



Camp Hill Presbyterian Church

Sunday, April 11, 2021

First Sunday of Easter

10:30 a.m.



Devoted to Christ — Committed to Service

We at Camp Hill Presbyterian Church are devoted followers of Jesus Christ committed to service in His name through worship, study, prayer, and praise; through mission to the world near and far; and through ministries of care and comfort to all.

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The Rev. Nancy A. Conklin, Pastor
Diane Rutzler, Piano/Organ

Prelude

Be Still, My Soul

Jean Sibelius

Welcome

Call to Worship (from Psalm 118)

L: God's strong and loving hands are outstretched to all Creation.

P: **Let the world stretch forth and grasp God's hands with joy.**

L: God's open hands are as the gate of righteousness.

P: **Let us enter into God's abundant life and give thanks.**

L: In God's hands are new life, strength, and salvation.

P: **Let us be thankful and sing unto our God with gladness.**

Hymn

Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain

*Come, you faithful, raise the strain of triumphant gladness!
God hath brought forth Israel into joy from sadness,
Loosed from Pharaoh's bitter yoke Jacob's sons and daughters;
Led them with unmoistened foot through the Red Sea waters.*

*Tis the spring of souls today: Christ hath burst his prison,
And from three days' sleep in death as a sun hath risen.
All the winter of our sins, long and dark, is flying
From the Light, to whom we give laud and praise undying.*

*Now the queen of seasons, bright with the day of splendor,
With the royal feast of feasts comes its joy to render;
Comes to glad Jerusalem, who with true affection
Welcomes in unwearied strains Jesus' resurrection!*

To help reduce the spread of COVID-19, we ask that you refrain from singing.

Please feel free to hum along with the hymns.

*Neither could the gates of death, nor the tomb's dark portal,
Nor the watchers, nor the seal hold you as a mortal:
But today, among your own, you appear, bestowing
Your deep peace, which evermore passes human knowing.*

Prayer of the Invocation

O Risen Christ, be with us this day. We recognize your wounded hands; they tell us that you know what it is to struggle and suffer, and to prevail in the power of love. We grasp those hands, that they may lead us together into a deeper place of peace. Our week has left worries, answerless questions, blatant injustices, and unexpected disappointments. We are weary. Come, O Risen Christ, and receive our burdens as we empty our cares into your loving hands. Extend to us your joy. Pour into us the freshness of your new life; for you are our strength and our might. How wonderful you are for your loving-kindness toward us. Amen! Alleluia!

First Scripture Reading

1 John 1:1-2:2

We declare to you what was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life — this life was revealed, and we have seen it and testify to it, and declare to you the eternal life that was with the Father and was revealed to us — we declare to you what we have seen and heard so that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. We are writing these things so that our joy may be complete.

This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all. If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; but if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

“When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.” When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.”

But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, “We have seen the Lord.” But he said to them, “Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.”

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them.

Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.” Thomas answered him, “My Lord and my God!” Jesus said to him, “Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.”

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

Sermon

“Proof Postitive”

The Rev. Nancy Conklin

Hymn

Fairest Lord Jesus

*Fairest Lord Jesus, Ruler of all nature,
O thou of God to earth come down,
Thee will I cherish, Thee will I honor;
Thou, my soul's glory, joy, and crown*

*Fair are the meadows, fairer still the woodlands,
Robed in the blooming garb of spring.
Jesus is fairer; Jesus is purer,
Who makes the woeful heart to sing.*

*Fair is the sunshine, fairer still the moonlight,
And all the twinkling, starry host.
Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer,
Than all the angels heaven can boast.*

*Beautiful Savior, Ruler of the nations,
Son of God and Son of Man!
Glory and honor, praise, adoration,
Now and forevermore be thine!*

Presentation of God's Tithes and Our Offerings

The bounty of God's grace has blessed us in so many ways. God's love was manifested in the ultimate gift of Jesus, who is the Christ. Let us demonstrate our love through the sharing of our tokens of time, talent, and finances that God may be glorified.

Offertory

I Walked Today Where Jesus Walked

Geoffrey O'Hara

Prayer of Dedication

From our hearts and from our hands, we humbly and gladly present these gifts to you, O God, that they may be used to serve you and to bless your people, through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen! Alleluia!

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 sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. 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

Christ Is Alive!

Verses 1, 2, 5

*Christ is alive! Let Christians sing.
The cross stands empty to the sky.
Let streets and homes with praises ring.
Love, drowned in death, shall never die.*

*Christ is alive! No longer bound
To distant years in Palestine,
But saving, healing, here and now,
And touching every place and time.*

*Christ is alive, and comes to bring
Good news to this and every age,
Till earth and sky and ocean ring
With joy, with justice, love and praise.*

Benediction

Postlude

Easter Joy

E.L. Ashford

Our Prayer List for April 11, 2021

The CHPC Prayer List is printed in the Sunday bulletin and also is available by request. During this pandemic, the list will be emailed to CHPC members. For privacy reasons, it is not printed in our online bulletin..

A pastor is available in the church office Monday through Thursday. If you need pastoral care or wish to make an addition to the Prayer List, please contact the church office at (717) 737-0488 or aebeling@thechpc.com.

Welcomers

Lisa Love, Sandy McBride

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Jeff Heiss

Sound

Nate Ebeling

Recorded Service

Dale Meadowcroft

Attendance for Sunday, April 4 (two services): 105

Next Sunday, April 18, at 10:30 a.m.: Second Sunday of Easter

The Rev. Nancy Conklin will be preaching.

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