

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

APRIL 8, 2018

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER



GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

11:00 AM

RINGING OF THE BELL

OPENING VOLUNTARY *JESUS CHRISTUS, GOTTES SOHN, AN UNSER STATT IST KOMMEN*
BRYAN LOHR, ORGAN

J. S. BACH
BWV 4

From the early Bach Easter cantata "Christ Lay In Death's Dark Bonds," the **opening voluntary** is a transcription of an aria for tenor, two violins, and continuo proclaiming that Christ has done away with the power of sin and death.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Christ is risen!
He is risen, indeed!

CHORAL INTROIT

SING PRAISE TO CHRIST
THE SANCTUARY CHOIR
Sing praise to Christ, the Lord, sing praises! Alleluia!
Sing praise to Christ, our risen savior, our savior and king.
Adore him forever, and worship his name.

J. S. BACH
BWV 142

* CALL TO WORSHIP

The Lord is risen! Alleluia!
Alleluia! The Lord is risen indeed!
How very good and pleasant it is
when the people of God live in unity.
Let us worship God.

* HYMN #240

ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA! GIVE THANKS

"ALLELUIA NO. 1"

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of all hope and joy, we confess that we continue to live in fear.
We claim that we have no sin but you know the truth about us.
We say that we have not seen you even when you stand among us now.

Forgive us, God of grace.
Breathe on us with your Spirit to set us free from doubt and sin,
so that we may be at peace with you; through Jesus Christ our Lord...
(Silence for personal prayer and reflection.)

KYRIE #579

LORD, HAVE MERCY

“ORTHODOX”

Kyrie eleison, Kyrie eleison, Kyrie eleison.
Christe eleison, Christe eleison, Christe eleison.
Kyrie eleison, Kyrie eleison, Kyrie eleison.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

* RESPONSE #582 GLORY TO GOD, WHOSE GOODNESS SHINES ON ME

“GLORY TO GOD”

Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,
and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,
and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

World without end, without end. Amen.
World without end, without end. Amen.
World without end, without end. Amen.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

* PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.
And also with you.

(Please greet one another with signs of peace.)

A TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING

ACTS 3:24-35

PEW BIBLE, NT, P.113

PSALTER

PSALM 133

BRYAN LOHR

MIKAYLA DODGE, SOPRANO AND BRYAN LOHR, PIANO
How very good and pleasant it is when kindred live together in unity!
It is like the precious oil on the head, running down the beard, on the beard of Aaron,
running down the collar of his robes.
It is like the dew of Hermon that falls down the mountains of Zion,
for there the Lord ordained his blessing: life forever more.

During the **Time for Young Disciples**, our youngest ones are invited to come forward for a brief conversation with the pastor. They are welcome to remain in the sanctuary or go to the nursery for an age-appropriate lesson during the middle part of the service.

RESPONDING TO AND SEALING THE WORD

* HYMN #249

BECAUSE YOU LIVE, O CHRIST

“VRUECHTEN”

* THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

O Lord our God, we give you thanks for the new life you raise up in us through the mystery of our baptism — the sorrow of the heavy cross, the surprise of the empty tomb, the love that death could not destroy.

By the power of your Holy Spirit, poured out upon us in baptism, fill us with the joy of resurrection, so that we may be a living sign of your new heaven and new earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

When we remember and give thanks for our baptism, we commit ourselves to the continue practice of dying to sin and rising to new life in Christ.

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE, CONCLUDING WITH THE LORD’S PRAYER

Living God, giver of life, hear us as we pray, saying,
Pour out your blessing, O Lord; send us your Spirit of peace.

We pray for the church. . . .

Let your church be a living sign
of the woundedness and healing of Christ,
sharing the gift of forgiveness
and the gospel of reconciliation.
Pour out your blessing, O Lord;
send us your Spirit of peace.

We pray for the earth. . . .

Help us to see the scars of death
that mark your good creation,
and to seek the blessing of life
that you offer to all creatures.
Pour out your blessing, O Lord;
send us your Spirit of peace.

We pray for all nations. . . .

Show us how good and pleasant it is
when people live together in unity,
and anoint us with your wisdom
so that we may seek the ways of life.
Pour out your blessing, O Lord;
send us your Spirit of peace.

