

Morning Worship
Second Sunday of Easter
April 11, 2021
10:30 a.m.

Welcome

Westminster Chimes

Greeting

Prelude Music

Robert Neumeyer, organ

Scripture Focus John 20: 19-31

Pastor Dennis W. Molnar

Reflection

It's A New Day

Skit Guys Video

Call to Worship

Rose Schrott

Leader: We worship in the Easter light,

People: *for the shadow of death is no match for God's love.*

Leader: Let us join our voices with the disciple Thomas:

People: *"My Lord and my God!"*

Leader: Easter people, Christ is risen!

People: *Christ is risen indeed!*

Opening Hymn

Christ is Alive!

Glory to God #246 VS. 1,3,4,5

Scripture Reflection 1 John 1: 1-2:2

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

O Christ, you rose from the depths of suffering, from death itself, to breathe peace upon your disciples. Still, O Lord, we cannot trust your promise of peace. Still, O Lord, we do not follow in the way of your love. Forgive us when we fail to be people of resurrection. Forgive us when we fail to recognize your grace. Show us your hands and your feet once more, and teach us to be your body in the world.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Forgiveness

Leader: Hear the good news of God's promise: I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh. Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

People: *Thanks be to God.*

Sharing the Peace of Christ

Special Music

An Easter Hallelujah

Cassandra & Callahan Star

Morning Message *"Generative Love"*

Affirmation of Faith

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. Life in Christ is life eternal. The resurrection of Jesus is the sign that God will consummate the work of creation and reconciliation beyond death and bring to fulfillment the new life begun in Christ.

Adapted from the Confession of 1967, 9.26

Hymn

In the Bulb There Is a Flower

GTG #250

Stewardship of Life Offerings

"I Heard God Laugh"

Prayers of the People & Lord's Prayer

Closing Hymn

We Will Go Out with Joy

GTG #539

Sending & Benediction

*Wherever you go, God is sending you.
Wherever you are, God is there working for good.
Christ who indwells you has something he wants to do there
with you and those you meet "on the way".
Believe this, and go in his grace and his love and his power.*

Postlude

Robert Neumeyer, organ

The bouquets of flowers enhancing the chancel today are given by Marilyn Sproat in memory of her husband, Ross Sproat.

Last week's chancel flowers were in memory of, and in honor of, the life of Joyce Fraer Rossi, "a wonderful mother, nana, and sister. Happy Birthday!"

We inadvertently left out the Easter Plant listing last week. Here are the dedications and memorials represented by the EASTER PLANTS in the sanctuary last week:

Beverly, Melissa and Brenden Bronder, in loving memory of their husband and Dad.

Don & Polly Walter, in memory of Monica Ide.

Donna Zizza, in memory of Donald & Ada Criswell, Gene and Ann Zizza, and Nancy Reiche, and in honor of Bob & Ruth Hutchison and Muriel Moreland.

Fred and Pam Frost, in loving memory of their mothers, Jean Caruso and Jacquelyn Frost.

Jennifer & Craig Madge, in honor of their neighbors and their continued wellbeing.

Joanne Kromer, in memory of her husband, John D. Kromer.

Kevin & Cari Weaver, in honor of Frontline Workers.

Meg Addis, in memory of loved ones.

Nicole & Jay Seghi, in honor of Norene Conley's 95th birthday.

Ron & Chris Brusceci, in memory of Anne Kirk.

Sean & Jody Boehm, in honor of their mothers and aunts.

Bud and Joan Foster would like to express their appreciation to the congregation for all of the flowers, plants, cards and prayers they have received over the past few months.

Please keep in your Prayers:

Joan Foster, now at Concordia for rehabilitation following recent treatment for a cracked hip.

Scott Schultz, Nancy's son, recovering at home after having an appendectomy last week.

The Family of Joan Jenkins, who passed on to the Kingdom Triumphant on Easter Sunday. A Service of Celebration of Life and Witness to the Resurrection was held on Thursday, April 8th at the Beinhauer Funeral Home. The service was limited to her large family due to Covid-19 protocols.

We will be holding two Memorial Services on Saturday, April 24th, to remember to church members who passed on to the Kingdom Triumphant during the last year of Covid-19. A Celebration of Life Service for Monica Ide will be held at 11:00 a.m. and then a Celebration of Life Service for Foster Hartman will be held at 1:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Safety protocols will be in place for both services, including the wearing of masks, safe distancing, and no congregational singing.

Reminder, that the following seven Sundays are still available for chancel flower reservations: July 25, August 8 and 15, October 24, November 7 and 28, and December 5. You may use the online giving form on the church website or call the church office to reserve one of these dates. Thank you!

Need a place to destroy your unwanted papers? **Shred-It Saturday is being held at the Beverly Heights Church parking lot, 1207 Washington Road in Mt. Lebanon on April 17th from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.** It is sponsored by GROW Living Stones, a 503 c3 organization feeding vulnerable individuals and families in the South Hills since 2012. They will shred up to a maximum of five boxes of paper materials such as outdated or confidential material, but no magazines or newspapers. They suggest a \$10 per box donation, with all proceeds going to help our South Hills neighbors. For more information, visit www.growlivingstones.com.

