

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.

OUR OFFERING AND OFFERTORY "Meditation on the Cross" Mary
McDonald

* PRESENTATION OF OUR OFFERINGS AND DOXOLOGY

* THE DOXOLOGY

Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise Him, all creatures here below. Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host. Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION (insert)

* EUCHARISTIC BLESSING

* PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Holy and gracious God, here at this table your promise of life is made tangible. We have rested in the depth of your love. We have tasted your nourishing, nurturing presence. We accept you into our bodies, into our lives. Together, at this table, you have offered us the gift of eternal life. Together, by your grace, we accept the life only you can offer and we give you our thanks and praise this day and always. Through Jesus Christ our Risen Lord and Savior. Amen

* BENEDICTION AND THREEFOLD AMEN

* HYMN #358 "Because He Lives"

* SILENT MEDITATION

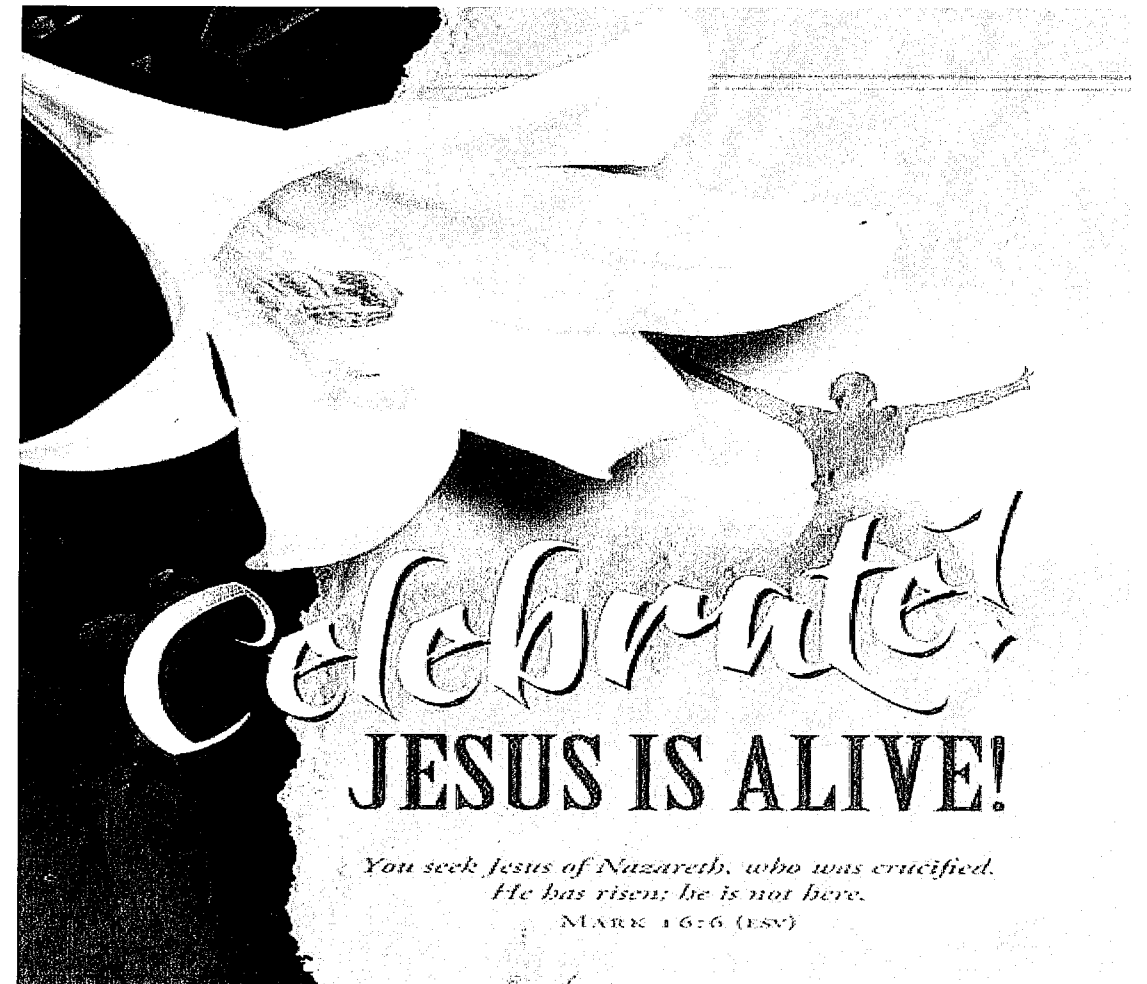
POSTLUDE "Christ is Alive" Mary McDonald

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March 31, 2024

Easter Sunday

Reader: Skip Wolf

God is Still Speaking ...

