

Welcome to all who gather here today.

Located in your pew you will find:

- ❖ Index cards for submitting prayer requests during Joys and Concerns;
please place your index cards in the offering plate.
- ❖ Visitor cards to be placed in the offering plate
- ❖ A pew envelope for an offering

We hope the service enables you to worship God meaningfully.

* = Please stand as you are able or remain upright in spirit

PH = Presbyterian Hymnal; Congregational responses in bold type.

MUSIC FOR MEDITATION

TOLLING THE HOUR

"Hymn of Promise"

Natalie Sleeth
by Emily Dallas, Ben Freid, Bob Lowden

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed!

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PIANO PRELUDE

"The Resurrection"
from Jesus Christ Superstar

Lloyd Webber-Lowden

CALL TO WORSHIP

This is the day

angels bring light into our shadows, and gardeners harvest good news.

This is the day the Lord

awakens us with unexpected grace, and the sun breaks out in song.

This is the day the Lord has made!

The day when life triumphs over death, when love pushes aside fear, when hope walks with us in every moment.

***HYMN**

"Jesus Christ Is Risen Today"

PH 123

WE CONFESS OUR SINS

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

We think this story is so old, Imaginative God, that we cannot hear the astonishing news of triumph over death. We are so afraid of our own shadows, that we cannot see the Light of life which is streaming all around us. Convinced that there is nothing beyond these days we call life, we cannot sense your resurrection hope which is calling to us by our names. On this day of new wonders and everlasting grace, God of our lives, may we be glad that you have not forgotten us. May we rejoice in the ancient promises which are proclaimed afresh this morning. May we turn with our questions, our doubts, our hearts towards Jesus, the Gardener of grace, who calls us by name and pours resurrection love into us. *Silence is kept*

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

On this Easter, as on the first; on this day, as on every day; God turns to us, calls us by name, and plants forgiveness and hope in our lives.

Alleluia! This is the good news! Christ is our peace, the peace we need, the peace which will heal the world. Alleluia! Christ is Risen. Amen.

SUNG RESPONSE

PH 145, Refrain

"Rejoice! Rejoice! Rejoice, give thanks, and sing!"

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING: Isaiah 65:17-25 (Pew Bible p. 696 in the OT)

Psalm 118

Let Us Rejoice

This is the day the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad; Al - le - lu - ia!

This is the day the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad! Al - le - lu - ia!

Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad! Al - le - lu - ia!

SECOND READING: Luke 24:1-12 (Pew Bible p. 90 in the NT)

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

WORD AND WONDER FOR ALL AGES

SERMON

"Looking for the Living Among the Dead"

Rev. Kristin Austew

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

***HYMN**

"Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!"

PH 104

***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.

***THE GLORIA PATRI**

PH 579

THE OFFERING

THE OFFERING IN MUSIC **"Come Christians Join to Sing"** Madrid/arr. Eithun
Handbell Choir

***THE DOXOLOGY**

PH 592

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

JOYS AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

Living God,
hear our prayer

THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

INVITATION

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The Risen Lord welcomes all to this Table.

We come to be fed by grace and hope.

Here, empty hearts are filled with resurrection joy.

We offer them to the One whose love is ever constant.

Here, we are taught songs of praise and wonder.

We rejoice in our God who has defeated death.

...With those who hope in Christ, with those who come with questions, we join in our songs of praise to you:

Holy, holy, holy are you, Steadfast love of all.

All creation joins in Easter's glad songs.

Christ is risen! Alleluia!

Blessed is the One who has destroyed our last enemy.

Christ is risen! Alleluia!

...As we remember his death, and hope in his resurrection. As we sing glad songs, and whisper of our doubts, we would proclaim that mystery we call faith:

The One we thought was dead

is alive;

the One we thought was lost

has found us;

the One we thought we would never see again

recognizes us and calls us by our names.

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.

SHARING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

GOING FORTH IN GOD'S NAME TO SERVE THE LORD

***HYMN "That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright" PH 121**

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

We could just return to our homes and go back to life,
but we will go to rebuild neighbors, and share the light we have received.
We could just stand around and wonder where Jesus has gone,
but we will turn and, as he calls us by name, follow to bring hope and healing to our world.
We could just keep quiet and not whisper a word to anyone,
but we will go to tell others of the good news that Jesus is alive and in our midst.

PIANO POSTLUDE “Christ Arose” Lowry-Lowden

***SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

**The Peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.**

SERVING THIS LORD'S DAY

Reader Elke McAtee
Director of Music Gwendolyn Huber
Acccompanist Robert Lowden
Deacon of the Month Bobbi Maiuro – (609) 865-4853
Fellowship Easter
Communion Servers Amy Dallas, Ed Dallas, Kathie Ackerman, Donna Potts

Next Sunday, April 28, 2019

Guest Preacher.....Christopher Small
Reader.....Marlene Lysczak
Fellowship HourKathie Ackerman

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PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

From the “Mission Yearbook for Prayer and Study”: Easter/One Great Hour of Sharing; Earth Day; Global Partners; Armenian Genocide Remembrance Day; Presbyterian Committee on the Self-Development of People; Mission; Thailand.

Prayers of Joy (from worship last week)

- Joy that Casey will be going to Triennium

Prayers of Concern (from worship last week)

- Continued prayers for Ron Barnard in his healing journey, and prayers for strength for Dot and family.
- Please pray for the Chamberlin family as we care for our cat Dusty after a cancer diagnosis, we ask for wisdom in decisions and strength in his final days.
- Prayers for healing in relationships.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

St. Mary's Food Pantry Current Needs: *Canned potatoes, toilet paper, soap, toothpaste.* Please place items in the right-side basket in the rear of the church. Thank you for your continued support and generosity. To learn more, visit their website: <http://stmarysbordentown.org/food-pantry/>

CALENDAR

THIS WEEK

Sun 4/21	EASTER Worship & Communion	10:30 am
Mon 4/22	Women's Bible Study	7:00 pm
	Women's AA	7:30 pm
Tues 4/23	<i>Pastor Kristin Away through May 1</i>	
	Newsletter Deadline	
	Matsiko World Orphan Choir.....	7:00 pm
Thurs 4/25	Choir	7:00 pm
	AA.....	7:00 pm
	Bell Choir	8:00 pm

NEXT WEEK

Sun 4/28	Church School	9:15 am
	Mission Meal.....	11:30 pm
Mon 4/29	Women's AA	7:30 pm
Thurs 5/2	AA.....	7:00 pm
	Bell Choir	8:00 pm



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QR Code for online giving.



*Pastor Kristin will have open office hours each week on
Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, 10:00 am-12:30 pm.
Availability outside of those hours should be scheduled in advance.*

*Our office manager Sheri Devlin's hours are 10:30 am to 2:00 pm.
September through June: Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday.
July and August: Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday.*

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Worship on the Lord's Day

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