

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

APRIL 28, 2019

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER



GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

11:00 AM

RINGING OF THE BELL

OPENING VOLUNTARY

LAUDATION
BRYAN LOHR, ORGAN

GILBERT M. MARTIN

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.
And also with you.

CHORAL INTROIT

HALLELUJAH! RESURRECTION DAY!
THE SANCTUARY CHOIR

LARRY SHACKLEY

*Come, see the place where Jesus lay, angels have rolled the stone away!
Sing hallelujah! Resurrection day!
Tell me, O death, where is your sting? You cannot hold the risen king.
Sing hallelujah! Resurrection day!*

Down to the tomb the savior had gone, but Sunday morning there came a new dawn.
God's mighty angel, at break of day, came to the gravestone and rolled it away.

The angel told Mary, "Shake off your fear! Jesus is risen, he is not here!
Tell his disciples he's no longer dead, just as he promised, just as he said."
He arose a victor from the dark domain, and he lives forever with his saints to reign.

* CALL TO WORSHIP

God is our strength and our salvation; let everything that breathes praise the Lord!
This is the day that the Lord has made; we will rejoice and be glad in it.
Praise God for mighty deeds and extravagant love;
praise God for loving care and answered prayer!
We will give thanks this day, for God is good. The steadfast love of God endures forever.
Grace to you and peace from the one who is and who was and who is to come.
We are witnesses to the God who acts. We are here to offer our worship and praise.

As God's people gather for worship, through Scripture or song, we focus our attention on God and away from ourselves.

The **Call to Worship** reminds us that worship begins with God, who takes the initiative in calling us together. We respond by praising God.

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Loving God, we tend to assume that our perceptions define your reality and our understandings are the measure of your truth. We shrink the circle of your care for all people to a more comfortable size. We reduce your limitless love to a more manageable level. We lower our sense of responsibility as Christ's people and increase our sense of entitlement to your blessings. Forgive our unwillingness to be open to any larger reality than what we can see for ourselves. Grant us courage to face both our doubts and fears so that we may become more devoted disciples of Jesus Christ our Lord...

(Silence for personal prayer and reflection.)

KYRIE ELEISON #551

LORD, HAVE MERCY

“LAND OF REST”

Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy upon us.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

* RESPONSE #232

JESUS CHRIST IS RISEN TODAY (VERSE 4)

“EASTER HYMN”

Sing we to our God above, Alleluia! Praise eternal as God's love, Alleluia!

Praise our God, ye heavenly host, Alleluia! Father, Son, and Holy Ghost! Alleluia!

* 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

PSALM 150 *(To be sung by all.)*

PSALTER #33

PRAISE THE LORD! GOD'S GLORIES SHOW (PSALM 150)

“LLANFAIR”

ANTHEM

I SEE HIS BLOOD UPON THE ROSE

HUGH ROBERTSON

THE SANCTUARY CHOIR

I see his blood upon the rose, and in the stars, the glory of his eyes.
His body gleams amid eternal snows; his tears fall from the skies.

I see his face in every flower; the thunder and the singing of the birds
are but his voice, and, carven by his power, rocks are his written words.

All pathways by his feet are worn. His strong heart stirs the ever-beating sea.
His crown of thorns is twined with every thorn; his cross is every tree.

SECOND READING

JOHN 20:24-31

PEW BIBLE, NT, P. 109

The text of the anthem comes from the Irish poet, journalist, and activist Joseph M. Plunkett, who was executed for his role in an armed insurrection in Ireland during Easter Week of 1916.

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

* HYMN #817

WE WALK BY FAITH AND NOT BY SIGHT

“DUNLAP’S CREEK”

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

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

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

STAY WITH US, LORD JESUS CHRIST, FOR EVENING FALLS

BRYAN LOHR, ORGAN

J. S. BACH

BWV 649

* AT THE PRESENTATION # 609 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!

The musical offering originated as a movement from a cantata which Bach wrote to be performed on Easter evening, recounting the disciples’ encounter with Jesus on the Emmaus Road. The transcription for organ was prepared by Bach himself.

* PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

* HYMN #240

ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA! GIVE THANKS

“ALLELUIA NO. 1”

* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

* SUNG BENEDICTION #306

BLEST BE THE TIE THAT BINDS

“DENNIS”

(Please join hands as we sing together.)

