

Easter Sunday
April 4, 2021 — 7:30 a.m. Sunrise Service

PRELUDE

Low in the Grave He Lay

Hayes

GOSPEL READING

John 20.1-18

²⁰ Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene went to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the entrance. ² So she came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved, and said, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we don't know where they have put him!"

³ So Peter and the other disciple started for the tomb. ⁴ Both were running, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. ⁵ He bent over and looked in at the strips of linen lying there but did not go in. ⁶ Then Simon Peter came along behind him and went straight into the tomb. He saw the strips of linen lying there, ⁷ as well as the cloth that had been wrapped around Jesus' head. The cloth was still lying in its place, separate from the linen. ⁸ Finally the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went inside. He saw and believed. ⁹ (They still did not understand from Scripture that Jesus had to rise from the dead.) ¹⁰ Then the disciples went back to where they were staying.

¹¹ Now Mary stood outside the tomb crying. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb ¹² and saw two angels in white, seated where Jesus' body had been, one at the head and the other at the foot. ¹³ They asked her, "Woman, why are you crying?"

"They have taken my Lord away," she said, "and I don't know where they have put him." ¹⁴ At this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not realize that it was Jesus.

¹⁵ He asked her, "Woman, why are you crying? Who is it you are looking for?"

Thinking he was the gardener, she said, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have put him, and I will get him."

¹⁶ Jesus said to her, "Mary."

She turned toward him and cried out in Aramaic, "Rabboni!" (which means "Teacher").

¹⁷ Jesus said, "Do not hold on to me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father. Go instead to my brothers and tell them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'"

¹⁸ Mary Magdalene went to the disciples with the news: "I have seen the Lord!" And she told them that he had said these things to her.

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Christ is risen.

Many: Christ is risen indeed.

One: Sing hallelujah! Bring praises to the living God who has conquered the grave.

Many: Hallelujah! He is alive! He is risen!

All: Let us praise our Lord and God.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Jesus Christ is Risen Today

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(Cross is unshrouded and candle lit)

Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia! Our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!

Who did once, upon the cross, Alleluia! Suffer to redeem our loss, Alleluia!

Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia! Unto Christ, our heavenly King, Alleluia!

Who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia! Sinners to redeem and save, Alleluia!

But the pain which He endured, Alleluia! Our salvation hath procured, Alleluia!
Now above the sky He's king, Alleluia! Where the angels ever sing, Alleluia!
Sing we to our God above, Alleluia! Praise eternal as God's love, Alleluia!
Praise our God, ye heavenly host, Alleluia! Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, Alleluia!

CALL TO CONFESSION

One: Family of God, it was for our sin that Jesus faced the cross on Good Friday. And it is through Christ's resurrection glory on Easter Sunday that we confess our sins with sure and certain hope of salvation and eternal life. Let us pray together.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Many: Almighty God, in raising Jesus from the grave, you shattered the power of sin and death. We confess that we remain captive to doubt and fear, bound by the ways that lead to death. We overlook the poor and the hungry, and pass by those who mourn; we are deaf to the cries of the oppressed, and indifferent to calls for peace. We despise the weak and abuse the earth you made. Forgive us, God of mercy. Help us to trust your power to change our lives and make us new, that we may know the joy of life abundant given in Jesus Christ, the risen Lord.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: Hear the good news of salvation: Jesus of Nazareth died for sinners like you and me, and on the third day, Christ rose again from the dead, bringing salvation and the sure and certain hope of resurrection for all of us, the family of God.

Many: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Hallelujah! Thanks be to God!

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.*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING Psalm 118.1-2, 14-24

¹ O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his steadfast love endures forever! ² Let Israel say, "His steadfast love endures forever." ¹⁴ The LORD is my strength and my might; he has become my salvation. ¹⁵ There are glad songs of victory in the tents of the righteous: "The right hand of the LORD does valiantly; ¹⁶ the right hand of the LORD is exalted; the right hand of the LORD does valiantly." ¹⁷ I shall not die, but I shall live, and recount the deeds of the LORD. ¹⁸ The LORD has punished me severely, but he did not give me over to death. ¹⁹ Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the LORD. ²⁰ This is the gate of the LORD; the righteous shall enter through it. ²¹ I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation. ²² The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone. ²³ This is the LORD's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes. ²⁴ This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.^[a]

SPECIAL MUSIC

Forever

Johnson, Gifford, Wilson, Johnson, Taylor and Jobe

SECOND READING 1 Corinthians 15.1-11

¹⁵ Now I would remind you, brothers and sisters,^[a] of the good news^[b] that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, ² through which also you are being saved, if you hold

firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you—unless you have come to believe in vain. ³ For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, ⁴ and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, ⁵ and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. ⁶ Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters^[a] at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died.^[d] ⁷ Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. ⁸ Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. ⁹ For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. ¹⁰ But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me has not been in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them—though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. ¹¹ Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe.

