



A CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

April 11, 2021
11:00am
Second Sunday of Easter

PEACE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Grow in Grace, Live in Peace, Serve the Lord

We Gather as God's People

RINGING OF THE BELL

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

This is the day the Lord has made.
Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

PRELUDE

Sonatina Op 36, No 4. 1. Con spirito

M. Clementi

CALL TO WORSHIP

from Psalm 136

Joanne Lang , liturgist

O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, and his steadfast love endures forever!

O give thanks to the Lord who alone does great wonders, for his steadfast love endures forever!

Who by understanding made the heavens, who spread out the earth on the waters, who made the great lights, the sun to rule the day, the moon and the stars to rule over the night.

Who brought Israel out from among the Egyptians, who divided the Red Sea, who lead his people through the wilderness and gave their land as an inheritance.

Who remembered us in our low estate and rescued us from our foes, who gives food to all flesh.

O give thanks to the God of heaven, for his steadfast love endures forever.

*HYMN

Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain

Come, ye faithful, raise the strain of triumphant gladness! God has brought forth Israel into joy from sadness, loosed from Pharaoh's bitter yoke Jacob's sons and daughters; led them with unmoistened foot through the Red Sea waters.

Tis the spring of souls today; Christ has burst his prison, and from three days' sleep in death as a sun has risen. All the winter of our sins, long and dark, is flying from the Light, to whom we give laud and praise undying.

CALL TO CONFESSION

If we say we are without sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sins. (1 John 1: 8-9)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Loving God, you have shown yourself to us by Word and Spirit, with signs and wonders, in flesh and blood, yet we still struggle to live and believe the good news of Jesus Christ. Have mercy on us and forgive us. Cast out our fear and doubt so that we may come to trust in you and have peace, joy and life in Jesus' name. We lift up to you now, in the silence of this moment, our individual sins.

(Silent Prayer)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

We have an advocate with God – Jesus Christ, the righteous one – who offered his life in love to save the world from sin and turn us around so that we might become the people God has created us to be. This is the good news of the gospel: in Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

Thanks be to God!

RESPONSE TO GOD'S FORGIVENESS Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!

Christ is risen! Raise your spirits from the caverns of despair. Walk with gladness in the morning. See what love can do and dare. Drink the wine of resurrection, not a servant, but a friend. Jesus is our strong companion. Joy and peace shall never end.

We Share God's Word

SCRIPTURE READING

John 20: 19-31

SERMON

"Believing Matters"

We Respond to God's Word

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Apostles' Creed

Let us confess the faith of our baptism.

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord;**

**who was conceived of 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.**

SPECIAL MUSIC

O Sons and Daughters Let Us Sing
Peggy Vaughan, soprano

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PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE AND OUR LORD'S PRAYER

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

We Go Forth As God's People

*HYMN #233

The Day of Resurrection!

The day of resurrection! Earth tell it out abroad, the Passover of gladness, the Passover of God.
From death to life eternal, from sin's dominion free, our Christ has brought us over with hymns of victory.

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 has risen, our joy that has no end.

*BENEDICTION

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

May the Love of the Lord

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May the love of the Lord rest upon your soul.
May God's love dwell in you, throughout every day.
May God's countenance shine upon you and be gracious to you.
May God's Spirit be upon you as you leave this place.

POSTLUDE

Kinderszenen Op 15, No 6. An Important Event

R. Schumann

Worship Leadership Bryan Williamson, Preaching Joanne Lang, Liturgist
Peggy Vaughan, Music Director & Soloist John Holter, piano Ron Skinner, audio & video
Ushers: Jan Skinner, Janet Johnson Joanne Lang, Worship Ministry Team Chair

*You are invited to stand.

11:00 WORSHIP The Session has voted to return to one worship service on Sunday mornings at 11:00 AM. With the improved coronavirus infection rate and vaccinations, we believe that we can now safely worship together at one service. The Session will meet for our stated meeting on April 19 and we will discuss additional re-openings of our facilities. We will continue to live stream the 11:00 AM worship service for those of you who prefer to join us remotely.

SHELTER MEAL, FRIDAY, APRIL 16 Jim Bryant is coordinating the Shelter Meal for this coming Friday. If you can help prepare a part of the meal, please see Jim Bryant.

BIBLE STUDY A new Bible Study will begin on Wednesday, April 14 at 7:00pm via Zoom. We will begin a study of the early Christian Church, using the Book of Acts and a book by Matthew Skinner entitled "Intrusive God, Disruptive Gospel, Encountering the Divine in the Book of Acts." Matthew Skinner is professor of New Testament at Luther Seminary and a graduate of Princeton Theological Seminary. Dr. Skinner describes how the book of Acts describes God as upsetting the status quo by changing people's lives, society's conventions, and our expectations of what is possible. Come join us and let Gail know in the church office that you want to be added to the Zoom email list!

FOOD DONATIONS Don't forget to bring your food items for the Food Bank of Central & Eastern North Carolina. There are nearly 90,000 people experiencing hunger, living in the Greenville area and nearly 30,000 children experiencing hunger in the same area. The Greenville branch of the NC Food Bank distributed 4.5 million pounds of produce last year. Items of particular need: protein/meat products, canned fruit and vegetables, easy to open fruit cups and granola bars for children. We carry your donations to the Food Bank each week and they are so very appreciative of our generosity!

ROTARY CLUB NEIGHBORHOOD PROJECT - Food Boxes for Bethel, NC Rotary clubs from Greenville, Ayden, Farmville, and Bethel are joining together to support our neighbors in Bethel, NC, who no longer have a local grocery store. They are collecting monetary and food donations for food boxes to be delivered on April 24th. Questions, contact Jim Bryant.

GREENVILLE KOREAN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH On Sunday, April 18 at 3:00pm the Greenville Korean Presbyterian Church will be officially chartered as a PCUSA congregation. Peace Presbyterian Church has had a 20 year mission partnership with this Korean Fellowship – folks who have shared not only our space but worship and service with us. We are delighted that they will begin this new chapter in their journey as a congregation and will continue to share ministry and space with us. You are invited to join them in their worship celebration via live streaming and we will provide you with information so that you can worship with them. Of course, we all would like to be in person for this celebration but we are continuing to put into practice our protocols in light of the coronavirus until we can fully re-open our facilities – social distancing, masks, limited facility use. We are excited about this continuing partnership with this congregation!