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ORDER FOR WORSHIP THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER APRIL 25, 2021

(BOLD indicates Read Together)

GATHERING

PRELUDES

My God, How Wonderful Thou Art – Gabrielsen

Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain – Bender

GREETING and ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Lord be with you. And also with you.

Interlude – Gawthrop

CALL TO WORSHIP

We gather to worship the Good Shepherd,
who lays down his life for his sheep.

We gather to worship Jesus Christ,
who calls us to lay down our lives for others.

Easter people, Christ is risen!
Christ is risen indeed!

HYMN – “Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks”

(Refrain)

**Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord.
Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to His Name.**

Jesus is Lord of all the earth.

He is the King of creation.

(Repeat refrain...)

Spread the good news o’er all the earth:

Jesus has died and has risen.

(Repeat refrain...)

We have been crucified with Christ.

Now we shall live forever.

(Repeat refrain...)

Come, let us praise the living god,

Joyfully sing to our Savior.

(Repeat refrain...)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God of all hope and joy, we confess that we continue to live in fear.
We speak of your great love but our own hearts condemn us.
We express concern for the poor but our own actions betray us.
Forgive us, God of grace.
Good shepherd, restore our souls and lead us in right paths
for your name's sake; through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN**
(silent confession....)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

RESPONSE TO PARDON – “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.**

PROCLAIMING

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

**Living God, with joy we celebrate the presence of your risen Word.
Enliven our hearts by your Holy Spirit so that we may proclaim the good news
of eternal and abundant life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN**

FIRST LESSON – Jeremiah 17:5-10

⁵Thus says the LORD: Cursed are those who trust in mere mortals and make mere flesh their strength, whose hearts turn away from the LORD. ⁶They shall be like a shrub in the desert, and shall not see when relief comes. They shall live in the parched places of the wilderness, in an uninhabited salt land. ⁷Blessed are those who trust in the LORD, whose trust is the LORD. ⁸They shall be like a tree planted by water, sending out its roots by the stream. It shall not fear when heat comes, and its leaves shall stay green; in the year of drought it is not anxious, and it does not cease to bear fruit. ⁹The heart is devious above all else; it is perverse—who can understand it? ¹⁰I the LORD test the mind and search the heart, to give to all according to their ways, according to the fruit of their doings.

(The Word of the Lord; **Thanks be to God!**)

SECOND LESSON – I Corinthians 15:12-20

¹²Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say there is no resurrection of the dead? ¹³If there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ has not been raised; ¹⁴and if Christ has not been raised, then our proclamation has been in vain and your faith has been in vain. ¹⁵We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified of God that he raised Christ—whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised. ¹⁶For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised. ¹⁷If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. ¹⁸Then those also who have died^[a] in Christ have perished. ¹⁹If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied. ²⁰But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died.

(The Word of the Lord; **Thanks be to God!**)

SERMON – Rev. Anthony Lorenz

HYMN – “My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less”

**My hope is built on nothing less Than Jesus' blood and righteousness;
I dare not trust the sweetest frame, But wholly lean on Jesus' name.**

(Refrain)

**On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand;
All other ground is sinking sand,
All other ground is sinking sand.**

**When darkness veils His lovely face, I rest on his unchanging grace;
In every high and stormy gale, My anchor holds within the veil.**

(Repeat refrain...)

**His oath, His covenant, His blood Support me in the whelming flood;
When all around my soul gives way, he then is all my hope and stay.**

(Repeat refrain...)

**When He shall come with trumpet sound, O may I then in Him be found,
Dressed in His righteousness alone, Faultless to stand before the throne.**

(Repeat refrain...)

THE APOSTLES' CREED *(traditional)*

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried;
he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints;
the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. AMEN**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

GIVING THANKS

OFFERING OURSELVES

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

**Almighty God, you have done great things for us, and holy is your name.
You have conquered death and raised Jesus from the grave.
Bless all that we offer you – our selves, our time, and our possessions –
that through us your grace and favor may be made known to all the world,
for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Risen Lord. AMEN**

SENDING

HYMN – “The Church’s One Foundation”

**The church’s one foundation Is Jesus Christ her Lord;
She is His new creation By water and the word;
From heaven He came and sought her To be His holy bride;
With His own blood He bought her, And for her life He died.**

**Elect from every nation, Yet one o’er all the earth,
Her charter of salvation One Lord, one faith, one birth;
One holy name she blesses, Partakes one holy food,
And to one hope she presses, With every grace endued.**

**Though with a scornful wonder This world sees her oppressed,
By schisms rent asunder, By heresies distressed,
Yet saints their watch are keeping; Their cry goes up: “How long?”
And soon the night of weeping Shall be the morn of song.**

**Mid toil and tribulation, And tumult of her war,
She waits the consummation Of peace forevermore;
Till with the vision glorious Her longing eyes are blest,
And the great church victorious Shall be the church at rest.**

**Yet she on earth has union With God the Three in one,
And mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won:
O happy ones and holy! Lord, give us grace that we,
Like them, the meek and lowly, May live eternally.**

BENEDICTION

CLOSING RESPONSE – “Celtic Alleluia”

Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia!

POSTLUDE – *The Strife Is O'er* – Smith



SERVING TODAY:

Worship Assistant: Rev. Bill Beck
Reader: Deb Ryerson
Vocalist: Steve Walker
Ushers: Bruce & Anita Ashbaugh; Rick Line; Charlie Thompson
Camera: Joe Shane
Recorder: Ray Thomas

THIS WEEK, IN OUR PRAYERS:

- * **the church at work:** *Presbyteries of:* Detroit; Western New York; Indian Nations; Northern Plains; Huntingdon; and Sri Lanka
- * **the church in Carlisle Presbytery:** Greencastle; Rev Robert Cook (interim)
- * **the community:** Cumberland County Nursing Home Chaplaincy
- * **the congregation (at random):** Jon & Jane Black; Barbara Kissinger

THIS WEEK, IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH:

- Wednesday, 7 PM: Bible Study (via Zoom)

NEXT SUNDAY.....5TH Sunday of Easter.....May 2nd



Members of the Congregation, Ministers
The Rev. Anthony D. Lorenz, Pastor
The Rev. Jon A. Black, Pastor Emeritus
Debby Madden, Educator Emerita
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