

Morning Worship
April 19, 2009
Second Sunday of Easter

Coming Together in Christ

10:55 AM MEDITATION (Please pause in quiet preparation for worship.)

11:00 AM CHIMING OF THE HOUR

PRELUDE *Wade in the Water* arr. Bill Ingram
The JoyBells

INTROIT *Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks*

Entering God's Presence

THE CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 134: 1, 2

Leader: Come, bless the Lord, all you servants of the Lord, who stand by night in the house of the Lord!

People: Lift up your hands to the holy place, and bless the Lord.

* HYMN OF PRAISE #107 *Celebrate with Joy and Singing* "Evelyn Chapel"

THE PRAYER OF APPROACH

SILENCE

AMEN

PRAYER OF CONFESSION: (together)

Merciful and risen Savior, we claim to be people of the resurrection, yet we confess that far too often we do not experience resurrection power. We compartmentalize our lives, placing you on the sidelines of our work, family life and play. We become discouraged by problems, limitations and failures. Gracious God, forgive our lack of trust. Help us to see that you are at work in our lives and in the world and that because of the empty tomb, we have nothing to fear. Amen.

KYRIE ELEISON (Congregation & Choir) #574, The Hymnal
Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

THE DECLARATION OF PARDON John Dillon

* THE RESPONSE IN PRAISE

#579, The Hymnal

**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.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Hearing God's Word

TIME FOR CHILDREN

* HYMN OF PREPARATION #298 *There's a Wideness in God's Mercy* "In Babilone"

FIRST LESSON: 1 Corinthians 15:1-11 Pew Bible p. 165

SECOND LESSON: Mark 16:1, 8 Pew Bible p. 51

THE ANTHEM *Rise Up, My Love, My Fair One* Healy Willan

Rise up, my love, my fair one, and come away;
For lo, the winter is past, the rain is over and gone;
The flowers appear upon the earth;
The time of the singing of birds is come;
Arise, my love, my fair one and come away.
Come away.

THE SERMON "What Will They Say?" Rev. John Dillon

Our Response to God's Love

* THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

In Jesus of Nazareth, true humanity was realized once for all. Jesus, a Palestinian Jew, lived among his own people and shared their needs, temptations, joys and sorrows. He expressed the love of God in word and deed and became a brother to all kinds of sinful men and women. But his complete obedience led him into conflict with his people. His life and teaching judges their goodness, religious aspirations, and national hopes. Many rejected him and demanded his death. In giving himself freely for them, he took upon himself the judgment under which everyone stands convicted. God raised him from the dead, vindicating him as Messiah and Lord. The victim of sin became victor, and won the victory over and death for all.

—Section 9.08, *The Confession of 1967*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

CHORAL AMEN *Seven-Fold Amen* Peter Lutkin

WORSHIPPING THE LORD THROUGH OUR GIFTS AND TITHES

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Great is thy Faithfulness
The JoyBells

William Runyan
arr. Cynthia Dobrinski

* THE DOXOLOGY

#592, The Hymnal

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

* OFFERTORY PRAYER

* THE HYMN OF PARTING #104

Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!

“Hymn to Joy”

* SHARING CHRIST’S PEACE

Leader: The peace of our Lord, Jesus Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

(Please greet one another in the peace of Christ.)

* SUNG BENEDICTION

Blest Be the Tie That Binds

Dennis

(Please join hands as we sing the Benediction)

Blest be the tie that binds Our hearts in Christian love:
The fellowship of kindred minds Is like to that above.

Going Forth in God’s Love

* THE POSTLUDE

Ode to Joy

* Those who wish to do so are invited to stand

Statement of Purpose

Our Church exists to worship God and proclaim the gospel of Jesus Christ. By the power of the Spirit, we shall serve God's Kingdom by loving our neighbors and promoting peacemaking, justice and care of the earth.

Statement of Vision

We embrace open and progressive theology. Through education, training, worship and Session leadership we will realize our vision both individually and in community. We will be open to new ideas and programs while staying true to our beliefs and traditions. We will commit our personal and corporate resources to embody our Statement of Purpose. We will live our lives responsibly with honesty and integrity.

