

The Order for Worship and Celebration

Easter Sunday

April 5, 2015

10:00 a.m.

Preparing for God's Word

PRELUDE

“*Easter Carillon*”

Robert J. Powell

Daniel Meier, Ben Feuerhelm –trumpet; Craig Goettle, Solomon Han-trombone
Dr. Mariko Morita, organ

Gathering Around God's Word

*CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive)

Leader: The tomb is dark, but empty

People: *The one you are looking for has overcome darkness*

Leader: The stone has been rolled away

People: *The one you are looking for has overcome death*

Leader: The burial clothes are put aside

People: *The one you are looking for is alive!*

Leader: Christ is Risen!

People: *Christ is Risen Indeed!*

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN

“*Jesus Christ Is Risen Today*”

#232, Hymnal

WELCOME

LIFE OF THE CHURCH

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison).

Gracious God, you have walked patiently with us throughout our Lenten journey. You have celebrated our successes and our growing understanding of your love; and you have mourned our failures and rejections of your healing mercies. This day, let us remember that we are to become “Easter People,” people of the Resurrection. Forgive our stubbornness and fears. Fill us with your healing love and help us to become the disciples that you need to serve in this world. For we ask this in the name of our Risen Lord, Jesus Christ. Amen. (silent confession)

WORDS OF ASSURANCE (Responsive)

Leader: Do not dwell on your wounds any longer for Jesus has risen to heal you, he has risen to forgive you; he has risen to change us all and bind us together now.

People: *Christ has risen to forgive us. Thanks be to God.*

*RESPONSE

“*Gloria Be to the Father*”

#581, Hymnal

PASSING THE PEACE *Please greet those around you.*

Leader: May the Peace of Christ be with you.

People: *And also with you.*

ANTHEM

“*Easter Hymn*”

Sanctuary Choir

Edward Lester

Hearing God's Word

LESSON FROM THE OLD TESTAMENT

Psalms 118:1-2, 14-17 (page 565, OT)

LESSON FROM THE NEW TESTAMENT

Matthew 28:1-10 (pages 33-34, NT)

SERMON

“*Expecting Easter*”

Rev. Amy Wiles

*HYMN OF MEDITATION

“*Thine is the Glory*”

#238, Hymnal

*STATEMENT OF FAITH

Apostles' Creed (Ecumenical Version)

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Responding to God's Word

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND 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.

BRINGING OUR GIFTS TO THE LORD

Offertory *“Alleluia”* Jerry Sinclair, arr. John F. Wilson
Dr. Mariko Morita, organ; Taemin Han, piano

*DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION

#606, Hymnal

Going Out to Live God’s Word

*CLOSING HYMN

“Christ Is Alive!”

#246, Hymnal

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

“Toccata” from Symphony No. 5 Charles-Marie Widor
Dr. Mariko Morita, organ

**Please stand if you are able*

A JOYOUS WELCOME TO YOU ALL! We are here to celebrate the glorious victory of Christ over sin and death. Let us rejoice exuberantly and give God the glory. Hallelujah! The Lord lives and reigns. Forever and forever. If you would like to learn more about First Presbyterian Church or about becoming a member, please contact Rev. Wiles or the Church Office.

HAVING A BIRTHDAY THIS WEEK: Jim Christensen, Steve Nottger, Cathy Bowers, Alix Wimberley, Diane Ernster, John Wiles, Nicky Newhoff, Jo Beaver and Brian Powell.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING: There will be a meeting of the Congregation of First Presbyterian Church on **Sunday, April 19**, immediately following the worship service. The purpose of the meeting is to elect a deacon to fill a vacancy with the resignation of Robert Dew.

Congregational Ministries

PARABLES DISPLAY: During Lent, our church members were challenged to share stories that reminded them of God’s Kingdom—modern day parables. People were encouraged to reflect on their everyday lives to see glimpses of God. Thank you to all those who shared stories and observations. You are invited to read these stories as you pass through the halls and entryways into the sanctuary. May you be inspired by God’s activity alive in our world.

ADULT FORUM: The Adult Forum for April 12 and 19 will focus on the joys of volunteering and opportunities for volunteerism. This will include discussions with representatives of agencies in our neighborhood discussing their needs.

KOINONIA, CHILDREN’S SUNDAY SCHOOL, YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL: There will be no Sunday School today or next week, April 12. Please join us for the Waffle Brunch in Fellowship Hall next Sunday, April 12.

