



Sunday Worship
April 24, 2022
Draw near to God
for God is waiting for you.

* indicates where the congregation is to stand if able
italic type is spoken by the liturgist – bold is spoken by the congregation

PRELUDE

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Christ is risen!

Christ is risen, indeed!

Give thanks to the Lord, for the Lord is good; God's steadfast love endures forever!

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The Lord is our strength and might;

today, the Lord has become our salvation!

The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.

This is God's handiwork, and it is marvelous in our eyes!

This is the day that the Lord has made;

let us rejoice and be glad in it!

OPENING PRAYER

Lord Jesus Christ, the light of your love shines on, illuminating the places where you are present. As the bewildered disciples pondered the stories of your appearance, you penetrated the darkness of their fear and doubt with your word of peace. You showed them the appalling marks of evil pierced on your hands and feet. You opened their minds to understand why you had to die to defeat such evil and death.

Increase our understanding, we pray, and open our minds and hearts to receive you, Lord. Speak your word of peace to us and let your love shine on any dark areas in our lives. May this worship which we offer in your name be a worthy response to your love and your sacrifice for us. Amen.

***HYMN #263** All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!

1. All hail the power of Jesus' name! Let angels prostrate fall; bring forth the royal diadem, and crown him Lord of all! Bring forth the royal diadem, and crown him Lord of all!

2. Ye chosen seed of Israel's race, ye ransomed from the fall, hail him who saves you by his grace, and crown him Lord of all! Hail him who saves you by his grace, and crown him Lord of all!

3. Let every kindred, every tribe on this terrestrial ball to him all majesty ascribe, and crown him Lord of all! To him all majesty ascribe, and crown him Lord of all!

4. O that with yonder sacred throng we at his feet may fall! We'll join the everlasting song, and crown him Lord of all! We'll join the everlasting song, and crown him Lord of all!

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND BROKENNESS

Creator God, we confess that at times we are skeptics. At times we doubt that you exist because of the evil we have seen in the world. Oppression, marginalization, and plain hate still plague our world, and it is hard to see your love and light. Sometimes, even those who bear your name do not walk in your ways.

Help us to see your goodness in this world. Help us to know your love. Fill us with your love and goodness, so that we might love one another, and lift up one another in faith. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE AND BLESSING

... Remember the good news and say it aloud: Jesus died for me. Jesus forgives me. Jesus loves me. Jesus is good to me. Amen.

***GLORIA PATRI**

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Psalm 150

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

***HYMN #450** Be Thou My Vision

1. Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart; naught be all else to me, save that thou art; thou my best thought, by day or by night, waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.
2. Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true Word; I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord; thou my soul's shelter, and thou my high tower; raise thou me heavenward, O Power of my power.
3. Riches I heed not, nor vain, empty praise; thou mine inheritance, now and always; thou and thou only, first in my heart, High King of Heaven, my treasure thou art.
4. High King of Heaven, my victory won, may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun! Heart of my own heart, whatever befall, still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON John 20:19-31

SERMON

“Blessed Are the Doubters”

Rev. Jess Winderweedle

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son,

who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in the one holy catholic and apostolic church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

RECOGNITION OF THE OFFERING

***DOXOLOGY**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise him, all creatures here below. Praise him above, ye heavenly hosts. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

Gracious God, through the resurrection of our Lord Jesus, you have given immeasurable grace to us. May our offerings reflect the grace we have received, and symbolize lives committed to the service of our risen Lord. Amen.

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION 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.

***HYMN #238 Thine Is the Glory**

1. Thine is the glory, risen, conquering Son; endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.
Angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away, kept the folded grave clothes where thy body lay.

Refrain: Thine is the glory, risen, conquering Son; endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.

2. Lo! Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb; lovingly he greets us, scatters fear and gloom.
Let the church with gladness hymns of triumph sing, for the Lord now liveth; death hath lost its sting. *Refrain*

3. No more we doubt thee, glorious Prince of life! Life is naught without thee; aid us in our strife.
Make us more than conquerors through thy deathless love; bring us safe through Jordan to thy home above.
Refrain

***BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE**

ANNOUNCEMENTS: April 24, 2022

This week's carillon is in memory of Joseph A. Frye.

We welcome Rev. Jess Winderweedle to our pulpit today. Rev. Winderweedle is a Commissioned Elder in the Greater New Jersey Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church, and she is currently pursuing a PhD in Practical Theology/Homiletics at Princeton Theological Seminary. Before returning to school, Jess served as lead pastor at Kingston UMC, where she also founded The Feed Truck, a mobile campus and community outreach ministry.

Lenten Food Collection Mission Project: Today is the day of our Food Collection Contest. The groups have been formed, named and all donations are to be at church. This "contest" is just our way to add a little fun into the act of giving. With most food and fuel prices at a higher level, the need for assistance is greater than ever.

We are doing our part by gathering a variety of food that will be given to the Doylestown Food Pantry for distribution. At their meeting tonight, the Youth Group will serve as judges for the various food categories as well as box it all up for delivery. Winners of the different classifications will be announced in next week's bulletin and "prizes" awarded.

Discussion on the War in the Ukraine: Mark your calendar for Thursday evening, May 5 at 7:00 when all are invited to join together on Zoom for an opportunity to share thoughts and concerns about the war. This will be led by our former intern, Lt. Amy Ruhf, who, as a Navy Chaplain, will offer a unique perspective. The link for this Zoom session will be the same as it is for Sunday morning worship and all other church activities: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/127591875> Meeting ID: 127 591 875 or by phone: 301-715-8592 or 253-215-8782.

<u>Calendar:</u>	April 24	10:00am	Worship Service and Sunday school followed by Coffee Hour.
		6:30pm	Youth Group, Judging Church wide Food Contest.
	April 25	7:00pm	Boy Scouts, Bell Choir rehearsal in Church.
	April 26	7:00pm	Session mtg.
	April 27	12:00pm	Wednesday Lunch.
		12:30pm	Knitting/Crocheting Group.

Elder of the Month: Donna Jencks Deacon of the Month: Maggie Realley
Coffee Host: Emilee Cullerton

In our thoughts and prayers:

The Conner/Lang Family, Aleena Lang, Bill Wark, Raymond Tinari,
Dick Wright, Jim Turner, Peggy Cosner, Mary Reinhardt



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