



The Presbyterian Church on the Hill
Second Sunday of Easter
April 28, 2019

WE GATHER TOGETHER

In Preparation *(Thought for Silent Reflection)*

“If you have never known the power of God’s love, then maybe it is because you have never asked to know it - I mean really asked, expecting an answer.”

-Frederick Buechner

All Youth from 6th thru 12th grade begins in the Youth Room

CHIMES

PRELUDE

“Lift High the Cross”

arr. Larry Shockley

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 Michael Compoly

▲ INTROIT **“That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright”**

Michael Praetorius (1609)

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 yield,
your own redeemed forever shield;
O Lord of all, with us abide
in this our joyful Eastertide.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Christ our Savior is risen from the dead!
Alleluia!

People: **Break forth in joy! Sing together! God comforts those whose hearts are broken in sorrow.**

Leader: We who once suffered in death, we who once cried in despair -

People: **Now we know victory over death!
Now we know joy over despair!**

All: **For God has raised Christ from the grave! The tomb is empty and death has been defeated for all the earth!**

UNISON GATHERING PRAYER

God of Resurrection, we cry out to you as empty people in a fractured world. We live in a world of Good Fridays: where the innocent suffer and die, where midday darkness smothers the light, where hopes and dreams dissolve, where evil seems to triumph.

God of Resurrection, we long to discover your presence, we long to feel the rhythm of your power, we stumble toward the tombs in our lives and long to find them empty.

Bring Easter to our hearts, to our eyes and ears, to our lives, this morning. In the name of Christ, whose life and love could not be stamped out, whose resurrection hope is the hope which plants love and laughter in our lives and lures them to sprout and bloom and blossom like spring flowers in the morning sun, we say: Amen.

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

St. Kevin

▲ CALL TO CONFESSION

▲ PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of all worlds and all time, we gather voicing thanks for this season of resurrection. May our worship be as an Easter tide. Wash over us and seep into us to refresh and cleanse. Dissolve the prejudices that cling to us like barnacles, the jealousies that lodge in crevices of memory. Move toward us with power and might when we are rock-rigid in our views and when we are unforgiving as granite. Let us hear the thunderous sound of good news as it breaks upon our hardness of heart. Bid us, God, to dare to journey upon the sea of Spirit. May the waves of an Easter tide buoy us up and beckon us to the adventure of resurrection living. Amen.

Silent prayers of confession.

▲ WORDS OF ASSURANCE

▲ PASSING OF THE PEACE

▲ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE - HYMN No. 232

“Jesus Christ Is Risen Today”

Easter Hymn

Sing we to our God above, Alleluia!

Praise eternal as God’s love, Alleluia!

Praise our God, ye heavenly host, Alleluia!

Creator, Christ and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!

Life on the Hill

Today (April 28): ☩ WORSHIP 10:15am

Monday (April 29): ☩ Personnel Meeting 6:30pm

Tuesday (April 30): ☩ Session 7pm

Thursday (May 2): ☩ Chancel Choir 7:30pm

Next Sunday ☩ WORSHIP with Holy Communion 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”
Contributions Exceed Our Goal!**

\$6,030 has been collected toward our \$6,000 goal. PCOH continues to be a big supporter of mission giving. OGHs enables the church to share God's love with our neighbors-in-need around the world by providing relief to those affected by

natural disasters, provide food to the hungry, and helping to empower the poor and oppressed. See our OGHS engagement at <http://specialofferings.pcusa.org/oghs>.

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

Dismiss all children through 5th grade

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD



First Scripture Reading

Psalm 150 (NRSV)

- ¹ Praise the LORD!
Praise God in his sanctuary;
praise him in his mighty firmament!^[a]
² Praise him for his mighty deeds;
praise him according to his surpassing greatness!
³ Praise him with trumpet sound;
praise him with lute and harp!
⁴ Praise him with tambourine and dance;
praise him with strings and pipe!
⁵ Praise him with clanging cymbals;
praise him with loud clashing cymbals!
⁶ Let everything that breathes praise the LORD!
Praise the LORD!

ANTHEM

“Hallelujah, Amen”

George Frideric Handel

Hallelujah, Amen!
O Judah, rejoice in songs divine.
with cherubim and seraphim harmonious join.

