

A CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

The Second Sunday of Easter

April 19, 2020

Bold type spoken by the congregation

GATHERING. . .

The Prelude

Easter Dawning

Charles Gounod

The Welcome and Announcements

The Introit

The Call To Worship

Christ is risen!

Christ is risen, indeed!

Come, let us praise the Lord, for death has given way to life,
despair has been overwhelmed by hope.

**We will worship our risen Savior,
for grief has been replaced by joy,
and darkness has been dispelled by light.**

The Prayer of Adoration

*The Hymn 231

Christ Has Risen While Earth Slumbers

*Christ has risen while earth slumbers; Christ has risen where hope died,
As he said and as he promised, as we doubted and denied.*

*Let the moon embrace the blessing; let the sun sustain the cheer;
Let the world confirm the rumor: Christ is risen, God is here!*

*Christ has risen for the people whom he died to love and save;
Christ has risen for the women bringing flowers to grace his grave.*

*Christ has risen for disciples huddled in an upstairs room.
He whose word inspired creation can't be silenced by the tomb*

*Christ has risen and forever lives to challenge and to change
all whose lives are messed or mangled, all who find religion strange.*

*Christ is risen, Christ is present making us what he has been:
evidence of transformation in which God is known and seen.*

The Prayer of Confession

God of life, do we dare to believe in the Resurrection? We confess that we are often timid and afraid, unable to believe Your promises, unable to offer all of our lives to You. We confess that too often we stay chained to our fears, our worries, our desperation. We do not trust You. We hide the light You have given us. We try to tame the Spirit that You have set loose in the world. Have mercy on us, O God, and renew our trust in You ... (time for silent confession)... . Give us strength and courage for these Resurrection Days that are before us. We pray these things in the Name of the One Who rose from the grave— Jesus the Christ, the risen Lord, Who reigns in our lives and in the life of this world. Amen.

The Assurance of Pardon

God does not mock us when we fail to trust,
but invites us into a deeper, more intimate relationship.

**God does not shame us when our faith waivers,
but challenges us to be strengthened by God's promises.**

Friends, believe the Good News of the Gospel.

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Alleluia! Amen

*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.*

*The Peace and Greeting

The peace of Christ be with you all. **And also with you!**

(Consider sending a message to someone you have not been in touch with lately. A note, a phone call, a text or email reminding others that Christ is with us and blesses us when we are together and apart.)

TO HEAR THE WORD OF GOD. . .

The Prayer for Illumination

The Psalter Lesson: *Psalm 16*

The Epistle Lesson: *1 Peter 1:3-9*

The Anthem

I am Sending You

Mary McDonald

*“As the Father has sent me, I am sending you.” And with those words, He said to them,
“Receive the Holy One; Forgive them of their sins and lead them to the risen Son!”
How shall they believe in whom they’ve not heard? How shall they call upon His name?
How shall they preach unless you go there and share in Jesus’ Name?
“As the Father has sent me, I am sending you.” Go ye therefore to world and tell them of Good News!
Teach them to do as I command and know I’m there with you!
“As the Father has sent me, I am sending you.”*

The New Testament Lesson: *Acts 2:14a, 22-32*

The Gospel Lesson: *John 20:19-31*

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

The Sermon

Breathless
Brittany Tamminga

TO RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD. . .

*The *Apostles’ Creed*

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ his only 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 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.**

The Prayers of the People

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 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.**

TO GO FORTH AND SERVE IN GOD’S NAME. . .

*The Hymn 257

The Risen Christ

(vvs. 1, 2 & 4)

*The risen Christ, who walks on wounded
Feet from garden tomb through darkened city
street, unlocks the door of grief, despair, and fear, and
speaks a word of peace to all who hear.*

*The risen Christ, who stands with wounded
side, breathes out his Spirit on them to abide
whose faith still wavers, who dare not believe; new
grace, new strength, new purpose they receive.*

*May we, Christ’s body, walk and serve and
stand with the oppressed in this and every
land, till all are blessed and can a blessing be,
restored in Christ to true humanity.*

*The Charge and Benediction

*The Postlude

Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain

arr. Mary McDonald

Announcements for April 19

Your church staff misses you - seeing your faces, hearing your laughter, sharing your concerns and joys - all are diminished by absence. Know that you are lifted and loved in prayer even when we can't be with you in person.

Thanks for your gracious and eager reception of our recorded worship services. You have been most kind and supportive in your feedback. Beginning this Sunday, our pastors are dividing duty between services in order to model the most responsible social distancing we can. Spouses and families of Church staff will continue to participate in our service recordings. Recordings are available on our YouTube channel (go to our website: www.fredericksburgpc.org and click on the video recording button on the right side of the page.) We appreciate your patience and support and continue to pray that our worship life might be enriched even when we are apart.

Capsule of Concern: Hattie Bingham, Macon Fino, Tammy Hancock, Malia Hayes, Billie Plank, Don Wilson, Donn Langfitt, John Walker

Thanks for your faithful support of our ongoing ministries. Please send your checks to the church office or give online through our website www.fredericksburgpc.org.

Lectionary Readings for Sunday, April 26:

Acts 2:14a, 36-41; Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19

1 Peter 1:17-23; Luke 24:13-35

Adult Church School will resume this Sunday online via Zoom. A detailed schedule of class times and the zoom links will be in your inbox soon.

Weekly Zoom Meetings (Please email Brittany Tamminga for the links to these meetings.)

Middle School Youth Fellowship, Wednesdays, 8:00 p.m.

High School Youth Fellowship, Tuesdays, 8:00 p.m.

College Age Fellowship, Thursdays, 8:00 p.m.

Community Dinner Update - Since daily community dinners and breakfasts were suspended on March 16, churches have been asked to bring food items such as pasta bowls, fruit cups, chips, fresh fruit, baked goods, etc. to Micah; which we did for our March "dinner." Guests can then pick up food to take for the day. *Exciting news for our April dinner!* Karen Johnson has arranged for Foode to provide a hot meal to be delivered to Micah on Tuesday, April 21. The meals will not only be given to Micah guests, but will also be delivered to Micah guests who are temporarily staying in motels. Thank you to all who signed up to contribute baked goods, and to all who contributed baked goods in March.

Birthdays this week April 19-26

19. Greg Allison, Kate Doherty, Jane Illi, Paulla Loder, Drew Porter, Anna Repp
20. Jack Schneider
21. Merry Egge, Elaine Hild
22. Tina Christie, Mike Gibson, Karen Johnson
23. Ashley Herndon
24. Dean Makovsky
25. Kristi Allison, Al Erkert, Rebecca Jones, Wel Leimbach

Mary Washington Healthcare Hosts 2nd Live Virtual Town Hall ~ April 16, at 7:00 p.m., on Mary Washington Healthcare's Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/MaryWashingtonHealthcare/>). A recording of the event will be available on Mary Washington Healthcare's YouTube channel and other media platforms by April 18.