

THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN



CHURCH IN GERMANTOWN

APRIL 12, 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 12, 2020

Easter Sunday

"You just gotta use the sunset as a reset button and start over in the morning with every chance you get to open your eyes." - Victoria Monet

ORDER OF MORNING WORSHIP AT 10:00 AM

GATHERING AS GOD'S FAMILY

Prelude: *Prelude in C Major*

J.S. Bach

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Rebecca Segers

†*Call to Worship

Rev. Kevin Porter

One: Unlike any other Easter, we are alone, together.

Many: The cross is empty.

One: What do we see?

Many: The tomb is empty.

One: What do we hope?

Many: Death is cheated.

One: What does this mean?

Many: Christ is risen.

One: Christ is risen indeed.

*Hymn: *I Come To The Garden Alone*

I come to the garden alone, While the dew is still on the roses;

And the voice I hear, falling on my ear, The Son of God discloses.

And He walks with me, and He talks with me, And He tells me I am His own,

And the joy we share as we tarry there, None other has ever known.

He speaks, and the sound of His voice Is so sweet the birds hush their singing; And the melody that He gave to me Within my heart is ringing.

And He walks with me, and He talks with me, And He tells me I am His own,

And the joy we share as we tarry there, None other has ever known.

I'd stay in the garden with Him, Tho' the night around me be falling, But He bids me go; Thru the voice of woe, His voice to me is calling.

And He walks with me, and He talks with me, And He tells me I am His own,

And the joy we share as we tarry there, None other has ever known.

CONFESSING OUR SINS TO GOD

Prayer of Confession

God, we come before you as those who have been baptized into the death of Jesus Christ, and who seek to be raised to new life in Christ. Yet we confess our fear of death. We fear death as life's ending, and its threat hidden in poverty, danger, or sickness. We fear death as letting go of old ways, old relationships, old self-understandings. We confess our fear of life. Sometimes we want to build shells to protect ourselves from people who come too close, from change that

comes too fast, from possibilities that seem too bewildering. God, help us trust our lives into your keeping, accept the embrace of your promise of life eternal in Jesus Christ. Raise us to walk in newness of life—whether in the faltering steps of infants or the sure steps of mature Christians; through Jesus Christ, who has promised to be with us always, 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

Rev. Kevin Porter

The First Lesson: Colossians 3:1-4

Pages 190 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

The Second Lesson: Mark 16:1-8

Rev. Rebecca Segers
Pages 32 NT

Leader: God, we thank you for your Word.

People: The story of your grace.

Sermon: **A DAY UNLIKE ANY OTHER**

Rev. Rebecca Segers

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

A Time for Meditation on the Word

Anthem: *I Have Seen The Lord*

Jesse Padgett

*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 123: *Jesus Christ Is Risen Today*

EASTER HYMN

Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia! Our triumphant holy day, Alleluia! Who did once upon the cross Alleluia! Suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!

Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia! Unto Christ our heavenly King, Alleluia! Who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia! Sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!

But the pains which He endured, Alleluia! Our salvation have procured; Alleluia! Now above the sky He's King, Alleluia! Where the angels ever sing. Alleluia!

Sing we to our God above Alleluia! Praise eternal as his love; Alleluia! Praise him, all ye heavenly host, Alleluia! Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!

*Charge and Benediction

Rev. Rebecca Segers

One: From darkness and despair, we find hope and joy.

Many: Christ is risen! We go forth in joy!

One: From doubt and betrayal, we find trust and faith.

Many: Christ is risen! We go forth in faith!

One: From suffering and death, we find healing and life.

Many: Christ is risen! We go forth to live!

One: Christ is risen. Christ is risen indeed!

Video Montage

*Congregational Response: #585

McNeil Robinson II

Postlude: *Toccata in F Major*

C.M. WIDOR