

SERVICE OF WORSHIP

2nd Sunday of Easter

April 19, 2020

10:30 a.m.

PRAYER FOR THE DAY

God of peace, by whose breath the Holy Spirit enters our lives and transforms our community of faith, come to us now, whether we have opened or locked our doors. Lead us to faith beyond sight, to trust beyond doubt, and to deeds beyond words, so that we may live as your forgiven and forgiving children, leading the world into your way of peace. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

PRELUDE

"Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks"
Betsy Lord, Organ

arr. Lord

LIFE OF THE CHURCH

CALL TO WORSHIP

We come again to celebrate resurrection. God gives us new birth into a living hope.

Blessed be our Lord Jesus Christ! Our souls rejoice in the saving grace of God!

Again, Jesus says to us: Peace be with you. We come to receive new life in Christ's name.

In God's presence, we find fullness of joy. Let us worship God!

**HYMN (GTG) 240*

"Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks"

(Alleluia No. 1)

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of our times, we confess that we often try to keep the story of Easter in the past. We can marvel at the empty tomb, but it is hard for us to feel your risen presence when our world is still so dark and confusing. Forgive us for doubting your work in our world and for blaming you for our suffering. Forgive us for still fearing your absence or judgment. Take the shroud away from our minds and hearts, so that we may be filled with the joy and peace of believing, and the energy and courage to embrace and share the newness you offer, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *(A time for silent confession)*

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

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, Amen.

MUSICAL INTERLUDE

"Breathe on Me, Breath of God"
Bill McWhirter, Voice

Jackson

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON

Psalms 33:1-9, 20-22; OT Page 507

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON

John 20:19-31; NT Page 115

SERMON

"Breathing Space"

Rev. Elizabeth D. McLean

**HYMN (GTG) 286*

"Breathe on Me, Breath of God"

(Trentham)

DOXOLOGY

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *(A Declaration of Faith 1977; Ch. 10, ¶1)*

God keeps his promises and gives us hope. In the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus God kept his promises. All that we can ever hope for was present in Christ. But the work of God in Christ is not over. God calls us to hope for more than we have yet seen. The hope God gives us is ultimate confidence that supports us when lesser hopes fail us. In Christ God gives hope for a new heaven and earth, certainty of victory over death, assurance of mercy and judgment beyond death. This hope gives us courage for the present struggle.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Prayer family of the week: Charley and Norma Talbert

Prayer institution of the week: Christ Our Anchor Presbyterian Church (Annapolis, MD)

THE 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 sins, as we forgive those who sin against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

**HYMN (GTG) 246*

"Christ Is Alive!"

(Truro)

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

"Salvation Now Is Come to Earth"
Betsy Lord, Organ

J.S. Bach

**Listen to these hymns at your convenience.*

Welcome to Prince of Peace Presbyterian Church!

If you are looking for a friendly church...

- † where you will be loved and accepted regardless of your age, class, race, ethnicity or orientation...
- † where you will be challenged to reflect on your beliefs, acknowledge your doubts, ask your questions, and grow in your faith...
- † where God's desire for compassion, healing, reconciliation, justice and joy is preached...
- † where you are given the opportunity to put your faith into action through effective outreach ministries...

Then we hope to get to know you as a new friend at Prince of Peace. No matter who you are, or where you are in your life journey, you are welcome here! Join us and discover how much you are loved, how gifted you are, and how together, we can experience and share the kingdom of God here and now.

On behalf of everyone at Prince of Peace, WELCOME! We're glad you've found your way here today, and we hope you had a meaningful encounter with God while you were with us. Prince of Peace is a living faith community inspired by the Spirit of God, joyfully encouraging all and collectively committed to serving and caring for one another, praising God through worship, music, and mission, imparting to our children a love and understanding of Christ, welcoming all of God's people without prejudice or judgement, and growing together in numbers and in the likeness and grace of Christ.

If there is anything that we can do to make your visit more meaningful, or if there are any questions we can answer, please do not hesitate to let me know. I look forward to the chance to meet you following worship, and hope you will take a moment to introduce yourself.

Once again, welcome – we're glad you're here!

In Christ,
Pastor Elizabeth D. McLean

If you are in need of prayer, you may call Deacon Joyce Beall (410-451-6731) with your prayer request, and the Prayer Support Team will lift these concerns in prayer.

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*A joyful community, gathered by God's grace,
sharing Christ's love with all.*