SERMON

Don't Look Back in Anger

Rev. Lindsay White

HYMN

The Day of Resurrection

The day of resurrection! Earth, tell it out abroad;
The Passover of gladness, The Passover of God.
From death to life eternal, From this world to the sky,
Our Christ hath brought us over, With hymns of victory.
Our hearts be pure from evil, That we may see aright
The Lord in rays eternal Of resurrection light;
And list'ning to His accents, May hear, so calm and plain,
His own "All hail!" and, hearing, May raise the victor strain.
Now let the heav'ns be joyful! Let earth the song begin!
Let the round world keep triumph, And all that is therein!
Let all things seen and unseen Their notes in gladness blend,
For Christ the Lord hath risen, Our joy that hath no end.

JOYS AND CONCERNS, ANNOUNCEMENTS

PASTORAL PRAYER

OFFERING/PRAYER OF DEDICATION

SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND 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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

BREAD AND CUP

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

HYMN*Thine is the Glory*

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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.

Lo, Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb. Lovingly He greets us, scatters fear and gloom; let His church with gladness hymns of triumph sing, for the Lord now liveth; death hath lost its sting. [Refrain]

No more we doubt Thee, glorious Prince of life!! Life is nought 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]

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**POSTLUDE***Come Sound His Praise Abroad*

Giamanco

Participants in this Morning's Service

Rev. Lindsay White, **Pastor**; Debbie Broker, **Int' Director of Music/Organist**;
Sharon Kelhert, **Liturgist**; Dave Falvo, **Technology Operator**

Upcoming Events and Announcements**Easter Worship**

Easter Sunday 7:30 a.m., Drive-in Sunrise Service including Communion, in back parking lot

Easter Sunday 10 a.m., Worship with Communion, in sanctuary and online

As you see, there will be two options for Easter Sunday worship. After this Sunrise Service, there will be a 10 a.m. traditional Worship held in the Sanctuary. Communion with pre-packaged element will be offered at both services. If you cannot attend in person, the 10 a.m. service will be available on the website or via Facebook. The Christian Education committee will provide both the Kingdom Kids and the God's Kids programs for those children attending the 10 a.m. Easter morning service.

Upcoming Faith Works Program

There will be no Faith Works today. Dr. Bill Markus will speak about China on April 18 and 25.

Cross Roads Art Group

Inviting all those who love to do art and would like to join us in Fellowship Hall (safely) so we can talk and do art at the same time. Bring your own projects and an old tablecloth. We'll sit one person per table and have a good time catching up. Hope to see you Friday, April 16, 3-5 p.m. Use the ramp door.

Social Justice Group

The Social Justice small group will meet on Wednesday, April 7 via Zoom video or phone conference. If you are interested in this study and discussion group, please contact Peter Carras for more information or a Zoom invitation.

Men's Group Breakfasts

The Men's Group at Cross Roads will be restarting the Men's Breakfast at Denny's in Monroeville.

The group will meet at Denny's at 8:30 a.m. every third Tuesday of the month, starting April 20. Denny's pandemic protocols require a mask and a limit of 10 people for each seating. Call John Kutz at 412.372.1238 or email him at jp_kbkutz@yahoo.com if you plan to attend.

Bocce League Season Beginning

Summer is almost here and that means Bocce is right around the corner! We will be celebrating the league's 10th anniversary, so you won't want to miss it! The twist this season is that every team will make the playoffs. We will have a slightly shortened regular season followed by a double elimination playoff tournament. Everyone will play a lot of bocce and have an even better chance to win the championship! Please invite your friends and family to participate as we are always looking to welcome new teams. The league will be starting the week of May 10 and you can sign up to play on either Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday. Please use [this link to sign up](#).

If you have any questions or concerns, please email me at commissionercrbl@gmail.com and I will be more than happy to help! Lastly, a link to the sign-ups will also be available on the website starting on 4/1/21, as well as on the Current Happenings board in the office hallway. Sign-ups will close on Sunday, May 2.

Thanks,
Dominic Zappa
Commissioner

GOD'S STAR POWER Reminder

You may have seen or heard about the GOD'S STAR POWER bulletin board in the office hallway. Some folks have put up their reflections and stories about how the verse or word on their gold star touched them. Please share your reflection or story with the rest of us so we can all be inspired, lifted up, strengthened and blessed to read how our heavenly Father has touched each of us in our church family.

It doesn't have to be fancy or long or even signed by you. It just needs to come from your heart. *If you haven't chosen your gold star, the Ziploc bag with them inside is hanging on the GOD'S STAR POWER bulletin board. You can bring your posting when you come to church, email it to Chrissy at cnewmyer@crossroadspresbyterian.com or pop it in the mail.

Food Pantry Thanks You

Thanks to all who helped with the Easter distribution at the Food Pantry. On Monday and Tuesday, we provided 81 families with supplies to make a holiday meal. The 218 people served included 77 children, 90 adults and 51 seniors. It is a joy to carry on God's work through this ministry.

One Great Hour of Sharing "Fish Banks" are Due

As we have experienced these 40 days of Lent a time to reflect and think of how we can be better people. We often think of how Jesus showed compassion and helped those around him. Examples that come to mind are feeding 5,000, healing the sick, and teaching people about love.

