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April 9, 2023
Resurrection of the Lord/Easter Day

Welcome

Announcements

Please take a quiet moment to prepare your heart for worship.

Prelude ***“Easter with the Pennsylvania Moravians”**** Gaul

*People who have visited the Pennsylvania Moravians, have been enthralled with their Easter Daybreak Services. Just before dawn at Lititz, Nazareth, or Emaus, the village band goes to the cemetery. The town rises and follows, the band playing the old German Hymns. H.G.

Prayer of Preparation *(for your personal use, during Prelude)*

O Loving God, to turn away from you is to fall, to turn toward you is to rise, and to stand before you is to abide forever. Amen.

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

*Call to Worship

L: Alleluia! He is risen!

P: He is risen indeed! Alleluia.

L: Worthy are you to take the scroll, and to open its seals. For you were slain, and by your blood you ransomed a people for God,

P: From every tribe, language, people, and nation.

L: Worthy is the Lamb to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might, and honor and glory and blessing.

P: To Him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing, honor, and glory forever and ever!

*Hymn ***“Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain”*** PH #115

“Jesus Christ is Risen Today” PH #123

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Father, as we celebrate this first day of New Creation we bring our brokenness and shame, our disappointments and wounds to you here now. We ask for the Risen One to bring us out of these tombs of our making, to raise us to a new dimension of life that is Your Kingdom, and Kingdom that has no end. Death and Sin have no power here even though they try to assert their grip on us. You have beaten Death now and forever. Help us abide with you now and always. In the Name of Jesus, the Victor. Amen.

Time of silence for personal reflection.

Assurance of Pardon

The Peace

L: Peace be with you.

P: And also with you.

***Gloria Patri** *“Glory Be to the Father”*

PH #579

Chancel Choir *“Shout Hosanna”*

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Time with Young Disciples

Robert Lackie

New Testament Reading I

Acts 10:34-43

New Testament Reading II

Colossians 3:1-4

Musical Interlude

Jonathan Janssen

Sermon

“On the First Day of the Week”

Robert Lackie

[Gospel Reading: John 20:1-18]

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

***Affirmation of Faith: Colossians 1:15-20**

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him. And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together. And he is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.

***Hymn**

“The Strife is O’er, the Battle Won”

PH #119

Prayers of the People

As prayers are offered:

L: God of Mercy,

P: hear our prayer.

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

Celebration of the Lord's Supper (Insert)

The Great Thanksgiving

Sharing the Bread & Cup (*wine is in the outer circle of the trays*)

Offering

Offertory "Resurrexit" Wilson

*Doxology PH #591

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*Hymn "Thine is the Glory" PH #122

*Charge and Blessing

Postlude "The Trumpet Shall Sound" Handel/Smith

Please be seated for the Postlude.

Worship Leader: Robert Lackie
Organist: Emma Lou Denton
Pianist: Rich Ford/Julia Territo
Greeter/Usher: Jerry Tice
Liturgist/Communion Steward: Rebecca Rowe

***Please stand, if able** CCLI License #2716138

Hymnals: PH-blue hard cover; Red-red hard cover; SF-small blue soft cover