

BUCKINGHAM PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
April 7, 2024 TRADITIONAL WORSHIP SERVICE - 11:00 A.M.

** Congregation please stand as you feel comfortable*

PRELUDE:

INTROIT: The Wondrous Cross

SHEEP PEN:

WELCOME

*CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 150)

Leader: Praise the Lord!

All: Praise God in his sanctuary; praise him in his mighty firmament!

Leader: Praise him for his mighty deeds; praise him according to his surpassing greatness!

All: Praise him with trumpet sound; praise him with lute and harp!

Leader: Praise him with tambourine and dance; praise him with strings and pipe!

All: Praise him with clanging cymbals; praise him with loud clashing cymbals!

Leader: Let everything that breathes praise the Lord!

All: Praise the Lord!

OPENING PRAYER:

Leader: In the light of the Resurrection, let us pray together:

All: God of the Resurrection, you open the tomb and invite us to sing and dance in the new life you give us. In Jesus Christ, whose wounds are not erased but glorified in resurrection, touch our wounds that they may be transformed into channels of healing for others. Holy Spirit, breathe into us the power to forgive so that all may have new life. In the name of Jesus we pray. Amen.

*OPENING HYMN: Christ the Lord is Risen Today (GTG #245)

CALL TO CONFESSION:

Leader: When we keep our fears and faults locked up inside us, it is hard to be healed and receive new life. So let us open ourselves to God in confession, trusting the Lord's desire to give us peace.

Let us pray together:

All: God of the empty tomb and our empty hearts, when we are afraid to speak our faith in the world, forgive us and help us to find our voice. When we are afraid to forgive and to love again, forgive us and give us the power to forgive. When we are afraid to stand up to misguided authority, join with the weak to make us all strong. When we are confined by our hurts, touch us with your wounded hands and set us free. When we are locked behind our doubts and fears, pass through our barricades, open our hearts, and give us peace. Amen.

MOMENT OF SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Christ comes with healing light into our locked places and shadowy hurts, resurrecting our spirits and breathing into us new life.

All: We believe the good news: we are forgiven and made whole. As God's own, we go to bring peace, forgiveness, and new life to the world in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

*RESPONSE: GLORIA PATRI

*PASSING OF THE PEACE:

Leader: May the Peace of Christ be with all of you. **All: And also with you.**

Leader: Let us share a sign of Christ's peace with each other in community.

WORDS & GESTURES OF PEACE

SONG OF PRAISE: Blest Be The Ties That Bind (GTG #306)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION:

Leader: Let us ask the Spirit to give us understanding of God's holy word, praying together:

All: Living God, as the risen Christ came into the locked room of the first disciples, may your Word enter into us, by the power of your Holy Spirit, so that we who have not seen may yet believe. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING:

John 20:19-29

RESPONSE TO THE READING OF GOD'S WORD

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord! **All: Thanks be to God!**

MESSAGE: A *Shrill, Small Voice*

Rev. Mark Piedmonte

HYMN: Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing (GTG #239)

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: **The Apostle's Creed (please remain standing)**

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 FOR JOYS AND CONCERNS

THE LORD'S PRAYER

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERING

DOXOLOGY/DEDICATION

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Leader: The Lord be with you. **All: And also with you.**

Leader: Lift up your hearts. **All: We lift them to the Lord.**

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

COMMUNION SERVICE IN PEWS

COMMUNION MEDITATION: Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether (GTG 529)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Leader: We praise you, O God, and give you thanks for this meal; by it we are blessed with joy, such grace, and such hope in the resurrection of Jesus Christ our Lord. Let our lives be proof of that good news. Let all our words and actions, our love and service bear witness to your resurrection power; for the sake of our living Lord, Jesus Christ. **All: Amen.**

*CLOSING HYMN: Celtic Alleluia (see back)

*BENEDICTION: Go Now In Peace

Go now in peace...never be afraid. God will go with you each hour of every day. Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true. Know He will guide you in all you do. Go now in love, and show you believe. Reach out to others so all the world can see. God will be there, watching from above. Go now in peace, in faith, and in love.

POSTLUDE: Beethoven

CELTIC ALLELUIA

1. Now he is living, the Christ. Out of the tomb he is risen;
he has conquered death, opened heaven to all believers.

ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA

2. Christ is the first fruits from death, filling the church with his glory!
Darkness vanishes in the light of his power.

ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA

3. Give thanks to the Lord who is good. The love of the Lord knows no ending.
All in Israel say: "God's love has no end."

ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA

4. The Right Hand of God raised me up. The hand of the Lord has triumphed.
I shall never die, I shall live telling God's deeds.

ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA

5. The stone which the builders rejected, becomes the cornerstone chosen.
Praise the work of God for this marvel in our eyes!

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Music Director – Gregory Fraser

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