

THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN



CHURCH IN GERMANTOWN

APRIL 26, 2020

ALIVE,
CELEBRATING
& SERVING
THE LIVING LORD!

*The mission of The First Presbyterian Church in Germantown
is to reflect the loving presence of Christ
as we serve others faithfully, worship God joyfully and share life together
in a diverse and generous community.*

April 26, 2020

The Third Sunday of Easter

"The most beautiful things in the world cannot be seen or even touched, they must be felt with the heart."

- Helen Keller

ORDER OF MORNING WORSHIP AT 10:00 AM

GATHERING AS GOD'S FAMILY

Prelude: *Just As I Am*

Dale Wood

Welcome and Announcements

†*Call to Worship

Rev. Kevin Porter

One: God has called us together for this time of worship. God is listening to our thoughts and to our speaking.

Many: God inclines an ear to us and hears us. God knows us better than we know ourselves.

One: Let us open our hearts to the One who gives us life. Let us set our faith and hope in God.

Many: In this service of worship, we renew our vows. Together we offer our thanksgiving sacrifice.

One: God's promises to us are ancient and ever new. God is with us here and on all the roads we travel.

All: Together we lift our voices in songs of praise. Together we recognize we are precious in God's sight.

*Hymn 470: *O Day of Radiant Gladness*

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O day of radiant gladness, O day of joy and light, O balm of care and sadness, Most beautiful, most bright; This day the high and lowly, Through ages joined in tune, Sing "Holy, holy, holy" To the great God Triune.

This day at the creation The light first had its birth; This day for our salvation Christ rose from depths of earth; This day our Lord victorious The Spirit sent from heaven, And thus this day most glorious A triple light was given.

This day God's people, meeting, The Holy Scripture hear; Christ's living presence greeting, Through bread and wine made near. We journey on, believing, Renewed with heavenly might, From grace more grace receiving On this blest day of light.

That light our hope sustaining, We walk the pilgrim way, At length our rest attaining, Our endless Sabbath day. We sing to You our praises, O Father, Spirit, Son; The church its voice upraises To You, blest Three in One.

CONFESSING OUR SINS TO GOD

Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, you walk with us, even when we fail to see; you call to us, even when we fail to hear; you listen for our petitions, even when we fail to speak; you whisper words of love, even when we respond with indifference; you call us to

repentance, even when we don't see the need. Forgive us, Holy One, Heal our hardness of heart, that we may turn to you anew. Open our minds to your Spirit, that we may hear your words. Refresh our souls, that we may speak of your love. In the redeemer's name, we pray.

Silent Meditation

Assurance of Pardon

†*Congregational Response 579: *Gloria Patri*

Glory be to the Father

And to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost,

As it was in the beginning, is now,

And ever shall be, world without end. Amen, Amen.

†*Sharing the Peace of Christ

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Lydia Overton

The First Lesson: 1 Peter 1:17-23

Pages 218 NT

Leader: God's Word is a lamp to our feet, and a light to our path.

People: Thanks be to God!

A Time for Children

Anthem: *Stay With Us*

Egil Hovland

Stay with us, Lord Jesus. It soon is evening and night is falling. Jesus Christ, the world's true light, shines where the darkness cannot overcome it. Let your light pierce the darkness and fill the church with its glory.

Evelyn Santiago, soprano

Ted W. Barr, piano

F. Anthony Thurman, organ

The Second Lesson: Luke 24:13-35

Rev. Rebecca Segers

Pages 84-85 NT

Leader: God, we thank you for your Word.

People: The story of your grace.

Sermon: **OWNER OF A BROKEN HEART**

Rev. Rebecca Segers

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

A Time for Meditation on the Word

*Hymn 111: *Good Christians All, Rejoice and Sing!*

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<https://hymnary.org/hymn/PH1990/111>

*Affirmation of Faith—The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the

Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

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.

GOING FORTH IN GOD'S NAME

*Hymn 370: *Just as I Am, Without One Plea*

WOODWORTH

Just as I am, without one plea But that Thy blood was shed for me, And that Thou biddest me come to Thee, O Lamb of God, I come! I come!

Just as I am, though tossed about With many a conflict, many a doubt, Fightings and fears within, without, O Lamb of God, I come, I come!

Just as I am, Thou wilt receive, Wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve; Because Thy promise I believe, O Lamb of God, I come, I come!

Just as I am, Thy love unknown Has broken every barrier down; Now to be Thine, yea, Thine alone, O Lamb of God, I come, I come!

*Charge and Benediction

Rev. Rebecca Segers

*Congregational Response: #585

McNeil Robinson II

Postlude: *Hymn to Joy*

Albert Travis



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