

THE DOWNTOWN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Third Sunday in Easter

April 30, 2017

(*) indicates the congregation will stand if able

We Gather in God's Name

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

"Make haste, but slowly."

— anonymous

OPENING VOLUNTARY

J. S. Bach

Concerto in A Minor (after Vivaldi), BWV 593: Allegro

WELCOME

*CALL TO WORSHIP

based on 1 Peter 1:17-23

L: Christ was chosen before the creation of the world.

This was done for you,

who are faithful to the God who raised him from the dead.

P: Through Christ we are given new birth.

L: Let us celebrate Christ's resurrection...

P: and our own!

*HYMN #233

"The Day of Resurrection!"

CALL TO CONFESSION

based on 1 Peter 1:17

L: God judges all people according to their actions without favoritism.

With confidence in God's love in Jesus Christ,

let us offer our confession to God and to one another.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

based on Acts 2:40

Powerful 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's resurrection
and receive the promise of everlasting life. Amen.

(time for silent confession)

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON AND PASSING THE PEACE

based on Acts 2:39

L: Followers of Jesus:

God has promised salvation to us, to our children,
and to all who are near and far.

In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

P: Thanks be to God!

L: And as Christ's disciples, joined by baptism in his resurrection,
let us prove that we are made new by exchanging
signs of reconciliation and friendship.

May the peace of Christ be with you.

P: And also with you!

*GLORIA PATRI #581

*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.*

PARISH LIFE & CONGREGATIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

God's Word Is Proclaimed

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (*unison*)

Lord, you opened the meaning of the Scriptures
to the disciples on the road to Emmaus and set their hearts ablaze.
By the power of your Spirit
kindle our hearts as we hear your word proclaimed,
that we may receive you with joy. Amen.

WORD FOR OUR YOUNGEST DISCIPLES

BLESSING

based on 1 John 4:4, 7

Little children, you are from God....

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God.

*(Infants and small children are dismissed to the care of the nursery staff.
Older children are invited to remain and worship.)*

OLD TESTAMENT READING Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19 (OT p.)

L: The word of the Lord. P: **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL READING Luke 24:13-35 (NT p.)

L: The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. P: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

SERMON

We've All Been There

Rev. Mike Wilson

We Respond to God's Word

*HYMN #252

"The Day of Arising"
verse 1, choir; verses 2-4, all

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION, PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE
& THE LORD'S PRAYER (people read **bold**)

Let us unite our hearts in prayer, saying,
God of resurrection, hear our prayer.

For the church throughout the world,
that as we celebrate the great fifty days of Easter
we may renew our faith and strengthen our witness in Jesus's name.
God of resurrection, hear our prayer.

For pastors, elders, teachers and church staff,
that they would embrace their sacred responsibility
and lead your church with wisdom, humility, and courage.
God of resurrection, hear our prayer.

For the governments and leaders of the world,
that they may resist the corruption of sin and serve the common good.
God of resurrection, hear our prayer.

For our planet Earth,
that all people may be good stewards of its resources
and share in its abundance.
God of resurrection, hear our prayer.

For the poor and the stranger,
that they may receive a place of refuge and hope,
and that the church may offer the hospitality
the Jesus's disciples offered to him on the road to Emmaus.
God of resurrection, hear our prayer.

For the sick and those in distress,
that they may find healing for their pain
and be restored to fullness of life.
God of resurrection, hear our prayer.

For our neighbors,
that we may live together in peace and share in our resources.
God of resurrection, hear our prayer.

For our enemies,
that they may receive good things,
and that we, your servants, may not return evil for evil.
God of resurrection, hear our prayer.

For all those people and situations we name aloud now;
may our individual prayers be amplified in other hearts and minds.
[Here you may say aloud your prayers of petition and concern.]

God of resurrection,
hear our prayer.

Listening God,
receive these prayers we offer,
and by the power of your Holy Spirit
make us witnesses to the glorious resurrection of Jesus Christ,
who taught us to pray saying,

**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.**

OPPORTUNITY FOR GENEROUS GIVING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

He Is Risen

Cecil Cope

He is risen, He is risen! Tell it out with joyful voice;
He has burst His three days' prison; let the whole wide earth rejoice;
Death is conquered, man is free, Christ has won the victory.

Come, ye sad and fearful-hearted, with glad smile and radiant brow;
Lent's long shadows have departed; all His woes are over now,
And the passion that He bore-- sin and pain can vex no more.

Come, with high and holy hymning, chant our Lord's triumphant day;
Not one darksome cloud is dimming yonder glorious morning ray,
Breaking o'er the purple east, Brighter for our Easter feast.

— Cecil Frances Alexander

***DOXOLOGY #609**

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”



Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow. Praise God, all crea-tures



high and low. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise



God, in Je - sus ful - ly known: Cre - a - tor, Word, and Spir - it



one. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -



lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

***PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION (*unison*)**

based on Psalm 116:17

God of blessing,

**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 lives and reigns with you forever.**

Amen.

We Seal God's Word Upon Our Hearts And Bear it Into the World

*HYMN #702

“Christ Beside Me”

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

L: Let all God's people say, P: Alleluia, Amen!

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

J. S. Bach

Chorale Prelude on *Allein Gott in der Höh sei Ehr*, BWV 715

Translation: All Glory Be To God On High

Today's chancel flower arrangements were donated by Anne D. Harrison in memory of her mother, Harriet Orr Davis, and her grandmother, Mary T. Orr. Mrs. Harrison continues a tradition started by her mother of donating flowers for the Sunday closest to her grandmother's birthday, April 30, 1879.

Assisting in worship and hospitality today are:

Stephanie & Dave Coleman – *greeters and refreshments*

Heidi Hall – *liturgist*

Ridley Wills – *offering counter*

And next week:

Claire Armbruster & Jeff Koontz – *greeters and refreshments*

Eric Near – *liturgist*

Michael Arwood and Cary Gibson – *offering counters*

Our Mission

Gathering in the heart of Nashville, we are a community of disciples of Jesus Christ. We seek the welfare of the city as we seek the kingdom of God. We are an historic church working to be a welcoming and inclusive congregation. Together we actively share God's grace and love through worship, education and service, and through being an active voice in promoting justice and peace in our community and the world.

Our Values and Ethos

We believe that every person is a beloved child of God.

Our welcome extends to everyone, whatever your economic circumstances, your faith background, your racial or ethnic identity, your sexual orientation or gender identity, or your political affiliations.

As a diverse community we seek to intentionally embody God's radically inclusive and transformative love for everyone. With love and grace, we are called as a community to grow together as a voice for justice and peace - each as we are, with our unique human stories of joy and struggle.

SESSION 2017

Rev. Mike Wilson, Moderator Betsy Bahn, Clerk Jeff Koontz, Treasurer

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Tom Byl
Michael Arwood
Ridley Wills II
Claire Armbruster

Class of 2018

Cary Gibson
Michael Korak

Class of 2019

Chuck Cardona
Jack Henderson
Justin Near

THE CHURCH STAFF

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