



**The Presbyterian Church on the Hill
Sixth Sunday of Easter**

Memorial Day Sunday - May 26, 2019

WE GATHER TOGETHER

In Preparation *(Thought for Silent Reflection)*

“Any faith that costs nothing, is worth nothing.”

- Rick Warren

CHILDREN & YOUTH will remain in Worship

CHIMES

PRELUDE

“Be Thou My Vision”

arr. Eleanor Whitvett

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 Ed Kelsey

INTROIT **“Eternal Father, Strong to Save”**

John Bacchus Dykes

Eternal Father, strong to save,
whose arm has bound the restless wave,
who bade the mighty ocean deep its
own appointed limits keep:

O hear us when we cry to Thee
for those in peril on the sea.

O Trinity of love and power,
all travelers guard in danger's hour;
from rock and tempest, fire and foe,
protect them wheresoever they go;
thus evermore shall rise to Thee glad
praise from air and land and sea.

William Whiting (1860)

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Yes, our soul, finds rest in God;
our hope comes from him.

People: **Truly He is our rock and our salvation;
He is our fortress, we will not be shaken.**

Leader: Our salvation and our honor depend on God;
God is our mighty rock, our refuge.

People: **Let us Trust in God at all times;**

All: **Let us pour out our hearts to God, our refuge!**

UNISON GATHERING PRAYER

**Lord thank you for a new day.
This is the day that you have made.
Let us rejoice and be glad in it!
We come to worship you and sing your praises!
We lift up our eyes to you - knowing
our help and hope and joy comes from you, Lord!
Amen**

▲ HYMN No. 450

“Be Thou My Vision”

Slane

▲ CALL TO CONFESSION

▲ RESPONSIVE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Leader: Eternal God, in whom we live and move and have our being

People **We have forgotten to seek your face, and have been distracted from noticing your abundant mercy, grace, love and sacrifice.**

Leader: We have been distracted: our eyes have been blinded, our ears have been muted, and our hearts have been hardened – seeking our will and our ways and not yours

People: **Cleanse us from all our offenses, and deliver us from proud thoughts and vain desires; give us honest, humble hearts so we may confess our faults and draw near to you. 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 (May 26): ✠ WORSHIP 10:15am

Thursday (May 29): ✠ Girl Scout Bridging Ceremony 6pm
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.

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

Children & Youth will remain in Worship.

WE HEAR GOD’S WORD



First Scripture Reading

Ecclesiastes 1:1-11 (NRSV)

The words of the Teacher,^[a] the son of David, king in Jerusalem.

²Vanity of vanities, says the Teacher,^[b]
vanity of vanities! All is vanity.

³What do people gain from all the toil
at which they toil under the sun?

⁴A generation goes, and a generation comes,
but the earth remains forever.

⁵The sun rises and the sun goes down,
and hurries to the place where it rises.

⁶The wind blows to the south,
and goes around to the north;
round and round goes the wind,
and on its circuits the wind returns.

⁷All streams run to the sea,
but the sea is not full;
to the place where the streams flow,
there they continue to flow.

⁸All things^[c] are wearisome;
more than one can express;
the eye is not satisfied with seeing,
or the ear filled with hearing.

⁹What has been is what will be,
and what has been done is what will be done;
there is nothing new under the sun.
¹⁰Is there a thing of which it is said,
“See, this is new”?
It has already been,
in the ages before us.
¹¹The people of long ago are not remembered,
nor will there be any remembrance
of people yet to come
by those who come after them.

ANTHEM

“If Ye Love Me”

Philip Wilby

Yuri Albertao, tenor, Sandy Papp, soprano

If ye love me keep my commandments,
and I will pray the Father,
and He shall give you another Comforter,
that He may abide with you forever;
even the Spirit of Truth.
And ye know him, for He dwelleth with you
and shall be in you.
I will not leave you comfortless.
I will come to you.

John 14:15-18

Chancel Choir

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

Second Scripture Reading

Philippians 3:7-14 (NRSV)

⁷ Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss
because of Christ. ⁸ More than that, I regard everything as loss
because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For
his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as
rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ ⁹ and be found in him, not

having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one
that comes through faith in Christ, ^[e] the righteousness from God
based on faith. ¹⁰ I want to know Christ ^[f] and the power of his
resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in
his death, ¹¹ if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.
¹² Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the
goal; ^[g] but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has
made me his own. ¹³ Beloved, ^[h] I do not consider that I have made it
my own; ^[i] but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and
straining forward to what lies ahead, ¹⁴ I press on toward the goal for
the prize of the heavenly ^[j] call of God in Christ Jesus.

SERMON

“What Do We Value?”

