



Service for the Lord's Day

April 28, 2019 11:00 a.m.

2nd Sunday of Easter



New to Hunter? Here's some information to help you feel at home. Where you see asterisks in the bulletin, you're invited to stand. When we pass the peace, you're invited to greet those around you with a joyful sign of Christ's peace. All children are welcome to come forward for the sharing with young disciples. When we share our joys and concerns, feel free to join in. We offer a nursery for newborns through 3-year-olds. Thank you for visiting Hunter. We're glad you're here! Before you leave, please sign our guestbook in the narthex.

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

Prelude

"Rejoice, the Lord Is King"

arr. G. Winston Cassler

*Call to Worship

Christ is risen!

Christ is risen, indeed!

Give thanks to the Lord, for the Lord is good; God's steadfast love endures forever!

God's steadfast love endures forever!

The Lord is our strength and might;

Today, the Lord has become our salvation!

The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.

This is God's handiwork, and it is marvelous in our eyes!

This is the day that the Lord has made;

let us rejoice and be glad in it!

*Hymn 246

"Christ Is Alive!"

TRURO

Prayer of Confession

written by Barbara Hedges-Goettl

God calls the church to follow him, standing by those who suffer and are in need, so that justice may roll down like waters and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream. Let us confess the ways in which we do not follow God's call. O God, you bring justice to the oppressed and give bread to the hungry.

Forgive us when we do not follow you.

You free the prisoner and restore sight to the blind.

Forgive us when we do not follow you.

You support the downtrodden and protect the stranger.

Forgive us when we do not follow you.

You block evildoers and help orphans and widows.

Forgive us when we do not follow you.

You stand against injustice. You stand with the wronged.

Forgive us when we do not follow you.

You condemn those who seek their own interests, controlling and harming others.

Forgive us when we do not follow you.

You bring about justice and true peace among people.

God, forgive us when we do not follow you. Embolden us that, as your people, we may stand where you stand.

(moment for silent reflection)

Assurance of Pardon

God's life-giving Word and Spirit enable us to live in a new obedience, opening new possibilities of life for society and the world. Thanks be to God for the Good News:

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

*Hymn 585

"Glory to God"

MACHU-PICHU

*Passing of the Peace

Welcome each other. Welcome the stranger. Welcome all who come. As Christ welcomed everyone, no matter what their background, no matter what their social status; as Christ welcomed enemies and friends, outcasts and leaders, foreigners and neighbors, let us open our hearts and lives. Let us be Christ to everyone we meet. Peace be with you.

And also with you.

Gathering Song

"God Welcomes All"
(hymn 399, sing 3 times)

THEMBA AMEN

God welcomes all, strangers and friends; God's love is strong and it never ends.

Sharing with Young Disciples

HEARING THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Reading from the Old Testament Psalm 118:14-29 (O.T., p. 565)

Holy Wisdom. Holy Word. **Thanks be to God.**

Reading from the Psalms Psalm 150 see insert

Reading from the New Testament John 20:19-31 (N.T., p. 115)

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Message "Peace Be With You!" Julia Pratt

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Choral Anthem "Purest and Highest" by C.V. Stanford

Minute for Mission Ann Freytag

Sharing Our Joys & Concerns

Prayers of the People & the Lord's Prayer

Presenting Our Tithes & Offerings

Offertory "Amazing Grace" arr. Wilbur Held

*Hymn 608 "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" PRAISE GOD

*Prayer of Thanksgiving & Dedication

Like the disciples at Emmaus, we offer what we have. They offered their company, their table, their bread. We invite you to be with us, Jesus, as we offer you our love, our devotion, these gifts.

May our eyes be opened to your holy presence among us, now and always. Amen.

*Hymn 817 "We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight" AMAZING GRACE

*Charge & Benediction

*Hymn 564 "Amen" AMEN

Postlude "Lead On, O King Eternal" with "The Lord Is My Light" arr. Anna Laura Page

Depart in Peace

*Please stand as you are able.

Household Prayer: O God, whose presence is veiled from our eyes: Grant that when we do not recognize you, our hearts may burn within us, and when feeling is lost, we may cling in faith to your Word and the power of bread broken in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

This Week at Hunter

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| 5/1 Wednesday | Blessings in a Backpack 4:00p.m. (Glendover) Choir Practice 7:00p.m. |
| 5/5 Sunday | Early Worship 8:45a.m. Sunday School 9:30a.m. Morning Worship 11:00a.m. |

Sunday Announcements

A warm welcome to all visitors. We are glad you chose to worship with us today.

Prayer Requests:

Prayers for: The family of Midge Rishel, the family of Diane Hibbard, Herbert Reid, Lindsay Willard, Jim Scott, Phyllis Hanna, Rubin Thomas, Barbara and Don Miller, Wilton Cherry, Jackie Smith, Becky Ginter, Bob White, Doris Palmer, Dorothy and James Beattie, Ann Johnson (friend of Bob White & Annie Rhoten).

Jim Scott would like to thank people from the church who reached out to him during his hospitalization and physical therapy. Your prayers, notes, and visits were greatly appreciated.

May 4 being the first Saturday in May is considered World Labyrinth Day as well as the World famous Derby Day. People from around the world typically walk the Labyrinth near them at 1p.m. for their time zone. Ann will be at the Labyrinth from about noon until 2 pm that day if anyone is interested in learning more about walking labyrinths or participating in this other part of a very special day. Spring time is here. The fence extensions need your help to get painted on Sunday May 5th starting at 9a.m. Any prayers for good weather and a smooth paint transition are much appreciated!

BUILD's Nehemiah Action Assembly will be at Heritage Hall near Rupp Arena on Tuesday, May 7 at 6:30 PM. The Hunter carpool will be leaving from Hunter at 6 o'clock. Due to construction there is free parking available off high Street and they plan to have shuttles take people from that parking lot to Heritage Hall. The issues that BUILD will be addressing is funding the mental health court once again. They will try to expand the hours and days for the needle exchange program. BUILD is hoping to create a standardized way for the whole school system to address student behavior so that it's equal among all the schools. BUILD is also going to press the mayor and city Council to implement the recommendations that were created recently to stop the violence in Lexington. Your presence is asked one night a year to help influence our elected officials to help make Lexington a better place to live for all of us.

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