You can join us today, Sunday, April 11th for the Zoom Coffee Hour Gathering? We connect via Zoom each week for a time of Fellowship after the morning worship service. Please send email to Pastor Dennis, dmolnar@unitypresbyterianchurch.org, or Pam Frost pfrost@unitypresbyterianchurch.org, or call the church office 412-561-2431. We will make sure you receive a Zoom invitation. We send an invitation each week. We have a great time and would love to “see you” there!

Realm Tips. Not receiving email from Realm? Your email provider could be blocking Realm email. Check your email account and make sure it will accept email from the following: notifications@onrealmmail.org. As a reminder, it is easy to support our ministries by giving financially online through Realm. On the church website, simply click Giving via Realm, then click the purple **Give via Realm** button and follow the instructions. Or, from your Smartphone, Text **upcpittsburgh** to **73256** and follow the prompts to give.

Stewardship Snapshot

Although COVID-19 restrictions continue to be relaxed, it is important to maintain social distancing and wear face masks. Our ministries continue although procedures have been modified. We have limited attendance for worship on Sundays. We have worship on Sunday morning on Facebook Live, and you can watch it any time during the week since they are recorded. We rely on you to send your envelopes to the church in the mail, arrange for your bank to send your check to the church, or make use of online giving tools (go to www.unitypresbyterianchurch.org, select the “Donate” button and follow the prompts). More people have chosen to use the convenience of online giving. It can be linked to your bank account or credit card. Online giving totaled \$5862 in March. There are 30 families that are using online giving.

Giving has been more than \$10,000 greater this year compared with the same time last year.

Thank you for your generosity!

FOOD PANTRY- This week \$415 was donated to the Food Pantry.

CAPITAL FUND – When contributing to the Capital Improvement Fund, please mark your envelope and check so that we can allocate it to the proper account. You can also contribute to the Capital Fund through online giving.

PER CAPITA – The per capita envelope is the first item in your box of envelopes. So far, 110 of 301 members have paid their per capita. This assessment supports the presbytery, synod, and general assembly.

PASTOR PETEY’S COMMENT –I know you can hear me on the livestream broadcasts sometimes. I know it is not the way I should be, but I like to be heard. Besides, Pastor Dennis considers it as an Amen from the pews! I am not a good listener. My human tells me so. I will delegate that task to him..... Stay safe and keep healthy.

Woof!

Please continue your Prayers for the teachers related to the life of our Congregation during this Season

Laura Halley	Child Care Worker & Teacher at Tender Care Center
Megan Straub	Teacher at Foxbank Elementary School
Lisa Goodworth	North Hills School District
Bruce Goodworth	North Hills School District
Lauren Allhouse	North Hills School District
Craig Madge	Music Teacher at Upper St. Clair
Leigh Growall	Speech Teacher in Pittsburgh Public Schools
Jennifer Johnson	Food Worker at Chartiers Valley
Terry Oberst	South Fayette School District
Colleen Tortorella	High School Counselor at Gateway High School
Meagan Cummins	Special Education Teacher for McGuffey Middle School
Julie Rubritz	Preschool Teacher at Bethany Presbyterian Church (Teaching online)

Continued prayers for all essential and front-line workers as the Covid-19 pandemic continues to unfold.

Diane Ferianc	Rehab Dept. of Allegheny General Hospital.
Jennifer Heidkamp	Oncology Nurse for UPMC @ Oxford Drive Office
Leah Hart	Nurse at Hillman Cancer Center
Cathy Schilero	Nurse at Cleveland Clinic (2 nd Cousin of Martha & Joanne Bald)
Ben Gery	Pittsburgh Police Officer
Brandon Stevens	Pittsburgh Police Officer (Grandson of Joanne Kromer)
Jillian Figorski	Nurse Practitioner in ICU at Jefferson Hospital
Ben Cunningham	Doctor in New York Hospital
Ted Schroeder	AGH Doctor
Michelle Clay	Physician's Assistant at McGee Hospital in Delivery Arena
Ashley Antonucci	Home Health Nurse
Jaime Gottschall	Respiratory Therapist
Meleanie Brown	CCU Nurse @ St. Clair, currently being used for patients with the virus.
Annali Criswell	Cashier at Giant Eagle
Walter Figorski	Director of Food Services /Parking a@ West Penn
Lauren Campbell	Traveling Nurse / (Niece of Ron & Chris Brusceci)
Joyce Slater	Nurse @ St. Clair Hospital (Niece of Ron & Chris Brusceci)
Brooke Fuehne	Nurse in St. Louis going back to work after maternity leave. (Niece of Ron & Chris)
Patti Allison	Nurse at West Penn Hospital
Leslie Raboin	Lab Technician dealing with Covid-19 (Niece of Ron & Chris Brusceci)
Lynn Wallis	Caregiver at Harbour Senior Living South Hills
Dana Pitteroff	Cleaning Services at Harbour Senior Living South Hills