MORNING BIBLE STUDY: The group meets each Tuesday morning at Panera Bread in Waterloo at **7:30 a.m.** We discuss the text for the upcoming Sunday worship service. Come for some coffee and conversation. All are welcome!

CELEBRATION OF VOLUNTEERING: April 12th will be the kick-off Sunday for a celebration of volunteering. Adult Forum that Sunday will focus on the joys of volunteering and opportunities for volunteerism. We will celebrate after church with a waffle brunch. April 19th will feature an Adult forum with representatives of agencies in our neighborhood discussing their needs. On May 17, Laura Hoy will conduct an Adult forum on LINK Ministries which engages in Christian community development in the Walnut Neighborhood and Cedar Valley. Please plan to join us.

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER: Communion will be celebrated during the worship service next Sunday, April 12

GUEST INSTRUMENTALISTS FOR TODAY’S SERVICE: We are glad to have our guest instrumentalists for service today: Dr. Mariko Morita, organist, and brass quartet: Daniel Meier, Ben Feuerhelm, Craig Goettle, and Solomon Han. Thank you for sharing your time and talent with us.

COLLEGE CARE PACKAGES: The Congregational Ministry Team is assembling care packages to be delivered to our college students in time for their finals week! We greatly appreciate your help acquiring all the items a frantically studying student might need. Take a tag off the board in Calvin Hall, purchase the item and **return it to the Church Office by Sunday, April 12.** Thanks!

PAT GEADLEMANN TO PREACH: Our new Minister of Care and Visitation, Pat Geadelmann, will preach next Sunday, April 12th.

PRIME TIMERS MEET: The Prime Timers will have their first meeting of 2015 on **Friday, April 17th, at 12:00 noon.** This will be a potluck so please bring a dish to share. Guest speakers will be Chuck and Kathy Orr, who will be talking about the history and renovation of the Brown Derby in downtown Waterloo. This will also be a time to bring photos and share your memories of Waterloo history. Everyone is invited to attend. If you are not on a calling list, **please contact Ann Sage (233-5787) by Wednesday, April 15**, so we know how many plan to attend.

PALM SUNDAY CONCERT THANK YOU: The Congregational Ministries Team would like to thank all those who contributed cookies and/or baked goods for the Palm Sunday concert reception. We also wish to thank those individuals who helped to set up, serve and clean up after the reception. We had nice comments about the reception, and your efforts are much appreciated.

Community Ministries

HY-VEE RECEPITS: Please remember to bring your Hy-Vee receipts and put them in the box on the counter in the Church Office.

SOUP BAGS: providing a bag of soup and crackers has become an additional ministry when we serve our free Community Breakfast on the third Sunday of each month. Your donations of soup, crackers, ramen noodles, etc. helps tremendously with this ministry.

2015 ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING: As of March 30, you have contributed \$1,522.36 to One Great Hour of Sharing! Thanks for your generosity.

This Week at First Church

SUNDAY, APRIL 5: EASTER SUNDAY

8:45 a.m. Easter Breakfast Fellowship Hall
 10:00 a.m. Worship Service Sanctuary
 11:00 a.m. Fellowship and Coffee Hour Calvin Hall

TUESDAY, APRIL 7:

7:30 a.m. Morning Bible Study Panera Bread, Waterloo
 4:00 p.m. Community Ministry Team Church Office
 5:15 p.m. Congregational Ministry Team Calvin Hall
 6:00 p.m. Building and Grounds Ministry Team Parlor

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 8:

10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting Pastor's Office
 3:00 p. m. Children's Choir Choir Room
 4:00 p.m. Pictorial Directory Task Force Mtg. Church Office
 6:00 p.m. Celebration Ringers Rehearsal Sanctuary
 7:30 p.m. Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal Choir room

SUNDAY, APRIL 12:

8:45 a.m. Adult Forum Calvin Hall
 10:00 a.m. Worship Service Sanctuary
 11:00 a.m. Waffle Brunch Calvin Hall

Joys and Concerns for April 5, 2015

In Our Thoughts and Prayers

Kathy Zenner, Ravenwood; Kim Swallow, home; Gale Quirk, home

Pray for Our Sister Churches:

United Presbyterian Church, Clarion

Rev. Bill Kem

Please pray for our partners in mission in the Presbytery of Huntingdon (Pennsylvania), the Presbytery of Kiskiminetas (Pennsylvania), the Presbytery of Lackawanna (Pennsylvania), the Presbytery of Lake Erie ; (Pennsylvania), Lehigh Presbytery (Pennsylvania) and the Presbytery of Northumberland (Pennsylvania).

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