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All members of the congregation

The Morning Worship of Our Lord

Fourth Sunday of Easter
May 12, 2019
10:30 AM

The asterisks (*) invite you to stand as you are able.

REFLECTION FOR WORSHIP

“For we have this treasure in earthen vessels, to show that the transcendent power belongs to God and not to us” (2 Corinthians 4:7). That is finally the faith that makes it possible for us to preach on family concerns—and, indeed, on any others. For we affirm with our suffering congregations—affirm with them, rather than standing over against them in phony self-righteousness—that yes, in fact, we do have trouble in our homes. They are beset by conflict and misunderstanding, by weariness and hurt, by trauma and suffering; the best of them know those times. And yet, filtering through these troubles and trials is the transcendent power of God, which carries us and forgives us and saves us, beyond all our power to save ourselves.

Rev. Dr. David H.C. Read “*Preaching About the Needs of Real People*”

The beginning of the prelude is a call to silent, personal preparation for the worship of God.

PRELUDE

Toccata in F major, BuxWV 157

D. Buxtehude

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Reverend Dr. Doug Heidt

Leader: The world belongs to God,

People: the earth and all its people.

Leader: How good and how lovely it is

People: to live together in unity.

Leader: Love and faith come together,
People: Justice and peace join hands.

Leader: If the Lord's disciples keep silent
People: These stones would shout aloud.

Leader: Lord, open our lips,
People: And our mouths shall proclaim your praise.

*HYMN OF PRAISE 9

The Play of the Godhead

PERICHORESIS

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Reverend Dr. Nancy Kahaian

Most merciful God, we humbly admit that we need your help.
We confess that we have wandered from our way.
We have done wrong, and we have failed to do what is right.
You alone can save us.
Have mercy on us:
Wipe out our sins and teach us to forgive others.
Bring forth in us the fruit of the Spirit that we may live as disciples of Christ.
This we ask in the name of Jesus our Savior. Amen

(Silence is kept for personal confession)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Pastor: Friends, believe the good news.
People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

*SHARING OF THE PEACE OF CHRIST

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE 581 Glory Be to the Father

GLORIA PATRI

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

Reverend Glenn Coleman

*After this "Time," the children in grades 1-5 are dismissed to Bible Study in Room 113 in the preschool area,
or they may remain in the sanctuary with their parents.*

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Genesis 18:1-15

Reverend Dr. Doug Heidt

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

He, Watching Over Israel

F. Mendelssohn

*He watching over Israel slumbers not, nor sleeps.
Should'st thou, walking in grief, languish, He will quicken thee.
He watching over Israel slumbers not, nor sleeps.*

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Romans 5:1-8

Reverend Glenn Coleman

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“Laughter and Hope In Our Family:”

Reverend Glenn Coleman

*HYMN 51

To Abraham and Sarah

LLANFYLLIN

CELEBRATION OF THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Reverend Dr. Nancy Kahaian

Please see bulletin insert for the Order for the Sacrament of Baptism

OFFERING OURSELVES AND OUR GIFTS TO GOD

Reverend Dr. Doug Heidt

Offertory

“Here I Am”

Tom Marchio, father and Lindsay Marchio, daughter

*Offering Response 607

Doxology

OLD HUNDREDTH

*Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication

APPRECIATION FOR OUR GRADUATES

please see worship bulletin insert

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER (unison)

Reverend Dr. Nancy Kahaian

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.

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

Reverend Dr. Nancy Kahaian

Please find the Friendship Pad located in the pew, sign your name, and pass along the pew for all others to sign.

Please be certain to warmly greet those seated around you this morning!

*HYMN 547

My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

SOLID ROCK

*BENEDICTION

Reverend Glenn Coleman

*SUNG RESPONSE 377 “I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light” (stanza one only)

HOUSTON

I want to walk as a child of the light. I want to follow Jesus.
God set the stars to give light to the world. The star of my life is Jesus.
In him there is no darkness at all. The night and the day are both alike.
The Lamb is the light of the city of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.

*POSTLUDE

Fanfare

J. Lemmens

A warm welcome is extended to all who worship here today.
May the gift of worship you offer today honor God and serve as a blessing to you.

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 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.

Worship is broadcast at 11 AM on WCHS-580AM

WORSHIP LEADERS

10:30 a.m.

Glenn Coleman, Doug Heidt, Nancy Kahaian

THE MUSIC TODAY

10:30 a.m.

The Geneva Choir and The Worship Team
Mary Odin, Director of Music Ministries
Dr. Johan Botes, Guest Organist

ALSO SERVING TODAY:

Greeters: Andy and Becky Ceperley, Naomi Kreig, June Mills
Elder Visitation: David Campbell, Andy Ceperley, Amy Cottrell
Acolytes: Emma Berger & Bekah Grishaber
Chiming the Trinity: Courtney Hawkins

WORSHIP NOTES:

The flowers in the sanctuary today remind us that a contribution has been made to the Hunger Fund for the Glory of God and in loving memory of Ethel Calhoun by her daughters, Jane Smith and Joan Steven.

Our Guest Organist for May is Dr. Johan Botes, faculty member at Marshall University. Dr. Johan Botes is known for his extraordinary versatility as a soloist, collaborative musician, and teacher. Dr. Botes holds a D.M.A. in Piano Performance from the University of Texas at Austin and a M.M. from the Guildhall School of Music and Drama in London. He received another M.M. as well as his B.M. from the University of Pretoria in South Africa. He is currently Assistant Professor of Piano at Marshall University in Huntington. Before Marshall, Dr. Botes was a member of the faculty at The University of Arkansas in Fayetteville.

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