*"Let every man and woman count themselves immortal. Let them catch the revelation of Jesus in his resurrection. Let him say not merely, "Christ is risen," but "I too, shall rise."
- Phillips Brooks*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE "Morning Joy"
Bell Choir

Linda Scholes

* EASTER PROCLAMATION

Christ is risen!

He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

* SOLEMN DECLARATION AND SUNG AMEN

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: My friends, it has happened! Jesus was absolutely right!

People: Christ the Lord is risen! It is as Jesus said it would be!

Pastor: The darkness of Friday is gone, overcome by the brightness of resurrection!

People: God's love is being poured out over all creation, bringing us joy and hope!

Pastor: We are free to live without fear and doubt!

People: We are free to celebrate and dance, and shout the Good News "Christ the Lord is Risen!"

Pastor: He is risen, indeed!

People: Alleluia!

* HYMN #367 (Green Hymnal) "Christ the Lord is Risen Today"

* CALL TO CONFESSION

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God, Creator of the heavens and earth, we confess that we do not always live into the message of hope and salvation, the promise of eternal life. We live in ways that make the here and now more important than the future. We live in ways that put ourselves and

our own success first over the needs of others and the long-term needs of the world. Forgive us for our selfish ways and call us into the path of Christ, who humbled himself and gave himself up for us on the cross, so that death might be no more and that all can share in the joy of salvation and eternal life...

Silent confession...

* KYRIE ELEISON

Lord, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

* WORDS OF GRACE AND MERCY

Christ is Risen! The stone is rolled away, the tomb found empty. We are called to this new life, a life of forgiveness and reconciliation. Know that you are forgiven, and walk forward on this journey of faith knowing you are not alone, for your brothers and sisters in Christ are with you.

Thanks be to God! Amen!

SPECIAL MUSIC "Celebrate With Singing"
Adult Choir

Anna Laura Page

CHILDREN'S SERMON

THE SCRIPTURES (insert)

Old Testament Psalm 118: 1 - 2, 14 - 24

Gospel Mark 16: 1 - 8

MEDITATION IN CHARACTER

*Gospel Mark 16: 9 - 15

* THE GLORIA PATRI

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost: as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

* PROCLAIMING OUR FAITH - THE APOSTLE'S CREED

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ his only begotten 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 Hades;

Psalm 118: 1 – 2, 14 – 24

O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his steadfast love endures forever! Let the people of God say, "His steadfast love endures forever."

The Lord is my strength and my might; he has become my salvation. There are glad songs of victory in the tents of the righteous: "The right hand of the Lord does valiantly; the right hand of the Lord is exalted; the right hand of the Lord does valiantly." I shall not die, but I shall live, and recount the deeds of the Lord. The Lord has punished me severely, but he did not give me over to death. Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the Lord. This is the gate of the Lord; the righteous shall enter through it. I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation. The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone. This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes. This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

First Gospel Reading: Mark 16: 1 – 8

When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. They had been saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?" When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. As they entered

the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. But he said to them, "Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you." So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

Second Gospel Reading: Mark 16: 9 – 15

Now after Jesus rose early on the first day of the week, he appeared first to Mary Magdalene, from whom he had cast out seven demons. She went out and told those who had been with him, while they were mourning and weeping. But when they heard that he was alive and had been seen by her, they would not believe it.

After this he appeared in another form to two of them, as they were walking into the country. And they went back and told the rest, but they did not believe them. Later he appeared to the eleven themselves as they were sitting at the table; and he upbraided them for their lack of faith and stubbornness, because they had not believed those who saw him after he had risen. And he said to them, "Go into all the world and proclaim the good news to the whole creation."

Pastor:

Pour out your Holy Spirit upon the Bread and the Cup, Resurrecting God, and upon us who seek to be your children. When we are done eating and drinking with the Risen Lord, send us forth to feed the hungry. Served at the Table by the One who freed us from death, we would go out to be servants of the poor and oppressed in our world. Called to proclaim the good news of Easter, we would do so with our hands and hearts, not just our lips.

Through Christ, glory and honor, praise and thanksgiving are yours, God of new life, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy people, on this first day of the week and in all the days to come.

2257-d (Great Amen)

A - men. A - men. A

men. Ho - san - na in the high - est! Ho - san - na in the

high - est! Ho - san - na in the high - est!

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2257-a Communion Setting (Preface)

Leader The Lord be with you. *All* And al -

Leader so with you. Lift up your

All hearts. We lift them up to the Lord.

Leader Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. *All* It is

right to give our thanks and praise.

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Pastor:

It is a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, Creator of Heaven and Earth. And how good it is on this day of joy to lift our glad songs of praise to you, Redeemer of the lost. You planted your steadfast love in the gardens of creation, but we ate the bitter fruit of idolatry and sin.

Prophets came in your name, bringing your gracious word, but we could not hear them call our name. When we were about to perish, when we could have died, you sent the One who could bear that threat away.

