



# *Sunday Worship*

## *April 16, 2023*

### *Draw near to our Risen Lord*

\* 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**

*The Lord is risen! Alleluia!*

**Alleluia! The Lord is risen indeed!**

*When Jesus speaks, our hearts burn within us;*

**Our eyes are opened when he breaks the bread.**

*Together, let us worship God.*

#### **\*OPENING PRAYER**

**God of life, present and promised, you are the One to whom we call: for you are the One who hears, and you are the One who acts. Amen.**

#### **\*HYMN #625 How Great Thou Art (verses 1, 3 and 4)**

1. O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder consider all the worlds thy hands have made,  
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder, thy power throughout the universe displayed:

*Refrain:* Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee: How great thou art! How great thou art!  
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3. And when I think that God, his Son not sparing, sent him to die, I scarce can take it in,  
that on the cross, my burden gladly bearing, he bled and died to take away my sin: *Refrain*

4. When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation and take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!  
Then I shall bow in humble adoration, and there proclaim, "My God, how great thou art!" *Refrain*

#### **CALL TO CONFESSION AND RECONCILIATION**

#### **PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND BROKENESS**

**Almighty God, our world is filled with corruption: power disguises itself as truth; convenience masquerades as goodness; selfish pleasure imitates love. We confess to you, O God, that we have been caught in the web of the world's sin. By the power of the Holy Spirit, save us from these deceptions and free us for glad obedience, that we may see the joy of Jesus' resurrection and receive the promise of everlasting life. Amen.**

#### **WORDS OF ASSURANCE AND BLESSING**

*... Remember the good news and say it aloud: God has promised salvation to us, to our children, and to all who are near and far. In the name of Jesus, we are forgiven.*

#### **\*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 116:1-4, 12-19

## ***TIME WITH THE CHILDREN***

**\*HYMN #288** Spirit of the Living God (sing through 3 times)

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me. Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me. Melt me; mold me; fill me; use me. Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

**NEW TESTAMENT LESSON** Luke 24:13-35

**SERMON** Seeing Jesus

Rev. Debbie Heffernan

## ***CALL FOR THE OFFERING AND MOMENT OF FRIENDSHIP***

### ***OFFERTORY***

#### ***\*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***

**Almighty God, by your grace, accept the fruit of our labor and the offering of our lives. Let us be a sacrifice of thanksgiving in union with our Risen Lord, who reigns with you forever. Amen.**

## ***SHARING 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 #233** The Day of Resurrection

1. The day of resurrection! Earth, tell it out abroad, the Passover of gladness, the Passover of God.

From death to life eternal, from sin's dominion free, our Christ has brought us over with hymns of victory.

2. Let hearts be purged of evil that we may see aright the Lord in rays eternal of resurrection light, and listening to his accents, may hear, so calm and plain, his own "All hail!" and hearing, may raise the victory strain.

3. Now let the heavens be joyful; let earth its song begin; the round world keep high triumph and all that is therein.

Let all things seen and unseen their notes of gladness blend, for Christ the Lord has risen, our joy that has no end.

#### ***\*BENEDICTION***

### ***POSTLUDE***

## ***ANNOUNCEMENTS APRIL 23, 2023.***

**This week's carillon is in memory of Anne Klair. Anne lived in Buckingham Valley and was the mother of Nancy Klair Smith.**

**We Welcome Debbie Heffernan as our guest preacher:** Debbie is a former seminary intern and now retired pastor. Debbie served as our intern in 2011-2012 and after ordination was the Interim Associate Pastor at Morrisville Presbyterian Church, Interim Pastor at First Presbyterian Church of Levittown and Glading Memorial Presbyterian Church. Debbie is also available for pastoral emergencies you can reach her at: (267)342-0089. It is a blessing to have her with us once again!

**Youth Group:** Sunday April 30, 1:45pm – 5:00pm. We will be traveling and worshipping at the Welcome Church in Philadelphia.

**On Sunday, April 30, The Welcome Church:** Our youth and any others, who wish to join in, will travel to Philadelphia to worship with this congregation. **It will be necessary to leave Forest Grove at 1:45.** Worship is held outside, rain or shine, and lasts about thirty minutes. There will be a sign up in Fellowship Hall for all who wish to attend. We will form carpools.

**Mother's Day Tea:** At noon on **Wednesday May 10<sup>th</sup>**, we will gather for a special lunch. This will be including guest's celebration of our mothers but the lunch is open for everyone. We ask that you bring a photo of your mom or someone who was very special and mother-like to you and we will try to guess who belongs to whom. After the lunch, Vini Christie will give a flower arrangement demonstration. A free-will offering will be taken to offset the costs. Please sign up in Fellowship Hall or call the church office.

**Per Capita Apportionment Sunday – May 7, 2023 – 2023 Annual Contribution per member \$32.**

Each year all congregations of the Presbyterian Church USA are asked to support the work of the denomination at the presbytery, synod and General Assembly level. Giving is based on church membership. We are asking each church member, if they are able, to give their fair share either on May 7<sup>th</sup> or any time leading up until then. Apportionment giving can be made online as well. Please indicate "per capita" on your donation.

**Samuel Holton's Eagle Project:** Sam's project is to complete the church playground by building a fence to enclose that space as well as to provide new plantings. If you would like to donate to his project, please send your donation to Forest Grove Presbyterian Church and write *Samuel's Eagle Project* in the memo line of your check.

**Food Pantry Needs:** **This week we are asking for the following items: Instant Coffee, Instant Ice Tea or Instant Lemonade.** Bring your item(s) to the church. Donations are to be placed in the wagon located in the vestibule.

**Vacation Bible School:** Save the date – June 26-30, 9:00 am – Noon at The Anchor Presbyterian Church. Please contact Pastor Su if you can help. **Register here:** <https://vbspro.events/p/events/62355b>

<b><u>Calendar:</u></b>	<b>April 23</b>	10:00 am	Worship Service and Sunday school - followed by Coffee Hour
	<b>April 24</b>	5:30pm	Bell Choir
		7:00 pm	Boy Scout Troop Meeting
		7:30pm	Deacons meeting
	<b>April 25</b>	7:00pm	Session meeting
	<b>April 26</b>	12:00 pm	Bring your Brown bag lunch for fellowship

**Elder of the month:** Amy Raab      **Deacon of the month:** Maggie Realley

**Sunday School Teacher:** Kim King      **Coffee Host:**

***In our thoughts and prayers:***

The Conner/Lang Family, Aleena Lang, Raymond Tinari, Ray and Joan Curran, Alvin Cornell, Jim Turner, Violet Sanders, Bill Yerkes, Mary Lou Humlhanz, Pat Pizza

**Church Staff**

**Susan Fall, Pastor**

**Leanne Yerkes, Director of Music**

**Sue Lewis, Handbell Director**

**Susan Flanagan, Office Administrator**

**Frank Orzechoski, Financial Manager**