Music Notes

The music for this 2nd Sunday of Easter reflects the theme of Christ's Resurrection. "*Rise Up, My Love, My Fair One*" by Healy Willan is a gem of a motet composed for voices only. Containing rich, lush, close harmonies, this is one of five Liturgical Songs of Canadian 20th century composer Willan. Taken from the Song of Solomon, second chapter, the text is an allegory depicting the relationship between Solomon and an unnamed Shulamite girl. The extended meaning of this allegory depicts the same text as the courtship and relationship between Christ and the individual Christian—new life, new faith and new breath given to us.

We welcome the JoyBells this morning as they play two hand bell arrangements of a favorite spiritual and a favorite hymn.

About the Affirmation of Faith

The PC (USA) Book of Confessions is a collection of Confessions from the church in many ages and many different situations. Therefore, its expressions of faith cover a multitude of theological opinions, many of which are obviously influenced by who participated in their preparation and the times and customs of their era. While not necessarily agreeing with every statement precisely, our Ministers, Elders, and Deacons swear to be guided by its principles and truths. We select a passage from one of these Confessions each month to experience and explore the breadth and depth of our heritage.

Continuing our exploration of the Confessions, in April we will be using an extract from the Confession of 1967. The Book of Confessions Study Edition prefaces "The Confession of 1967" with the following explanation:

"The church confesses its faith when it bears a present witness to God's grace in Jesus Christ. In every age, the church has expressed its witness in words and deeds as the need of the time required. Confessions and declarations are subordinate standards... No one type of confession is exclusively valid, no one statement is irreformable. Obedience to Jesus Christ alone identifies the one universal church and supplies the continuity of its tradition..."

"The purpose of the Confession of 1967 is to call the church to that unity in confession and mission which is required of disciples today. This Confession is not a "system of doctrine", nor does it include all the traditional topics of theology. For example, the Trinity and the Person of Christ are not redefined, but are recognized and reaffirmed as forming the basis and determining the structure of the Christian faith."

What's Happening This Week:



SUNDAY, APRIL (19)

9:00 AM	Children's Choir Rehearsal
9:30 AM	Sunday School for All Ages Confirmation Class Meets in Pastor's Office
10:15 AM	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
10:30 AM	Coffee Hour in the Kitchen
11:00 AM	Worship Service, 2 nd Sunday of Easter, JoyBells Playing, On the Air WCBC
2:00 PM	Darfur/Chad Benefit at Windsor Hall
5:00 PM	Pastor's Book Study
5:30 PM	Church Basketball Banquet

MONDAY, APRIL (20)

9:00 AM	Church Office Open
9:00 AM	Learning Tree Nursery School
10:00 AM	Book Study in Pastor's Office
5:30 PM	Congregational Care Committee Meeting

TUESDAY, APRIL (21)

9:00 AM	Church Office Open
9:00 AM	Learning Tree Nursery School
6:30 PM	Worship Committee Meeting

WEDNESDAY, APRIL (22)

9:00 AM	Church Office Open
9:00 AM	Learning Tree Nursery School
7:30 PM	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY, APRIL (23)

9:00 AM	Church Office Open
9:00 AM	Learning Tree Nursery School
4:00 PM	Presbytery Mtg. at Harundale Presbyterian Church
6:00 PM	Christian Education Committee Meeting

FRIDAY, APRIL (24)

9:00 AM	Church Office Open
9:00 AM	Learning Tree Nursery School

SATURDAY, APRIL (25)

9:00 AM	Southminster Community Center Work Day
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SUNDAY, APRIL (26)

9:00 AM	Children's Choir Rehearsal
9:30 AM	Sunday School for All Ages, Confirmation Class Meets in Pastor's Office
10:15 AM	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
10:30 AM	Coffee Hour in the Kitchen
11:00 AM	Worship Service, 3 rd Sunday of Easter, Moment for Mission, On the Air WCBC
4:30 PM	GAFOSAC Youth Meeting
5:00 PM	Pastor's Book Study