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

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

FINALE FROM “SYMPHONIE IV”

CHARLES MARIE WIDOR

BRYAN LOHR, ORGAN

* 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**.

This Morning's Worship Leaders

Preacher.....Rev. Walt Peters
Liturgist.....David Stickler
Director of Music Ministries.....Bryan Lohr
Musicians.....The Sanctuary Choir
Sound TechnicianJoe Aurigemma
Ushers.....Paul and Barbara Aber

WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK:

MONDAY, APRIL (29)

9:00 AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN

TUESDAY, APRIL (30)

9:00 AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN

WEDNESDAY, MAY (1)

9:00 AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN

10:30 AM STAFF MEETING IN THE PARLOR

5:15 PM WORSHIP & MUSIC MEETING IN THE PARLOR

6:15 PM JOYBELLS REHEARSAL IN THE LIBRARY

7:00 PM N.A. GROUP MEETING IN THE HERITAGE ROOM

7:30 PM SANCTUARY CHOIR REHEARSAL IN THE CHOIR ROOM

THURSDAY, MAY (2)

ANNUAL ELEVATOR INSPECTION

9:00 AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN

FRIDAY, MAY (3)

9:00 AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN

SATURDAY, MAY (4)

6:00 PM N.A. GROUP MEETING IN THE HERITAGE ROOM

SUNDAY, MAY (5)

9:45AM AN ILLUSTRATED COMPASSION: LEARNING TO LOVE LIKE GOD (2-5 YEAR OLDS)

9:45 AM FEASTING ON THE WORD - EARLY ELEMENTARY (K-2ND GRADE)

9:45 AM PERSONALIZED BIBLE STORIES (ADULTS)

11:00AM SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY: SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

WORSHIP & MUSIC

RULING ELDERS: DAVID STICKLER & CATHY LEVITAS

SAVE-THE-DATES: May 12, 2019- Recognition of High School Seniors

June 9, 2019- Pentecost: **Wear red!**

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.

NEW E-GIVING OPTIONS NOW AVAILABLE: You now have the option to give via the church website by clicking the Give Now button, from your Realm account or by text message. You can set up one time payments or reoccurring payments as well. Please contact the church office if you have any questions or if you need any assistance.

ADMINISTRATION & FINANCE

RULING ELDERS: AGNES YOUNT & GARY HENDRICKSON

ANNUAL GIVING YEAR-TO-DATE:	as of April 14, 2019
Total 2019 Pledges Promised	\$217,442.00
Pre-paid pledges	\$ 8,592.00
<u>2018 Pledge Balance Promised</u>	<u>\$205,850.00</u>
Pledge Balance Received Year-to-Date	\$ 62,567.00
Pledge Balance Promised Year-to-Date	\$ 60,245.00
Over/(Under)	\$ 2,321.00

SUNDAY ATTENDANCE

April 22, 2018
80

April 21, 2019
91(Easter)

BUILDINGS & GROUNDS

RULING ELDERS: SHIRLEY GIARRITTA & AARON HENDRICKSON

SPRING CLEAN UP DAY: On Saturday, May 18th, the Buildings & Grounds Committee invites you to come out and help clean up the church from 9:00AM-12:00PM. We need your help and talents, so please sign up on the white board by the Parlor for the following: painting, heavy lifting, and/or yard work.

MISSION

RULING ELDERS: PHIL MILLS & PAM JAN

JOIN US TODAY AFTER WORSHIP FOR THE SOUTH DAKOTA LEARNING CAMP AUCTION! Help us raise funds to send inspired volunteers to serve at a summer learning camp for children in South Dakota

MISSION OUTREACH DINNER: The monthly outreach dinner will be held **today** at **Christ United Methodist Church, 336 Race Street**. Dinner will be served from 4:00-5:30PM. If anyone can volunteer to serve dinner help clean tables, or provide cupcakes, please let Judy Stern, Phil Mills, or Linda Smith know.



Collecting Books Now Until Sunday, May 12th

Donations accepted HERE!

Please bring your new or gently used reading books
for ages 4 to 15 years old!

They will be given away to Native American children of the Yankton Sioux Tribe in southeastern South Dakota this summer.

For questions or to arrange a pick up please contact Robin Bissell at 240-444 4219 or email rbissell444@gmail.com.



