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All members of the congregation



The Celebration of Worship Fourth Sunday of Easter

April 22, 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

Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, "Please come to us without delay." So Peter got up and went with them; and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, "Tabitha, get up." Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

Acts 9:36-43

PRELUDE

“The Trumpet Shall Sound” from *Messiah*
Paula Legge, organ

G. F. Handel

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

We Praise God

CALL TO WORSHIP

Bill McCoy

*HYMN OF PRAISE

Psalm 23

Stuart Townend

The Lord's my Shep-herd. I'll not want. He makes me lie in pas-tures
 He guides my ways in right-eous-ness. and He a-noints my head with
 And though I walk the dark-est path. I will not fear the e-vil
 green. He leads me by the still, still wa-ters. His good-ness re-stores my
 oil. And my cup, it o-ver-flows with joy. I feast on His pure de-
 one, For You are with me, and Your rod and staff are the com-fort I need to
 soul. And I will trust in You a-lone, and I will trust in You a-
 lights.
 know.
 lone. For Your end-less mer-cy fol-lows me. Your goodness will lead me home.

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*PRAYER OF ADORATION

Christian Johnson

*RESPONSE 670

From the Rising of the Sun

RISING SUN

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Ginna Taylor

Lord, we admit that we find it hard to hear Your promise of new life. When we are dissatisfied with our lives, it is easier to cling to what we know than to risk the unknown. You challenge us to accept people who are different from us; we are not eager to associate with them. You command us to love one another, but some people are hard to love. O God, forgive us, and melt our defenses so we can accept Your love and let it flow through us. Grant us courage to embrace newness.

Please continue to pray silently.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

WELCOME AND CELEBRATION OF FRIENDSHIP

Bill McCoy

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

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Chiapas, Mexico Ministry

Pastor Pablo and Jan Feliciano

For Grayson Jacob Dunmire, son of Dennis and Barbara Dunmire
(Children may come forward for the baptism.)

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

Grayson, 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 (Children in grades 1-5 are dismissed to Children's Bible Study.)

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

*HYMN 187

Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us

BRADBURY

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 Rejoice, the Lord is King! arr. K. McChesney
The Capella Bells; Kathy Lynch, director

*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 Christian Johnson

May the words of our mouths and the meditations of our hearts and the giving of their offering all show our thankfulness to You, O God, our Rock and our Redeemer. Amen.

The Word is Proclaimed

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Psalm 23; Pew Bible OT, p. 501 Christian Johnson

GOSPEL LESSON John 10:11-18; Pew Bible NT, p. 103

EPISTLE LESSON I Corinthians 6:19-20; Pew Bible, NT, p. 169 Bill McCoy

SERMON CHRISTIAN PARENTING: Bill McCoy
Foundations

*CONCLUDING HYMN 697 Take My Life HENDON

*INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP AND BENECTION Bill McCoy

*HYMN OF PARTING The Day of Resurrection! HYMN 233 V. 3

*Now let the heavens be joyful, let earth its song begin,
The round world keep high triumph, and all that is therein.
Let all things seen and unseen their notes of gladness blend,
For Christ the Lord is risen, our joy that hath no end!*

*POSTLUDE An Easter Fanfare David Paxton
We gather to worship,
We scatter to serve,
In the relentless love of Christ.

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• ***In worship leadership last Sunday:*** We thank Amelia Keller for chiming the Trinity and Bekah Grishaber
• and James Odin for serving as acolytes during worship April 15.
• ***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:*** Dina Mohler, Debbe Moredock, Bob Moses
• ***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 Mr. and Mrs. James R. Thomas, Mr. and Mrs. L. Newton
• Thomas, L. Newton Thomas III, and Mr. and Mrs. James R. Thomas II by Nancy and Newton Thomas.
• ***Greeters today:*** Amberlee and Raegan Elmore, Marty Martin, Barb Gessner
• ***We are thankful*** for the gifts given this week to the Christian Education Fund toward the purchase of
• Bibles to go to Chiapas, Mexico with the mission trip.
• PLEASE FEEL FREE TO KEEP THIS BULLETIN OR DROP IT IN THE RECYCLING BOX AS YOU EXIT. THANK YOU!
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