Chancel Choir

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

Second Scripture Reading

Luke 24:13-35 (NRSV)

¹³ Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles^[a] from Jerusalem, ¹⁴ and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. ¹⁵ While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, ¹⁶ but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. ¹⁷ And he said to them, “What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?” They stood still, looking sad.^[a] ¹⁸ Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, “Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?” ¹⁹ He asked them, “What things?” They replied, “The things about Jesus of Nazareth,^[a] who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, ²⁰ and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. ²¹ But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel.^[a] Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. ²² Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, ²³ and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. ²⁴ Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him.” ²⁵ Then he said to them, “Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! ²⁶ Was it not necessary that the Messiah^[a] should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?” ²⁷ Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures. ²⁸ As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. ²⁹ But they urged him strongly, saying, “Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over.” So he went in to stay with them. ³⁰ When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. ³¹ Then their eyes were

opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. ³²They said to each other, “Were not our hearts burning within us^[u] while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?” ³³That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. ³⁴They were saying, “The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!” ³⁵Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

SERMON **“Have You Seen Him?”** *Rev. Deb Packard*

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

▲ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *(A Brief Statement of Faith)*

In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve.

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.

We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father. In severing love God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God’s image, male and female, of every race and people, to live as one community.

We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere giver and renewer of life.

With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

▲ HYMN No. 246 **“Christ Is Alive!”** *Truro*

PRESENTING OUR GIFTS TO THE LORD

OFFERTORY **“Wondrous Love”** *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

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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. 236 **“The Strife Is O’er”** *Victory*

▲ CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

▲ CHORAL BENEDICTION HYMN No. 541 –
“God Be with You Till We Meet Again” *Randolph*
Stg. 1 & 3

▲ POSTLUDE **“Christ Is Alive!”** *arr. Noel Rawsthorpe*

**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

- DIRECTOR OF CHRISTIAN ED. & NURTURE
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Deborah A. Packard, INTERIM PASTOR

The Chancel flowers are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of my husband, Robert Kemble Wright by Wilma Wright

Serving Today

- † **Greeters:** Sharon & Ed Fix
 † **Ushers:** Team 2: Diana Griffith, Capt., Sharon Fix, Pat Lee, Stephen Lofthouse
 † **Flower Duty:** Shirley Carle, Meghan Pringle
 † **Trustee Duty:** Ralph Jensen, Kurt Kaboth
 † **Fellowship Host:** Sharon & Ed Fix
 † **Worship Prep:** 4/27 – Carol Cox, 5/04 - Elda Gall



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

Next Sunday is Congregational Choir – rehearsal at 9:40am.



Sign Up Sheets

(posted on rear table in sanctuary)



Fellowship Time Hosts



Liturgists



Greeters

Life on the Hill Notes

April 28th



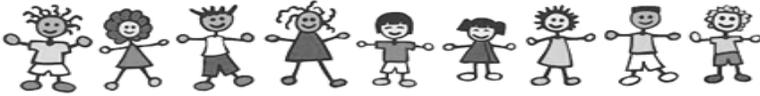
PCOH NURSERY

TODAY

Jamie Montero

May 5 Tina Ellis
 May 19 _____

May 12 Cheryl Miller
 May 26 _____



Children & Youth Team Leaders



Today

Pre-k & Kindergarten

(brick classroom)

Kristin Worthley
Cheryl Schleuss

May 5

Shirley Carle
Stephanie Toth

1st – 5th Grade

(fellowship hall)

Meghan Pringle
Laura Morales

Carol Cox
Sherri Ryan

6th – 12th Grade

(youth room)

Jill Vacchiano
Anne Pagnoni

No Sunday
School
Holy
Communion

“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.



*When you are shopping,
please remember that:*

Trinity Needs Food

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

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.

wanting to buy one of the raffle tickets, the cost is \$10 per person and they are available by calling 732-774-3416, ext. 115. We do have a few that were sent to PCOH which are available for purchase. If you are interested, please see Letitia Jensen.

“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

THE CENTER IN ASBURY PARK – ANNUAL FUND RAISER

The Center in Asbury Park is having its annual fund-raiser on May 17 in Asbury Park’s Convention Hall from 7 to 10 PM. Center-a-la Carte will feature signature dishes from over 25 restaurants, an open bar and entertainment. The tickets are \$100 per person and they are also holding a 50-50 raffle. If you are interested in purchasing tickets to this event, please go to their web site, www.thecenterinap.org. For those

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