Jesus prays for us and wants us to pray for others — for the whole church and for the world that God so loves. During the **Prayers of the People**, we pray especially for people who are sick, hungry, lonely, or poor; for the cities and neighborhoods where we live; for people and leaders in other countries; for peace and fairness for all people; for all God’s creatures; for clean air, water, and soil; and for the work of the whole church to show and tell the good news of Jesus.

We pray for this community. . . .
Give us a vision of the common good:
not clinging to our own possessions
but seeking the fullness of life for all
as a testimony to Christ's resurrection.
Pour out your blessing, O Lord;
send us your Spirit of peace.

We pray for loved ones. . . .
Be near to those who walk in darkness
and lead us all into Christ's light
so that our fellowship may be true
and our joy may be complete.
Pour out your blessing, O Lord;
send us your Spirit of peace.

By the blessing of your Spirit,
help us to live as we pray
so that the world may come to know
the gift of life in Christ our Lord,
who taught us to pray...

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done,
on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.**

INVITATION TO OFFERING

MUSICAL OFFERING

ALLELUIA

DAVE AND JEAN PERRY

THE SANCTUARY CHOIR

Alleluia, alleluia! Sing a joyful alleluia!
Let tidings ring, to all the world we sing a song of peace and love.
Sing alleluia. Let the hills rejoice, and we will sing alleluia.
O sing alleluia, O sing of peace and love!

* **AT THE PRESENTATION** *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 THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION**

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

* HYMN #233

THE DAY OF RESURRECTION!

"LANCASHIRE"

* SUNG BENEDICTION # 306 BLESSED BE THE TIE THAT BINDS

DENNIS

Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love.
The fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.

* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

* CLOSING VOLUNTARY

TOCCATA
BRYAN LOHR, ORGAN

JOHN WEAVER

* When this symbol precedes an element of the service, please rise in body or spirit.
Please join in reading or singing those parts of the service printed in **bold**.

The closing voluntary is the best-known composition of American organist and composer John Weaver. Weaver served for 35 years as Organist and Director of Music at Madison Avenue Presbyterian Church in New York City, in addition to chairing the organ departments at both the Curtis Institute of Music and The Juilliard School.

This Morning's Worship Leaders

Preacher.....Rev. Caroline Kelly
Liturgist.....Robin Bissell
Director of Music Ministries.....Bryan Lohr
Musicians.....The Sanctuary Choir
Sound TechnicianJoe Aurigemma
Ushers.....Kathy Dowell and Gary Hartung

OUR STAFF

Teaching Elder/Pastor.....Rev. Caroline M. Kelly
Director of Music MinistriesBryan Lohr
Executive Administrative Assistant.....Brittany Jackson
Sexton.....Zach Dodge
Sound Tech/Security.....Joe Aurigemma
Sunday Worship Child Care Providers.....Ginny Reid and Addy Mallery

THE SESSION

Class of 2018: Carl Belt, Carolyn Mathews, Judy Stern, and Agnes Yount

Class of 2019: Shirley Giarritta, Gary Hendrickson, Phil Mills, and David Stickler

Class of 2020: Chelsea Boor, Jeff Getty, Pam Jan, and Joe Weaver

Clerk of Session.....Jeff Getty
Moderator.....Caroline Kelly

MISSION STATEMENT

Empowered by the Holy Spirit, we worship God and proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ by loving our neighbors and promoting peacemaking, justice and care of the earth.

VISION STATEMENT

We strive to be a community grounded in the good news of God's love in Christ where all of God's children are:

- Welcomed and cherished
- Called to worship, learn and grow together in faith, and
- Sent to share God's love and justice with a broken and hurting world.

Adopted by the Session on September 17, 2015

<http://www.facebook.com/First.Pres.Cumberland>

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME VISITORS: We are glad you found your way to First Presbyterian Church of Cumberland. For more information about opportunities to worship, learn and serve with us, we encourage you to visit the table outside the church office. You can also learn more about us at www.fpc-cumberland.org and www.facebook.com/First.Pres.Cumberland. Childcare is provided in the nursery. An usher will be glad to direct you there.

CHILDREN IN WORSHIP: While we do provide a nursery for young children, we also welcome you to bring your child with you to worship. We have "worship bags" in the back of the sanctuary that include materials for drawing and coloring, as well as Bible stories and Bible word-find games. After the Time for Young Disciples, children may go to the nursery for a Bible lesson or remain in the sanctuary. Our "Young Children in Worship" pew card contains information about why young children should be encouraged to come to worship and how parents and others can engage them more fully in worship.