Therefore, on this day and every day, with those in heaven and those on earth, we lift our glad cries to you:

2257-b

(Sanctus)

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord; God of
power and might. Heav - en and earth are
full of your glo
ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est! Ho -
san - na in the high - est! Ho - san - na in the high
est! Blest is the one who comes
in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na in the high - est! Ho - san - na in the high - est! Ho -
san - na in the high - est!

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Pastor:

Holy are you, God of Easter, and blessed is Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, sent by you to bring us salvation. Jesus is your right hand, and he releases us from sin's grip; walking through the darkness of death, he leads us into the kingdom's light; confounding the practitioners of evil, he did good for others; humbling himself to experience our pain and suffering, he is raised to rule over all.

Words of Institution

As we believe what we may not understand, we trust that mystery we call faith:

2257-c

(Memorial Acclamation)

Christ has died, Christ is ris - en,
Christ will come a - gain. Ho -
san - na in the high - est! Ho - san - na in the high - est! Ho -
san - na in the high - est!

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Mary Brandt & Ruth Clark

**Lyle & Nicholas Mixon
Eva and Howard Clark
The Dissinger Family**

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**Peter Colban
Russell & Catherine Scholl, Sr.**

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Flo Baker – “Adopted” mother in love**

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Regis & Genevieve Witter

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Nancy Basselgia
Kathryn Ceresini
Jeanine Keefer
Lynn Balmer
Shirley Shaak
Betty Hackman
Lillian Schieber**



ST. MARK'S PRAYER LIST

Andy Shearer
Deb Weise
Ken and Charlotte Wengert
Lynn Balmer
David Ansalvish (Cindy Johnson's Brother)
Rod Nissley (Deb Ellis' son)
David Minnich (Friend of Deb Ellis)
Earl Whorley & Heather Whorley
Stephanie Wagner (Faye Fox's niece)
Jeffrey Clouser
Trudy Berkheimer
John Blanda (Lynn Balmer's brother-in-law)
Ed Olden
Shirley Shaak
Marie DiFava
John Schieber
Trudy Carmany (Becky Colban's cousin)
Cindy Johnson
Eva Miller
Andrew Scholl (Becky Colban's nephew)
Linda Brandt
Members from our church family who are shut-in or
home bound
The People of Ukraine
The Victims of War in Israel and Palestine

ST. MARK'S CALENDAR
For the Week of March 31, 2024

Sunday Worship Service – 10:00
 Easter Dinner – 4 PM (Fellowship Hall)

Tuesday Bell Rehearsal – 7:30 PM

Wednesday Bible Study – 10 AM

Saturday Women's Spring Retreat – 8:30 AM – 12:30 PM



ST. MARK'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The bulletins are sponsored by Lillian Schieber in honor of Pastor Dave and MJ.

Flowers and Bulletins – Dates available for flowers are: May 5 and 26. Dates available for bulletins are: April 7 and 28 and May 5, 12, 19 and 26. Please contact the office if interested in sponsoring any flowers or bulletins.

Members – Please remember to fill out "We Miss You" postcards to members that have not attended worship. Also, if there are any address or phone changes for the directory – please let the office know. We also need volunteers for Koffee Klatsch table.

Members – There will be no Koffee Klatsch on Easter Sunday morning. The ladies have a Sunday off to get home to their families. We so appreciate what they do for us every other Sunday. Have a blessed Easter.

Pine Acres Volunteers – Looking for something for your rake to do on Thursday? Come join us for a couple work days at Pine Acres on Thursday, April 4th and 11th. We'll be raking, blowing and general cleanup of Pine Acres. In addition, we'll be cutting up wood from trees that will be taken down by April 9th. We start work anytime after 8 AM and lunch will be provided both days. If you're able to help on either day, please see Jeff Aurentz or Kathy Follett.

Shoe Collection for Halcyon – we are collecting wearable shoes, childrens, mens and ladies. Halcyon earns money for collecting them. The shoes are sent all over the world. Please help by spreading the word and getting everyone to donate shoes you don't wear or need. Thanks, Bish Wolf.

2023 Yearbook – is available on the table in the narthex.

Address Changes for Members:

Temporary – Shirley Shaak – 117 Hagerty Place, Townsend, DE 19734
Heather Whorley – Columbia Cottage, 103 N. Larkspur Dr., Room 48,
Palmyra, PA 17078 Phone – 717-525-2305

Save the Dates:

April 6 - Women's Spring Retreat – 8:30 AM to 12:30 PM
April 20 Community Dinner – 4:45 – 6 PM
April 28 Hoss's Day
May 5 Kid's Painting Party

Conference Call information:

Dial (215) 383-1625 Enter conference code: 569284
Press* when asked for your attendee pin



HOPE EVERYONE HAS A BLESSED EASTER