

MORNING WORSHIP

April 8, 2018

Half past Ten O'Clock

Second Sunday of Easter

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

GATHERING AROUND THE WORLD

TIME OF MEDITATION AND REFLECTION

+WELCOME AND NOTICES

PRELUDE

The Strife is O'er

arr. Wilbur Held

INTROIT

O Sons and Daughters, Let Us Sing!

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*CALL TO WORSHIP

based on Psalm 133, John 20:29

Leader: Christ is risen!

People: He is risen indeed!

Leader: Now what?

People: How very good and pleasant it is when kindred live together in unity!

Leader: But the disciples clung to each other. They huddled in the upper room, waiting.

People: Jesus himself appeared, despite the locked door.

Leader: Next came doubts and questions, assurances and instructions

People: "Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

Leader: The Lord has commanded a great blessing:

People: Life forever more.

+*HYMN 108

Christ Is Alive!

TRURO

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Leader: Holy God, the bare truth is this:

People: We don't know if it's harder to believe that You can, or to confess that we cannot. You made the hearts of the disciples glad with the knowledge of the resurrection of Jesus. Like them, we find the truth of Easter so hard to believe. Forgive us that we are so easily downcast, and given to despair. Although we claim to live by the resurrection faith, too often we believe that suffering is simply a tragedy and death is the end. Forgive us for our need to be convinced of a truth we already know; You are the hope of the world. (Silence).

Leader: Come to us, Lord God, in the power of the risen Christ.

People: Take away our crippling doubts and fears, and through Your Holy Spirit bring us to life in Your service; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Friends, believe the Good News of the Gospel!

Congregation: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM FOR MARY WATTERSON ARNHEIM

Matt Baskerville, 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: Mary Watterson Arnheim is now identified as a child of God in Christ's Church. Through Baptism, God has put His seal upon Mary Watterson to share with us all the benefits of Christ's sacrifice. Let us be supportive of Toby and Courtney as they nurture Mary Watterson and assist her to be a faithful disciple.

People: With joy and thanksgiving, we welcome Mary Watterson 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.

*SUNG RESPONSE, HYMN 111 (Verses 1, 2, & 4)

Good Christians All, Rejoice and Sing!

**Good Christians all, rejoice and sing! Now is the triumph of our King!
To all the world glad news we bring: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**The Lord of Life is risen today! Bring flowers of song, be deck the way;
Let every tongue rejoice and say: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**Thy name we bless, O risen Lord, And sing today with one accord
The life laid down, the life restored: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

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.*

SCRIPTURE LESSON

John 20:19-31, pew Bible, p. 989

SERMON

"My Lord and My God"

Lori Archer Raible

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE CONCLUDING WITH THE LORD'S PRAYER

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP AND CALL TO OFFERING

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND GIFTS

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

My Good Lord's Done Been Here

arr. Andre Thomas

*DOXOLOGY (*Hymn 592*)

OLD HUNDREDTH

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION (Unison)

Generous God, when we thought that death had claimed Your Son, You amazed us with the resurrection. Surprise us again with Your ability to turn these humble offerings into gifts that will transform the world through our witness to Your love. We lay our very lives at Your feet, O God, knowing that You will use us to proclaim and embody the Gospel for Your Kingdom here on Earth. Amen.

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*HYMN 151

Crown Him with Many Crowns

DIADEMATA

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*RESPONSE

Lord, Make Us Servants of Your Peace

DICKINSON COLLEGE

*POSTLUDE

A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing

arr. Paul Manz

*Those who are able, please stand.

+Ushers may seat late worshipers

Liturgical Notes: Call to Worship references a prayer by Martha Spong. Our confession is adapted from prayers written by Rachel Hackenberg, and Neil Dixon, and the prayer of dedication is written by Laura Jaquith Barlett.

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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