson 1 John 3:1-7 NIV

Hilary Epstein



See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are! The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. ² Dear friends, now we are children of God, and what we will be has not yet been made known. But we know that when Christ appears, we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is. ³ All who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure. ⁴ Everyone who sins breaks the law; in fact, sin is lawlessness. ⁵ But you know that he appeared so that he might take away our sins. And in him is no sin. ⁶ No one who lives in him keeps on sinning. No one who continues to sin has either seen him or known him. ⁷ Dear children, do not let anyone lead you astray. The one who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Presenting Our Gifts to the Lord

Offertory

“Give Thanks”

arr. Fred Bock

▲ Doxology

Lassit 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 Luke 24:36-48 NRSV



While they were talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." ³⁷ They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. ³⁸ He said to them, "Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? ³⁹ Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have." ⁴⁰ And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. ⁴¹ While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?" ⁴² They gave him a piece of broiled fish, ⁴³ and he took it and ate in their presence. ⁴⁴ Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled." ⁴⁵ Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, ⁴⁶ and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, ⁴⁷ and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. ⁴⁸ You are witnesses of these things.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Message **“Who’s the Stranger in the Room?”**

Rev. Katherine Cunningham

Prayers of the People

▲ Hymn No. 254 **“That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright”**

Puer Nobis Nascitur

▲ Benediction

▲ Postlude

“Thine Is the Glory”

arr. Gordon Young

(▲ All who are able, please stand.)

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LEADERSHIP AND ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF

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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.

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The Chancel Flowers are given to the Glory of God and in honor of Loved Ones by Carol Cox

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Serving Today

‡ **Greeters:** Sharon & Ed Fix
‡ **Ushers:** Team 2: Diana Griffith, Rick Buckley, Denise Buckley, Sharon Fix, Judy Quitne, Stephen Lofthouse
‡ **Flower Duty:** Robin Compoly, Giselle McCormick
‡ **Trustee Duty:** Rick Degurski, Wendy Robinson
‡ **Fellowship Host:** Lisa & Stephanie Keller
‡ **Worship Prep:** 4/07 Laura & Ed Kelsey,
4/14 Laura Evernham



SPECIAL OFFERINGS
ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

PCOH 2018 Goal \$6000
Current Total \$6,074

Life on the Hill Notes
April 15th



PCOH NURSERY
TODAY

Megan Zarodnansky

Apr 22 Bea Rogers Apr 29 _____
May 6 _____ May 13 _____



Children & Youth Team Leaders

Today

April 22nd

Pre-k & Kindergarten
(brick classroom)

Jessica Compoly
Cheryl Schleuss

Shirley Carle
Stephanie Toth

1st – 5th Grade

(fellowship hall)
Cheryl Miller
Laura Ransom

Carol Cox
Meghan Pringle

6th – 12th Grade

(youth room)
Sandy Pristas
Jill Vacchiano

Anne Pagnoni
Kelli Tobin



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

STEPHEN MINISTRY



“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.

† **FAITH** † **LOVE** † **HOPE** † **FORGIVENESS** † **UNDERSTANDING** †

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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 and are reviewing candidates to 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.

Save the Date!

The Mission Community invites you to join us for a presentation on:

"Understanding the Refugee Crisis"
Separating Fact from Fiction
10 am to 11:30 am Saturday, May 5
Fellowship Hall

Presenter: Marian Bauman
Colts Neck Reformed Church

Coffee and Bagels
Child care available
Sign-up sheet in the rear of the Sanctuary
All are Welcome!