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The Celebration of Worship

Second Sunday of Easter

April 8, 2018

10:30 AM

Worship is broadcast at 11 AM on WCHS-580AM

A warm welcome is extended to all who worship here today.

Large print hymnals, Bibles, hearing devices,
and information about child care are available from any usher.

If your hearing aid has a button for telephone use, turn it on now
to receive sound directly to your hearing aid.

All children are welcome and encouraged to participate in worship.

Clipboards, children's Bibles and books to borrow during worship are located at the entrances.

The asterisks (*) invite you to stand in body or in spirit.



We Gather

TIME FOR PREPARATION

Unless the Lord builds the house, those who build it labor in vain. Unless the Lord guards the city, the guard keeps watch in vain. It is in vain that you rise up early and go late to rest, eating the bread of anxious toil; for he gives sleep to his beloved. Sons are indeed a heritage from the Lord, the fruit of the womb a reward. Like arrows in the hand of a warrior are the sons of one's youth. Happy is the man who has his quiver full of them. He shall not be put to shame when he speaks with his enemies in the gate.

Psalm 127

PRELUDE

Variations on "Now the Green Blade Rises"
Paula Legge, organist

Keith Kolander

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

We Praise God

CALL TO WORSHIP

Christian Johnson

*HYMN OF PRAISE

Glory Be to God

Maher, Minter, Townend

To You we bring our hymn of praise: glo-ry be to God.
 You pur - chased cap - tives for Your saints: glo-ry be to God.
 And Hearts and hands to - geth - er raised: glo-ry be to God.
 o - pened wide the king - dom gates: glo-ry be to God.
 Who spoke be - fore the dawn of time: glo - ry be to God.
 You o - ver - came the sting of death: glo - ry be to God.
 And Veil of dark - ness tom by light: glo - ry be to God.
 clothed us in Christ's right - eous - ness: glo - ry be to God.
 And with un - ceas - ing voice all heav - en sings, "Glo-ry be to God!"
 And all Your chil - dren cry with loud ac - claim: "Glo-ry be to God!"
 An - them of the Lord's re - deemed: "Glo-ry be to God!"
 Sing, O church, your sweet re - frain: "Glo-ry be to God!"
 Fath-er, Spir-it, ris-en Son: glo-ry be to God. Who was and is and is to
 come: glo ry be to God. And with un - ceas-ing voice all heav-en sings,
 "Glo-ry be to God!" An-them of the Lord's re - deemed: "Glo-ry be to God!"

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*PRAYER OF ADORATION

Ginna Taylor

*RESPONSE 613

O Lord, Our Lord

HOW MAJESTIC

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Ginna Taylor

Leader: God, we claim to be Easter people,

All: yet in our busy-ness, we spend too little time and energy pondering Your marvelous works.

Leader: Instead, we are ruled by fears more than faith, by hostility more than peace.

All: Forgive our misuse of the precious days You have entrusted to us.

Help us to see the signs of Your presence

and to give joyful witness to the power of Your love.

Please continue to pray silently.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Please sign the friendship pad placed at pew's end, so we may greet each other by name.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

For **Finnian Douglas Reeder**, son of Brynn and Erik Reeder.

Christian Johnson and Pam Kuyk

Leader: Keep me, keep me as the apple of the eye:
 Hide me, hide me in the shadow of Thy wings.

People:

Leader:	Keep me,	People:	
Leader:	Hide me;	People:	

Welcome by congregation

Finnian Douglas, with joy and thanksgiving we welcome you into Christ's church. As we are all one in Christ, we promise to love, cherish and support you, to share the good news of the Gospel with you, and to help you to know and follow Christ.

*PASSING THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you. And also with you.

*HYMN 707

Take Thou Our Minds, Dear Lord

HALL

We Declare our Faith

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Apostles' Creed

Ginna Taylor

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.

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

HYMN 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.*

We Give Thanks to God

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Christian Johnson

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.

OFFERINGS OF THE PEOPLE

Offertory "I Know That My Redeemer Liveth" from *Messiah* G.F. Handel
*Doxology

*Praise God from Whom all blessings flow, Praise Him all creatures here below,
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host, Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION Ginna Taylor

Loving God, bless these offerings to be a means of Your mercy and grace, and as a sign of the love You have created in our hearts, by the death and resurrection of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

The Word is Proclaimed

ANTHEM The Penitent Beardsley Van de Water

A certain man had two sons, and the younger of them said to his father, "Give me the goods that falleth to me." And he divided to them his living. And the younger son gathered together, and journeyed to a far-off country, and wasted his substance in riotous living. And when he had spent all, there arose a famine in the land, and he began to be in want, and no man gave unto him. But when he came to himself, he said, "How many hired servants of my father's have bread enough, and to spare, while I perish with hunger? I will arise, and go unto my father and will say unto him: 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and in thy sight. Father, I have sinned and am no more worthy to be called thy son. Father, I have sinned. Make me as one of thy hired servants.'" And he arose and came to his father, who saw him and had compassion and ran and said, "Bring forth the best robe and put it on him, and shoes on his feet! And a ring on his hand! For this, my son, was dead but is alive again! He was lost, and is found! My son was lost, but he is found!"

Tim Holbrook, tenor

GOSPEL LESSON Matthew 18:1-5; Pew Bible, NT, p. 19 Ginna Taylor

EPISTLE LESSON Philippians 4:4-9; Pew Bible, NT, p. 198

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Deuteronomy 6:4-9; Pew Bible, OT, p. 163 Christian Johnson

SERMON Family Matters Christian Johnson

*CONCLUDING HYMN 475 Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing NETTLETON

*INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP AND BENEDICTION Christian Johnson

*HYMN OF PARTING HYMN 246 v. 4

*Christ is alive, and comes to bring good news to this and every age,
Till earth and sky and ocean ring with joy, with justice, love, and praise.*

*POSTLUDE Christ Is Risen, Alleluia! Albin Whitworth

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: *In worship leadership last Sunday:* We thank Ian Carpenter for chiming the Trinity and Raegan Elmore
: and Ruth Odin for serving as acolytes during worship April 1.
: *Restrooms and water fountains* are found through the double doors to the left of the chancel; please
: accompany children.
: *Childcare:* Nursery and Rooms 112 and 114
: *Elder visitation:* Jeff Harlow, Amanda Hughes, Jennelle Jones
: *The flowers in the sanctuary today* remind us that a contribution has been given to the Hunger Fund for
: the glory of God and in loving memory of Mary Ann and William E. Mohler by Dina and Bill Mohler.
: *Greeters today:* Amberlee and Raegan Elmore, Barb Gessner, Marty Martin
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