

A CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

The Third Sunday of Easter

April 26, 2020

Bold type spoken by the congregation

GATHERING. . .

The Prelude

In the Garden
Mary Ann Casey, harp

Miles/Barnwell

The Welcome and Announcements

The Call To Worship

(from *1 Peter 1:17-19, 23*)

Followers of Jesus, by his cross we are redeemed from the futility of sin.

Alleluia!

By his rising we are free from the fear of death.

Alleluia!

By his love we are made new in the living and enduring Word of God.

Alleluia! Thanks be to God!

The Opening Prayer

The Hymn 246

Christ is Alive!

*Christ is alive! Let Christians sing. The cross stands
empty to the sky. Let streets and homes with
praises ring. Love, drowned in death, shall never die.*

*Christ is alive! No longer bound to distant
years in Palestine, but saving, healing,
here and now, and touching every place and time.*

*Women and men, in age and youth, can feel the
Spirit, hear the call, and find the way, the
life, the truth, revealed in Jesus, freed for all.*

*Christ is alive, and comes to bring good news to
this and every age, till earth and sky and
ocean ring with joy, with justice, love, and praise.*

The Prayer of Confession

Almighty God, our world is filled with corruption: power disguises itself as truth; convenience masquerades as goodness; selfish pleasure imitates love. We confess to you, O God, that we have been caught in the web of the world's sin. In Your mercy, forgive us, ... (time for silent confession) . . . By the power of the Holy Spirit, save us from these deceptions and free us for glad obedience, that we may see the joy of Jesus' resurrection and receive the promise of everlasting life. Amen.

The Assurance of Pardon

(Acts 2:39)

Followers of Jesus: God has promised salvation to us,
to our children and to all who are near and far.

In the name of 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 New Testament Lesson: *Acts 2:14a, 36-41*

The Psalter Lesson: *Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19*

The Epistle Lesson: *1 Peter 1:17-23*

The Anthem

Stay With Us

Egil Hovland

*Stay with us, Lord, stay with us. Stay with us, it soon is evening.
Stay with us, Lord Jesus, stay with us, it soon is evening, and night is falling.
Jesus Christ, the world's true light! Shine so the darkness cannot overcome it!
Stay with us, Lord Jesus, it soon is evening. Stay with us, Lord Jesus, for night is falling.
Let your light pierce the darkness and fill your church with its glory.
Stay with us, Lord, stay with us. Stay with us, it soon is evening.
Stay with us, Lord Jesus, stay with us, it soon is evening, and night is falling*

The Gospel Lesson: *Luke 24:13-35*

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

The Sermon

Unseen Along the Way
Allen H. Fisher, Jr.

TO RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD. . .

The Affirmation of Faith

from *The Book of Common Worship*
(Philippians 2:5-11)

**Christ Jesus, though he was in the form of God,
did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited,
but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness.
And being found in human form he humbled himself
and became obedient to the point of death – even death on a cross.
Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name,
so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
and every tongue should confess to the glory of God:
Jesus Christ is Lord! Amen.**

The Prayers of the People

God of Resurrection, **hear our prayer:**

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 240

Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks
Refrain: *Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord.
Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to his name.*
*Jesus is Lord of all the earth.
He is King of creation. Refrain*
*Spread the good news o'er all the earth
Jesus has died and has risen. Refrain*
*We have been crucified with Christ.
Now we shall live forever. Refrain*
*Come us let praise the living God,
Joyfully sing to our Savior. Refrain*

The Charge & Benediction

The Postlude

Morgenleid

arr. Frederick C. Maker

Our pastors are dividing duty between services in order to model the most responsible social distancing we can.

Announcements for April 26-May 3

*This is the day that the Lord has made;
let us rejoice and be glad in it. (Psalm 118:24)*

It's a refrain of Eastertide as this Psalm is heard again and again in worship and prayers. It is also a reason we daily give thanks for the people with whom we share the gift of this day.

Thank you for being in touch with our staff through the church office. As you learn of joys or concerns, needs or opportunities, have questions or inspiring ideas – we are glad to hear from you! Please stay in touch.

The psalmist begins and ends Psalm 118 with the same refrain:

*O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
his steadfast love endures for ever!*

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

Capsule of Concern: Hattie Bingham, Tammy Hancock, Malia Hayes, Kathryn Hower, Jane Illi, Billie Plank, Don Wilson, Donn Langfitt, John Walker

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Lectionary Readings for Sunday, May 3:

Acts 2:42-47; Psalm 23;
1 Peter 2:19-25; John 10:1-10

Birthdays this week April 26-May3

27. Sophie Ellis, Kalli Hild
28. Addie Huffman, Laura Miller
30. Jeff Eisensmith
1. Andrew Bernstein, Drew Makovsky, Tracy Mallory
2. Rod Hughes, Dee Kindred, Peyton King, Chuck Penick, Gina Whitticar
3. Bill Crawley, Josh Noxon, Samuel Rembisz

Honoring Graduates

We will virtually acknowledge those who are graduating from high school and beyond. Please email the church office (cjforsing@fredericksburgpc.org) with the name of the school from which you are graduating. Thank you!

Weekly Zoom Meetings

Men's Breakfast Group, Tuesday, 7:30 a.m.

Contact John Howe (jhowe1969@cox.net) for the Zoom link.

Meditation Group, Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.

Contact Marsha Luckett (luckett@juno.com) for the Zoom link.

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

Contact Lindsey Williams (lwilliams@fredericksburgpc.org) for the Zoom link.

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

Contact Lindsey Williams (lwilliams@fredericksburgpc.org) for the Zoom link.

Women's Bible Study, Thursday, 9:30 a.m.

Contact Marsha Luckett (luckett@juno.com) for the Zoom link.

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

Contact John Howe (jhowe1969@cox.net) for the Zoom link.

Family Home Church School Activities are on the education page of our website.

Church School Class Schedule:

Please see the schedule listed below for class offerings and times. If you have any questions OR if you would like to participate but do not own any devices with audio/visual capabilities, please contact Pastor Tamminga (btamming@fredericksburgpc.org.)

Sunday Morning Church School Classes

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| 8:30am | <i>Color of Law</i> Book Study |
| 9:45am | Faith and Movie Class |
| 11:00am | Seeking to Understand the Parables |

Sunday Afternoon Church School Classes

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| 2:00pm | Parenting Class |
| 4:00pm | Women in the Biblical World |