



ORDER OF WORSHIP

Second Sunday of Easter

FAITH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

April 8, 2018

10:45 a.m.

*WORDS OF WELCOME – Welcome to Faith Church; we are glad you are here.
Infant and childcare (through preschool) are provided all morning in the nursery, the second room on the right through the door by the pulpit. Children through the age of 4 may proceed to the childcare room following the "Moment with Faith Kids" for the remainder of the service.
Worship Bags are available in the back pews of the sanctuary.*

THE CHURCH GATHERS

The candle is lit as a symbol of our prayers for peace.

Words of Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Christa Fuller Burns

Minute for Mission

Katherine Bissett

Prelude Deep River

arr. Hart Morris
(b. 1946)

The Bell Choir

*Please, stand if you are able.

*Call to Worship

Bill Curtis

One: Christ is Risen!

All: Now what?

One: The disciples clung to each other. They huddled in the upper room, waiting.

All: Would the authorities come to take them, too?

One: Instead, Jesus himself appeared, despite the closed door.

All: What next?

One: Next came doubts and questions, assurances and instructions, and a last word:

All: "Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

One: Christ is Risen! Now what?

All: Now we come together to wait for him.

One: May the risen Christ bless us, as we worship what we have not seen, yet believe!

*Hymn 260 Alleluia! Sing to Jesus

HYFRYDOL

Call to Reconciliation

Bill Curtis

One: When we keep our faults and failures locked safely away, we have no need to confess. But God comes into our hearts when we least expect him, so we can be filled with forgiveness, with hope, with peace. Please join me as we pray, saying,

Prayer of Confession

Bill Curtis

God of empty tombs and empty people: when we hesitate to speak of your hope, forgive us, and give us voice. When we find it difficult to love one another, forgive us, and give us new compassion. When we want to stand with the high and mighty, forgive us, and put us next to the poor and oppressed. When we stay locked behind our fears and doubts, forgive us, and send us out to share your grace. When we cannot believe your Word of new life, forgive us, and fill us with your joy.

Silence is observed.

Assurance of Pardon

Bill Curtis

One: Christ comes into every shadowed corner of our lives with the light of Easter. Christ comes into the locked rooms of our faults, and gifts us with grace and hope. Christ comes, to fill us with peace, that we may proclaim the good news of mercy and forgiveness.

All: **Thanks be to God. Christ has come to us. Amen.**

***Sung Response 243 Be Not Afraid**

BE NOT AFRAID

Be not a - fraid; sing out for joy! Christ is ris-en, al - le - lu - ia!

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***The Peace of Christ**

Bill Curtis

One: The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

All: **And also with you.**

TO PROCLAIM AND EXPERIENCE GOD'S WORD

Moment with Faith Kids

Rev. Burns

Prayer for Illumination

Bill Curtis

O Parent of all people, breathe your Holy Spirit on us that we may see peace and be filled with the joy of the risen Christ. Teach us how to speak his words of forgiveness so that we can be your agents of reconciliation in a broken and troubled world. **Amen.**

Lesson John 20: 19-31

Bill Curtis

Sermon

"Breaking and Entering"

Rev. Burns

***Hymn 286 Breathe on Me, Breath of God**

TRENTHAM

Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer

Rev. Burns

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever.

OFFERING

Offertory Anthem Christ the Lord Has Ris'n Again!

Richard Shephard
(b. 1949)

Christ the lord is ris'n again! Christ hath broken ev'ry chain! Hark, angelic voices cry, singing evermore on high, Alleluia! He who gave for us his life, who for us endured the strife, ia our Pascal Lamb today! We too sing for joy and say Alleluia! He who bore all pain and loss comfortless upon the cross, lives in glory now on high, pleads for us and hears our cry, Alleluia. He who slumbered in the grave is exalted now to save; now through Chirstendom it rings that the Lamb is king of kings. Thou, our Paschal Lamb indeed, Christ, today your people feed; take our sins and guilt away, let us sing by night and day. Alleluia!

***Doxology**

OLD HUNDREDTH

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
praise Christ all people here below;
praise Holy Spirit evermore;
praise Triune God whom we adore. Amen.

Offering Prayer

TO GO FORTH INTO THE WORLD TO SERVE IN CHRIST'S NAME

***Hymn 248** Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!

HYMN TO JOY

***Benediction**

Rev. Burns

Now may the peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, Creator, Son and Holy Spirit be upon you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

The service concludes with the following postlude.

Postlude *Sortie Toccata*

Théodore Dubois
(1837-1924)

LEADING WORSHIP TODAY

Rev. Christa Fuller Burns, Pastor
Dr. Samuel Springer, Minister of Music & Organist
Bill Curtis, Liturgist
The Chancel Choir
The Bell Choir

FAITH FAMILY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Tour of Hampton Historic Site *Saturday, April 28 at 10:00 a.m.*

Our own Bill Curtis (a National Park Ranger) has offered to lead a tour of the Hampton National Historic Site, in Towson. The site preserves a remnant of a vast 18th-century estate, including a Georgian manor house, gardens, grounds, and the original slave quarters. This is a kid friendly event, so bring the whole family. And bring picnic food to share afterwards for an informal lunch on the grounds. Please see **Paula Burger** for questions and call the church office to let them know of your interest **by April 18.**

Easter Flowers & Funds

The following donation to the bread fund was received on Easter.

Bread Fund

Pat Thomson and Janet Thompson In Celebration of Randy Woodfield.

Sunday Adult Forum 9:15 a.m. – Woodmont Room

April 8, 15, 22 Anam Cara, Mystic John O'Donohue, led by Rev. Bill Millen.

Wednesday Bible Study: 11:00 a.m. – Woodbourne Room, all are welcome. Join us for lively discussion on the upcoming Sunday lesson. No preparation is required.

April 11 – Acts 9:1-19a

April 18 – Acts 16:16-34

April 25 – Acts 17:16-31

Krislund Traveling Day Camp June 25-29

Registrations are being accepted for the Krislund Traveling Day Camp which will be in residence from June 25 to June 29 from 8- 4 each day. The cost is \$125 for the week. The Day Camp was highly successful last year! Bible study, wild and crazy songs and energizers, Gaga Ball, Four Square, a water slide and much more kept the children engaged and active! Please speak to Robin Nemser or Bill Millen if you have any questions!

You might be wondering how you might get involved in this adventure. 1) you may want to serve as a camp volunteer on any or all of the camp days. 2) You may wish to provide a scholarship for the registration fee for a camper. 3) You may be willing to invite the four staff members for dinner and a shower during one of the evenings of camp. The counselors value their time with members of our congregation. Please call Robin Nemser with any questions. (443-570-9710)

CARES

Please continue to bring in canned goods for the pantry which is in need of canned fruit, kale, beets, spinach, peas, carrots, etc.

The pantry could also use fresh produce, especially at this time of year. Produce that does not need to be immediately refrigerated, such as potatoes (any kind), bananas, onions, apples, oranges, etc., would be much appreciated. Thank you, The Deacons

Joys and Concerns may be written before the service in a special book in the narthex. The book will be brought to the minister before the prayer.

Please pray for our homebound members:

Betty Bunce

Esmie & Leon Stirling

Nancy Stutzer

Betty Lou Tampieri

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2018	2019	2020
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