THE PRAY-GROUND is a special space in the sanctuary for our youngest children and their families. All families are welcome to come and sit in the right front pews with their children seated on the rug. This front row seat will allow God's youngest children to participate in the service in a place where they can see and hear best. There will be activities provided so that their little hands are kept busy while participating in worship. "Jesus said to them, 'Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. Truly I tell you, anyone who will not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it'" (Mark 10:14-15).

FRIENDSHIP PADS: Please locate and sign the red pad in your pew, tear off the sheet and place it in the collection plate during the offering. This important practice allows us to be mindful of new folks and long-time members as well, and is a good way to learn (or remember) the names of those with whom you are seated. **If you are visitor, please fill out the "Welcome to First Presbyterian Church" card in the pew rack and put it in the offering plate when it comes by during the service.**

PERSONAL LISTENING DEVICES: (amplifiers) are available in the back of the church for use during worship. Please see an usher for assistance.

WORSHIP BROADCASTS ON YOUTUBE: To view worship services live or to view taped worship services, go to www.youtube.com (First Presbyterian Church of Cumberland Live Stream) or go to our website <http://www.fpc-cumberland.org/> and click on "click here to view our worship service" located at the bottom of the home page.

SANCTUARY FLOWERS: Please contact Michael Levitas or the church office if you would like to sponsor flowers for a special occasion like a birthday or anniversary or in memory or honor of someone. You may specify live or silk flowers. Silk flower money will be directed to the Special Ministries Fund.

ADMINISTRATION & FINANCE

RULING ELDERS: AGNES YOUNT & PAM JAN

ANNUAL GIVING YEAR-TO-DATE:	as of April 1, 2018
Total 2018 Pledges Promised	\$222,725.00
Pre-paid pledges	\$ 11,275.00
<u>2018 Pledge Balance Promised</u>	<u>\$211,450.00</u>
Pledge Balance Received Year-to-Date	\$ 53,490.00
Pledge Balance Promised Year-to-Date	\$ 51,865.00
Over/(Under)	\$ 1,625.00

SUNDAY ATTENDANCE

April 2, 2017
78

April 1, 2018
107 (Easter Sunday)

WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK:

MONDAY, APRIL (9)

9:00 AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN
4:45 PM ADMIN AND FINANCE MEETING IN THE PARLOR

TUESDAY, APRIL (10)

9:00 AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN
4:30 PM FAITH FORMATION MEETING IN THE PARLOR
6:30 PM BUILDINGS & GROUNDS WORK NIGHT

WEDNESDAY, APRIL (11)

9:00 AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN
6:15 PM JOYBELLS REHEARSAL
7:00 PM N.A. GROUP MEETING IN THE HERITAGE ROOM
7:30 PM SANCTUARY CHOIR REHEARSAL

THURSDAY, APRIL (12)

9:00 AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN
5:00 PM ELDER TRAINING IN THE MULTI-PURPOSE ROOM

FRIDAY, APRIL (13)

9:00 AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN

SATURDAY, APRIL (14)

9:30 AM PEO MEETING IN THE PARLOR
6:00 PM N.A. GROUP MEETING IN THE HERITAGE ROOM

SUNDAY, APRIL (15)

9:45AM ADULT BIBLE STUDY & 2-5 YEAR OLD CLASS: AN ILLUSTRATED COMPASSION
11:00AM SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

The Great Dakota Giveaway!

Soup & Chili Rodeo, Live and Silent Auction

Sunday, April 29th at 12:30 PM

Auctioneer: Buck Belt

**Help us raise funds to send 20 inspired volunteers to serve at a
summer learning camp for children in South Dakota**

The Great Dakota Giveaway
Sunday, April 29th at 12:30 p.m.

Yes, I will come to support our volunteers and enjoy this fellowship and food event.
(All the food you can eat for only \$5 per person!)

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Number attending: _____

I can donate the following items: _____

I can donate the following service to be auctioned (babysitting, car wash, consulting, teaching):

If you have any questions or if you would like to make a donation,
please contact Robin Bissell at rbissell444@gmail.com.