During Lent the children of Cross Roads were mailed "Fish Banks" and asked to collect coins of all kinds and even paper money. During this time of year Presbyterian Churches, under the direction of the General Assembly Mission Council, collect for One Great Hour of Sharing. Your donations will help the Presbyterian Church (USA) in Self-development of People, Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, and Presbyterian Hunger Programs. Please bring your "Fish Bank" with you to church on Easter and deposit it in the basket on the piano located in the front of the Sanctuary.

Kingdom Kids and God's Kids

We would like to have the Kingdom Kids and God's Kids programs every Sunday, but in order to do so, we will need many volunteers to make it happen. In accordance with our Safe Church policy, we need two adults per class with required clearances. All curriculum and materials will be provided. When a child is baptized in our church, the congregation makes a promise to help raise the child in the Christian faith. If you are interested in learning more about these programs and/or volunteering, please contact Sharon Kehlert at 412.427.4787 or slkehlert@comcast.net.

Mother Daughter Banquet

Tickets for the 93rd Mother-Daughter Banquet (to be held Friday, May 7 at 6 p.m.) will be on sale after church on April 25 and May 2. You can also purchase tickets at the church between April 18 and May 2 when Chrissy is in the office (please email her in advance to make arrangements). The last day to purchase tickets is Sunday, May 2. Catered meals include either stuffed steak for \$18 or chicken tenders for \$10. Both will be served with mashed potatoes, gravy, corn, salad, rolls and butter, and cake.

Volunteers Wanted

Enjoy a chance to get out and enjoy the sunshine and fresh air and have fun running a BIG lawn mower at the same time. What more could you ask for? Join the YARD BIRDS! Contact Warren Junker at 412.372.0734 for more details and to sign up.

Preschool Summer Camp Registration Information

Register your child for Cross Roads Summer Camp! There are limited spaces and once camp is full it will be closed to registrations. Please see the Epistle for more information.

Preschool Registration

Registration for 2021-2022 is well underway! We have limited spaces available in our classes. If you are looking for a Preschool or know a family member or neighbor who may be looking, please share with them our phone number and encourage them to call for a tour or to register online at www.crossroadspreschool.net.

Last Chance to Order Flowers!

Women's Association flower sale orders must be in by Wednesday, April 7 and flower pick-up will be Friday, May 14. We will use our 'touchless' pick-up system like last year so all remain safe. Order forms can be found attached to the epistle, in the bulletins and the Connections. You may drop off the order form and check at church, mail them to the church or to Ilona Beatty at 140 Ridge View Rd., New Kensington, PA 15068. Questions? Contact Ilona at 412.798.0270. Please make checks payable to CR Women's Association.

Easter Flower Pick Up

If you did not designate your flowers to be given to a shut-in, please pick them up *after* the 10 a.m. Worship on Easter Sunday.

Pastoral Emergency

If you have a pastoral emergency please contact Pastor Lindsay at 412.215.8810.

Love Note

Dear Anonymous Donor,

Thank you your donation in memory of Fred Schirm designated for updating the technology (livestream, etc.) at the church. Our family truly appreciates your donation for these updates.

Blessings to you,

Diane Schirm and family

Joys and Concerns

Joys

Vera McBride's granddaughter, Morgan, is feeling better after being sick with Covid-19.

Congregational Concerns

Todd Leighton – healing at home

Nancy Thompson – needs prayers for arm issue

Nicole Zappa – continued prayers for healing

Jay Rymer – moved to Manor Care

Friends of our Congregation

The Caprara Family – friends Bob & Cara, their daughter Francesca undergoing testing

Joan Trent – needing prayers for health issues

Nova, Willa Miller's granddaughter – in hospital

LaVerne Lokay's son – needing prayers fighting liver cancer

Lori, Barb Adam's friend – needing prayers, at home recovering

Lori Norton, friend of Cross Roads – needing prayers, fighting cancer

Emilia Grace, friend of Judy Shipley – continued prayers for health issues

Gloria Parady, Judy Shipley's sister-in-law – needs prayers for kidney problems

Robert, Betsy Hughes' father – now at stage 5 Kidney failure, prayers requested

Prayers needed for those with COVID or healing from COVID

Vera McBride's granddaughter Emma, Emma's husband, Chris, and their son, Oliver

Jim Moore

Russ and Nancy Thompson's neighbor

For Those We Love So Very Much

At Home: Barb Adams, Pat Bass, Ron Koerner, Gilli Loginow, Kathy McLay, Denise Patterson, Laurene Rymer, HT Schmidt, Jeanne Smith, Ruth Sutherland, Vera Spear, Carl Talackine, Janice Tuck, Barbara Wilt and Bill Wheat.

Care Facilities: Madeline Brandon, Cathy Brown, Peg Cain, Betty Kuzenski, Rita Marrow, Dee Petrocelli, Jay Rymer and Bobbi Schmidt.

Retirement Home: Patsy Boyer and Barbara Carr