



The Presbyterian Church on the Hill
Easter Sunday
April 21, 2019

WE GATHER TOGETHER

In Preparation *(Thought for Silent Reflection)*

“Power consists in deciding which story shall be told.”

-Carolyn Heilbrun

CHIMES

PRELUDE

“Joy in the Morning”

Andrew O’Connor, trumpet soloist

Mike Montalto, timpanist

arr. Joel Raney

As we gather together in the sanctuary, please listen to the music and spend time in silent reflection in preparation for worship.

Our Liturgist this morning is Stephen Lofthouse

▲ INTROIT

“Introit For Easter”

Joel Raney

This is the day of celebration,
this is the day of goodness and light.
Earth and sky and all creation
celebrate the wonder of life!

Christ is risen, sing hosanna,
lift your voices to the sky.
Christ is risen, alleluia!
He is alive, He lives on high!

CALL TO WORSHIP

(Acts 10:34-43)

One: Jesus walked the earth with God’s
message of peace, blessing all creation.

Many: Abundant life for all!

One: Jesus preached God’s love - justice for the
poor, full sharing of earth’s bounty; he
rattled the authorities with

**Many: Hope and healing; forgiveness and
welcome!**

One: Worldly powers tried to stop him: led him to a
tree and crucified him; laid him in the
earth: a garden tomb. Three days in earth,
and then,

**Many: Like the seed which dies to live,
so Jesus arose to new life!**

One: And so let us celebrate the risen Christ,
alive in our midst even today.

**Many: May we be the hands and feet, hearts
and minds of that Risen Christ,
proclaiming the good news of abundant life for
all.**

EASTER ACCLAMATION

One: Christ is risen! Alleluia!

Many: **Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

▲ HYMN No. 232 **“Jesus Christ Is Risen Today”** *Easter Hymn*

▲ CALL TO CONFESSION

▲ PRAYER OF CONFESSION (read responsively)

One: Creator God, you made this day, this life, this planet and all that is in it. All is a gift from you. All of creation is holy and you have given it into our care.

Many: **Our care-less actions wound and scar our earth home:**

One: Forgive us, Holy One, You, who are always creating a new heaven and a new earth!

Many: **We rob and do not restore life-giving riches to our lands and waters:**

One: Forgive us, Holy One, You who invite us to a feast of justice on your holy mountain!

Many: **We foster systems which fail to house and feed and heal all people:**

One: Forgive us, Holy One, You who promise a world in which people build houses and inhabit them, plant vineyards and eat their fruit. Risen One, teach us that your resurrection brings new life to all creation. Today of all days empower us with vision and with sharing you abundant life.

Many: **Save us, God, from our mistakes. Teach us to be a resurrection people, rising from the ashes of our errors to live in a new way on this Earth. Amen.**

Silent prayers of confession.

▲ WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

One: In the Risen Christ, we are forgiven, and empowered again to be builders of that new heaven and new earth. For that good news, we say:

Many: **Alleluia!**

▲ SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

▲ MUSICAL RESPONSE - HYMN No. 33

“Praise the Lord! God’s Glories Show”

Llanfair

**Strings and voices, hands and hearts, Alleluia!
In the concert, bear your parts, Alleluia!
All that breathes, your Lord adore, Alleluia!
Singing praise forever more, Alleluia!**

Life on the Hill

Today (April 21): ✝ WORSHIP 10:15am

Wednesday (April 24): ✝ Board of Deacons

Thursday (April 25): ✝ Adult Study w/lunch 11:30am

Chancel Choir Rehearsal 7:30pm

Sunday ✝ WORSHIP 10:15am

Passing of the RED PAD: The person sitting in the pew closest to the center aisle fills out the RED PAD, then passes it down the pew so that each family would do the same. THEN, pass it back so that we can put names and faces together.

“One Great Hour of Sharing”

PCOH 2019 Goal - \$6,000

Our Current Total is \$3,915



TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

Reception of the Fish Banks

**Children ages 4 years thru 5th grade
Special Easter Program – Fellowship Hall**

WE HEAR GOD’S WORD



First Scripture Reading

Isaiah 65:17-25 (NRSV)

¹⁷ For I am about to create new heavens
and a new earth;
the former things shall not be remembered
or come to mind.
¹⁸ But be glad and rejoice forever
in what I am creating;
for I am about to create Jerusalem as a joy,
and its people as a delight.
¹⁹ I will rejoice in Jerusalem,
and delight in my people;
no more shall the sound of weeping be heard in it,
or the cry of distress.

²⁰ No more shall there be in it
an infant that lives but a few days,
or an old person who does not live out a lifetime;
for one who dies at a hundred years will be considered a youth,
and one who falls short of a hundred will be considered accursed.
²¹ They shall build houses and inhabit them;
they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit.
²² They shall not build and another inhabit;
they shall not plant and another eat;
for like the days of a tree shall the days of my people be,
and my chosen shall long enjoy the work of their hands.
²³ They shall not labor in vain,
or bear children for calamity;^[e]
for they shall be offspring blessed by the LORD—
and their descendants as well.
²⁴ Before they call I will answer,
while they are yet speaking I will hear.
²⁵ The wolf and the lamb shall feed together,
the lion shall eat straw like the ox;
but the serpent—its food shall be dust!
They shall not hurt or destroy
on all my holy mountain,
says the LORD.

ANTHEM

“An Easter Alleluia”

Eugene Butler

Alleluia! Christ is risen!
Christ the Lord, is risen again;
Christ hath broken every chain.
Hark! The angels shout for joy
singing ever more on high! Alleluia!

