

# MORNING WORSHIP

April 1, 2018

Half past Ten O'Clock

## Easter Sunday

*When the prelude begins, please prepare for worship through silent prayer and meditation.  
Following the service, greet one another with joy and affection!*

### GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

TIME OF QUIET MEDITATION AND REFLECTION

+WELCOME AND NOTICES

PRELUDE

*Prelude to Te Deum*  
Liam McMahon, trumpet

Marc-Antoine Charpentier

CHORAL INTROIT

*Alleluia*

Ralph Manuel

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Christ is risen!

**Congregation: Christ is risen, indeed! Alleluia!**

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM FOR MARGARET MARION PEEBLES

Catherine Miller, Assisting Elder

+Invitation to Baptism

The Meaning of Baptism

Questions to the Parents and to the Congregation

\*Affirmation of Faith (Unison)

*The Apostles' Creed*

Hymnal, p. 14

Prayer and the Act of Baptism

Greeting a Child of God

Leader: Margaret Marion Peebles is now identified as a child of God in Christ's Church. Through Baptism, God has put His seal upon Margaret to share with us all the benefits of Christ's sacrifice. Let us be supportive of Ty and Meg as they nurture Margaret and assist her to be a faithful disciple.

**People: With joy and thanksgiving, we welcome Margaret into Christ's Church, for we are all one in Christ. We promise to love, encourage and support you, to share the good news of God's love with you, and to celebrate with you God's unfolding blessings.**

\*HYMN

*I Was There To Hear Your Borning Cry*

**I was there to hear your borning cry, I'll be there when you are old.**

**I rejoiced the day you were baptized, to see your life unfold.**

**I was there when you were but a child, with a faith to suit you well;**

**I'll be there in case you wander off and find where demons dwell.**

**When you found the wonder of the Word, I was there to cheer you on;**

**You were raised to praise the living God, to whom you now belong.**

**Should you find someone to share your time and join your hearts as one,**

**I'll be there to make your verses rhyme from dusk till rising sun.**

**In the middle ages of your life, not too old, no longer young,**

**I'll be there to guide you through the night, complete what I've begun.**

**When the evening gently closes in and you shut your weary eyes,**

**I'll be there as I have always been with just one more surprise.**

**I was there to hear your borning cry, I'll be there when you are old.**

**I rejoiced the day you were baptized, to see your life unfold.**

## PROCLAIMING THE WORD

### \*EASTER PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION

Leader: Let us pray.  
O God, early in the morning, when the world was young,  
You made life in all its beauty and terror;  
You gave birth to all that we know.

**Congregation: Hallowed be Your name.**

Leader: Early in the morning, when the world least expected it,  
a new born child crying in a cradle announced that  
You had come among us, that You were one of us.

**Congregation: Hallowed be Your name.**

Leader: Early in the morning, surrounded by self-interested religious leaders,  
anxious statesmen and silent friends, You accepted the penalty for doing  
good, for being God: You shouldered and suffered the cross.

**Congregation: Hallowed be Your name.**

Leader: Early in the morning, a voice in a guarded graveyard proclaimed that  
You had risen, that You had come back to those and for those who had  
forgotten, denied and destroyed You.

**Congregation: O God, bring new life, where we are worn and tired, new love,  
where we have turned hard hearted, forgiveness, where we have  
wounded, and the joy and freedom of Your Holy Spirit, where we  
are the prisoners of ourselves.** (Silence)

Leader: To all and to each, where regret is real, God pronounces pardon and grants  
us the grace to begin again. Thanks be to God!

\*HYMN 123

*Jesus Christ is Risen Today*

EASTER HYMN

### A MESSAGE FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

*Immediately following Message for Young Disciples, kindergarteners and first graders are invited to the Chapel.  
They will return to the Sanctuary during the Doxology.*

### THE EASTER GOSPEL

Mark 16:1-8, pew Bible, p. 929

### SERMON

"Unfinished Easter"

Rush Otey

### ANTHEM

"O Death, Where is Thy Sting?" from *Messiah*

G. F. Handel

Phillip Hill, mezzo-soprano; Adrian Fullerwinder, tenor; Stephanie Patterson, soprano; Bruce Walker, bass

## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER (Unison)

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP AND CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

*Lord of the Dance*

arr. Larry Fleming

\*DOXOLOGY (*Hymn 592*)

OLD HUNDREDTH

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION (Unison)

Henry Sloane Coffin

**O Lord, who has knit us together in one household of faith, make it for all of us a large room where minds grow in knowledge and hearts expand in sympathy; where we bear our own and each other's burden; where all faces turn towards the light; where no walls between souls destroy our unity in Christ; where the needs of Your children of every race and tongue come home to our conscience; where together we know and abide in You, the dwelling place of the faithful in all generations, and possess for ourselves and for the service of all the unsearchable riches of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.**

## BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

\*HYMN 122

*Thine is the Glory*

JUDAS MACCABEUS

\*BENEDICTION

\*RESPONSE

*Because He Lives*  
Joe Anne Cole, soprano

Bill Gaither

\*POSTLUDE

"Overture" from *Suite in D Major*  
Liam McMahon, trumpet

G. F. Handel

\*Those who are able, please stand.

+Ushers may seat late worshipers

### SELWYN AVENUE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH WARMLY WELCOMES ALL WHO VISIT

Please take a moment to sign the registry of friendship as it is passed along your pew so that you may be greeted and greet others by name. If you are actively searching for a new church home, we invite you to fill out the card in the pew rack and place it in the offering plate, or bring it after worship to one of the ministers.

Membership is by one of three paths: 1) profession of faith in Jesus Christ (for those who have never been part of a Christian church); 2) reaffirmation of faith (for those who formerly were part of a congregation but have not been involved in recent times - for example, you were baptized and/or confirmed but moved away for military service, education, or work, and never engaged with a new congregation); or 3) transfer of membership from another congregation (you have recently moved to this area and your membership is still elsewhere, or you simply seek to become part of Selwyn Avenue Presbyterian Church in your faith journey).

New members and prospective members are invited to participate in Orientation Conversations, which are scheduled several times a year, and are a wonderful way to meet others and learn together about all the opportunities here. We always stand ready to be in communication with you about your particular situation. The contact information for all staff members is in the bulletin each week.

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