Graduation **Milestone** *a promise and a journey*

FRIDAY, MAY 10, AT 6:00PM
BILL & ANN KELLERMEYER'S HOME

Bill and Ann are hosting a graduation milestone for high school graduates **Benji Bryan, Matt DiNola, Tim Sterne and Jack Taube.**

Join us for caring conversations and dinner as we celebrate this special time in their lives, especially if you were one of their **mentors**, one of their **Sunday school teachers**, or made a connection with them during **youth group**. Dinner will be followed with a time for reflection, prayer and blessing. Don't miss this opportunity to meet with the seniors and their families as we recognize and honor this milestone together.

Everyone can help celebrate by donating something for their laundry bags: plastic food storage containers, wash cloths, coat hangers, bandages, highlighters, poster putty, bar soap, sticky notes, Q-tips, sanitizing wipes, dryer sheets, paper towels, air freshener, index cards, tissues, pens, pencils, candy, gum, room deodorizers, paper clips, stress balls. We will have a box in the entry to collect items.

Please RSVP to Brittany Jackson by Wednesday, May 8. Let us know what you will bring:

Hors d'oeuvre _____

Salad _____

The rest will be provided.

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SECOND SUNDAY
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taking+ faith home

Believe that the crucified Jesus is the Messiah.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

These passages are related to the Lectionary texts for this Sunday.

Sunday	John 20:19-31	Seeing Christ's wounds
Monday	Acts 5:27-32	The conviction of the Apostles
Tuesday	Revelation 1:4-8	Christ sends a message to John
Wednesday	Luke 24:36-40	Jesus appears to his disciples
Thursday	John 2:1-11	Wedding at Cana
Friday	John 11:38-53	Raising of Lazarus
Saturday	Psalms 150	Praise the Lord
Sunday	John 21:1-19	Jesus appears to the disciples

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

But these [signs] 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. John 20:31 (NRSV)

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for the Week:

Risen Christ, replace our fears with courage, our unbelief with faith, and give us peace. Amen.

Mealtime Prayer:

Risen Lord Jesus, we praise you for all of your mighty deeds, and ask a blessing on this food that fills our needs. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May the peace of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ be with you always.

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HYMN OF THE WEEK

*My Hope is Built on
Nothing Less*

CARING CONVERSATIONS

Discuss in your home, small group, or use for personal reflections:

- Describe or think about what it means to believe in something.
- What gets in the way of believing in Jesus?
- How does believing in Jesus as the Messiah impact how you live each day?

DEVOTIONS

Read: John 20:19-31.

In the Gospel of John, Jesus performs a number of signs, beginning with the wedding at Cana (2:1-11). These signs point beyond themselves in order that people may have a relationship to Jesus, believe in him, and have "life in his name" (v. 31). Jesus sends out his followers just as he was sent by his heavenly Father, and he sends them out to extend God's peace and forgiveness empowered by the Holy Spirit (vv. 21-23). The mission of Jesus' followers, the mission of the church, is to be sent out as those who believe in Jesus as the Messiah, the Son of God, and, thereby, live a life that goes out into the world to offer peace and forgiveness. Followers are sent out through a surprising power; it is the power of the resurrected Jesus who still bears the wounds of the crucifixion as seen by Thomas and the other disciples. Christian followers trust that the crucified and risen Lord has the power to forgive, the source of true peace on earth. How do you experience peace and forgiveness as a follower of Jesus? How are you sent out to extend this same power of peace and forgiveness to others?

Pray: Dear Crucified and Risen Lord Jesus, give us the faith to believe and to be sent out with your power to forgive and to bring peace to others. Amen.

SERVICE

After the resurrection, Jesus appeared to the disciples. However, Thomas was not there. When the other disciples told Thomas later that they had seen Jesus, he doubted that Jesus really appeared to them. He did not believe and needed proof. After Jesus invited Thomas to touch his wounds and Thomas' subsequent confession of faith, Jesus said, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe" (John 20:29b). Our role as disciples is to help others see Jesus. How can you help others to believe that "Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God" (John 20:31)?

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

Psalms 150 is the last psalm in the book of Psalms. It is a call to praise God. We praise God through worship, hymns, prayers, and actions. Choose one way to praise God daily this week in your home. Will it be with musical instruments, song, prayer, or in some other way? Finish your time of praise with these words: Let everything that breathes praise the Lord! Praise the Lord! (Psalm 150:6)



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