He who bore all pain and loss
comfortless upon the cross,
lives in glory now on high,
pleads for us and hears our cry!

He who slumbered in the grave
is exalted now to love.
Now through Christendom it rings
that the Lamb is King of Kings

Michael Weisse (1480-1534)

Chancel Choir

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

Second Scripture Reading

Matthew 28:1-10 (NRSV)

28 After the sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. ² And suddenly there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. ³ His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. ⁴ For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. ⁵ But the angel said to the women, “Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. ⁶ He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he^[a] lay. ⁷ Then go quickly and tell his disciples, ‘He has been raised from the dead,^[b] and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.’ This is my message for you.” ⁸ So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. ⁹ Suddenly Jesus met them and said, “Greetings!” And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshiped him. ¹⁰ Then Jesus said to them, “Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me.”

SERMON

“Love Wins!”

Rev. Deb Packard

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

▲ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

(The Apostle’s Creed)

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

▲ HYMN No. 233 **“The Day of Resurrection!”**

Lancashire

PRESENTING OUR GIFTS TO THE LORD

OFFERTORY **“In the Cross of Christ I Glory”**

arr. John Carter

▲ DOXOLOGY – HYMN No. 609 – **“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”**

Lasst Uns Erfreuen

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures high and low;
Alleluia, alleluia!
Praise God, in Jesus fully known:
Creator, Word, and Spirit one,
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

▲ PRAYER OF DEDICATION

PASTORAL PRAYERS

THE 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.

▲ HYMN No. 238

“Thine Is the Glory”

Judas Maccabens

▲ CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

▲ CHORAL BENEDICTION HYMN No. 752 –
“Dona nobis pacem”

Dona Nobis Pacem

▲ POSTLUDE “The Strife Is O’er” *arr. William Henry Monk*

**Indicates when, if you are able, the congregation stands.*

Our worship has ended – now our service begins.

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 Rev. Packard or to one of our Elders, Deacons, or Stephen Ministers.

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LEADERSHIP AND ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF

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Robin Compoly, DEACON MODERATOR

Jackie Colin, ADMIN. ASSISTANT/OFFICE SUPERVISOR

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Bill Turner, PASTOR – HONORABLY RETIRED

Deborah A. Packard, INTERIM PASTOR

The Chancel flowers are given to the Glory of God and in celebration and praise of Resurrection Sunday!

Serving Today

†**Greeters:** The Cox Family: Carol, Alexis & Kristin

†**Ushers:** Team 1: Rick Degurski, Capt., Jon Black, Helen Brandstetter, Jackie Colin, Chris Tobin

†**Flower Duty:** Robin Compoly

†**Trustee Duty:** Michael Ryan, Deanne Nirider

†**Fellowship Host:** Robin & Michael Compoly

†**Worship Prep:** 4/20 – Diana & Tom Griffith, 4/27 – Carol Cox



The Ministry of Flowers

The 2019 Flower Chart is posted outside the Office. Lots of empty spaces! If you would like flowers in the sanctuary for a particular Sunday please sign up. Cost: \$45.00. Questions? Please speak with one of the Deacons. Are you aware that our Deacons deliver the flowers to our shut-ins and hospitalized folks with our prayers and concern every Sunday?



Music Notes from Dr. Jeff

Thanks once again to our Easter instrumentalists Andrew and Mike. It is such a treat to have you celebrate your talents with us on Easter!



Sign Up Sheets

(posted on rear table in sanctuary)



Fellowship Time Hosts



Liturgists



Greeters



Life on the Hill Notes
April 21st

PCOH NURSERY
TODAY
Tara Paulson

April 28 Jamie Montero May 5 Tina Ellis
May 12 Cheryl Miller May 19 _____



*When you are shopping,
please remember that:
Trinity Needs Food*
*When you are cooking,
please remember that:
The Center Needs Meals*



Children & Youth Team Leaders
Easter Sunday
All kids 4 years – 5th Grade
(fellowship hall)

April 28

Pre-k & Kindergarten
(brick classroom)
Kristin Worthley
Cheryl Schleuss

1st – 5th Grade
(fellowship hall)
Meghan Pringle
Laura Morales

6th – 12th Grade
(youth room)
Jill Vacchiano
Anne Pagnoni



“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 one of our Stephen Leaders: Deanne Nirider (281/744-1054) or Rick Degurski (908/309-2378).

TRINITY FOOD PANTRY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

PCOH members and friends volunteer regularly at the Last Resort Food Pantry at Trinity Episcopal Church in Asbury Park and have been doing so for many years. One of the principal volunteer opportunities is to be there from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wednesday or Friday (once per month) to stock shelves and help with food distribution. Please let Holly Hansen know 848/466-0284 if you want to be added to the list or chat with her if you have questions.

OUR SAFETY AND SECURITY HERE AT PCOH

As you've noticed over the last few weeks, steps have already been taken toward providing for a safer, more secure place of worship and learning here at PCOH, as we now lock all but the sanctuary doors by 10:10 am on Sunday mornings and have posted evacuation routes in the classrooms.

Your Session feels strongly that, especially in view of the world we live in today, still more needs to be explored, discussed and possibly implemented to ensure the ongoing safety and security of the family and friends of PCOH. To this end, Session is reaching out to the congregation and asking for volunteers to work as a committee in this critical area. If you feel that you can contribute in this area, or have any questions, please speak to Elder Mike Ryan, who heads up the Property community on Session, or any of the Elders.

“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), we will move forward in an ever changing culture and world.

□ **FAITH** □ **LOVE** □ **HOPE** □ **FORGIVENESS** □ **UNDERSTANDING** □

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