Rev. Cynthia Wilcox

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

▲ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**We belong to God, eternal and infinite,
Creator of all things and all that is to come.**

**We follow Christ, who comes to us from God,
and reveals God to us.
He heals people and transforms lives,
and calls us to join in his ministry.
He was crucified, died, and was raised again
by God, and reigns over all Creation;
and he bids us to die and rise with him
in the service of the healing of the world.**

**We are moved by the Holy Spirit,
together with the communion of saints,
as members of the Body of Christ,
God's holy universal church.**

**We are confident in the forgiveness of sin,
the power of resurrection and the reality of eternal life.
In all things it is our desire to follow Christ,
by the grace of the Holy Spirit, for God's glory.
Amen**

▲ HYMN No. 353 **“My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less”**

Solid Rock

PRESENTING OUR GIFTS TO THE LORD

OFFERTORY **“Spirit of the Living God”**

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. 338 **“O Beautiful for Spacious Skies”**

Materna

▲ CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

▲ POSTLUDE **“Materna”**

arr. T. Tertius Noble

**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 to one of our Elders, Deacons, or Stephen Ministers.

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LEADERSHIP AND ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF

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The Chancel flowers are given to the Glory of God and in memory of my grandparents, Bert & Edith Nirider, by Deanne Nirider

Rev. Cynthia Wilcox

A native of New Jersey, and a Manasquan High alumni, Cindy moved to Massachusetts where she attended Gordon College, got married and raised her four kids. While living in Andover, MA Cindy was Director of Children’s Ministries, a personal trainer, a lifestyle weight management coach, and produced fitness shows for television. In 2013, as an empty nester, Cindy moved back ‘home’ and presently lives with her husband, Dennis Wilcox, in Spring Lake Hgts. She graduated from Princeton Theological Seminary (M.Div) and is an ordained Presbyterian minister, presently serving as a full time chaplain at Jersey Shore University Medical Center.

She is passionate about faith, fitness and fellowship, and her ministry vision is to encourage others to live gratefully, hopefully and intentionally for Christ.

Serving Today

- ✠ **Greeters:** Tina Ellis & Laura Evernham
- ✠ **Ushers:** Team 6: Ralph Jensen, Capt., Letitia Jensen, Carol Hadfield, Jim Hadfield
- ✠ **Flower Duty:** Janet Lee, Shirley Carle
- ✠ **Trustee Duty:** Linda Klose, Michael Ryan
- ✠ **Fellowship Host:** Laura Evernham, Tina Ellis
- ✠ **Worship Prep:** 5/25 – Letitia Jensen, 6/01 – Laura & Ed Kelsey



Sign Up Sheets

(posted on rear table in sanctuary)



Fellowship Time Hosts



Liturgists



Greeters

**Life on the Hill Notes
May 26th**



**PCOH NURSERY
TODAY
Shirley Carle**

June 2 Jamie Montero, Jean Brown June 9 Elda Gall, Connie Perry
June 16 _____ June 23 _____



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 to our resident soloists Sandy and Yuri for singing the words of Jesus and the Holy Spirit as written in the Gospel of John.

Next week is Congregational Choir!



Children & Youth Team Leaders

Today

No Sunday School

No Sunday School

Pre-k & Kindergarten
(brick classroom)

1st – 5th Grade
(fellowship hall)

June 2

Shirley Carle
Stephanie Toth

Carol Cox
Sherri Ryan

6th – 12th Grade
(youth room)

No Sunday School

No Sunday
School
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).



*When you are shopping,
please remember that:*

Trinity Needs Food

*When you are cooking,
please remember that:*

The Center Needs Meals



“One Great Hour of Sharing”

PCOH 2019 Goal - \$6,000

Current Total - \$6,500

Community Mission Partnership

Trinity Church – Saturday Soup Kitchen

GOING GREEN

Trinity's Saturday Soup Kitchen, a supported mission of PCOH, has decided to "go green". They are collecting metal utensils (forks, knives, spoons) to replace the plastic utensils used weekly. If you have metal utensils that you're not using anymore and you would like to donate them to Trinity, you can place them in the bin at the back of the church or drop them off directly at Trinity Church, 503 Asbury Avenue, Asbury Park.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We need volunteers for Saturday Soup Kitchen at Trinity Episcopal Church on June 1 and June 29. Please join a small group from PCOH that assists in food preparation, set up, serving and clean up from 9:30 am to 1:30 pm. Sign-up sheets are in the rear of the church. Any questions, please contact Holly Hansen at 848/466-0284.

Transition On The Hill

With the departure of Rev. Packard, we are again in search of an interim pastor to lead us during our process of discernment and to the call of a new pastor. Your Session is currently working with our Presbytery in search of a new interim. Until an interim has been selected, guest preachers will be filling our pulpit.

If you are in need of pastoral care, please call the church office and speak with Jackie or press 12 when prompted and leave a message. Any other questions, comments or concerns about this process, please reach out to one of your Session members. As always, your Session welcomes your input.

“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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