

“Grace and peace to you from God our Father and from the Lord Jesus Christ.” (Romans 1:7, NIV) Welcome to the Lord’s house for worship! If you are visiting, please introduce yourself and we invite you to sign our guest book. We are delighted to have you join us!

Prayer List Please keep our members and friends in your prayers, and especially at this time: the McLaughlin Family and the Family of Peter and Claudia Nielsen. Please pray for all who mourn or need special prayers of intention, for our congregation, and for friends of our community. You may fill out a Prayer Request card, or call or email the church office to add or remove a name from the list. Thank you for your prayers.

Easter Baskets I want to thank our church family and our Easton neighbors so much for all their generous donations! Because of all of you, we were able to donate 25 baskets to children who need it the most. Our wonderful partner, “Al’s Angels” picked up the baskets Monday and will be distributing them this weekend.

Altar Flowers and Coffee Hour Donation of Altar Flowers for a Sunday worship would be a wonderful addition to our services. You may provide the flowers yourself, have a florist deliver them, or have the office order them. Coffee Hour is an exciting part of our congregational life. If you would like to host a Sunday, sign-up sheets are in the Church Hall. Thank you!

We will not have a Coffee Hour this morning. The regularly scheduled, after worship Coffee Hour will resume next Sunday.

Frank will be in the office on Thursday from 10:00 to 1:00.

Bible Study meets this Thursday from 10:30 to 11:45 a.m.

Next Food Kitchen will be Tuesday, April 16. Donate chicken, any style, or any main dish of your choosing, mac and cheese, or pasta, vegetables, fruit, rolls, and/or dessert. There is a Sign-up Sheet in the Church Hall. Food may be dropped off on the prior Sunday or Monday mornings, between 8:00 and 10:00 a.m., or no later than Tuesday, April 16, at 9:30 a.m. Please indicate that it is for the Food Kitchen. Food should not be warm or hot. Unfortunately, containers cannot be returned. For more information, contact Genevieve Waterbury (203) 981-9373, g.e.waterbury@gmail.com

Merton House Food Pantry Provisions and sample size toiletry items are collected year round in the basket in the entranceway of the Church Hall. They are very appreciative of all the items we provide to them.

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PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

****CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: This is a great and joyous festival day.

Come to celebrate amazing, good news,

All: We gather for worship in awe and wonder.

The tomb is empty. Death is not the last word.

One: Open your hearts and minds to the risen Christ.

God's steadfast love endures forever.

All: This is the day that our God has made.

Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

****UNISON PRAYER OF INVOCATION**

We greet the dawning brightness of this special day with hopes renewed. We have known grief and sorrow, loss and tears, fear and doubt. Meet us here, living Christ, for we need this time of resurrection. We need your healing presence. We need your word of greeting that welcomes us into the community of faith in spite of our doubts and faithlessness. You are the Great Teacher. We have come to learn from you. We want to be your disciples. Amen.

****HYMN #233 NCH** "Christ the Lord is Risen Today" all 4 verses

CALL TO CONFESSION

The apostle Paul wrote to the church at Corinth: "I handed on to you as of first importance what I had in turn received: that Christ died for our sins...." In the mystery of that sacrifice, we come to this time of prayer, bringing our sins to the door of the empty tomb. *Please be seated. In silence, let us consider ways in which we have missed the mark.*

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

****Response of Praise #513 PH** *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.*

CELEBRATIONS AND CONCERNS OF THE COMMUNITY

** Those who are able may stand

PH— Red Pilgrim Hymnal NCH— Black New Century Hymnal LBH— Little Blue Hymnal

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

PRAYERS

Silent Prayer

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer (debts)

Choral Response: #769 NCH *Hear our prayer, O God, hear our prayer, O God. Incline your ear to us and grant us your peace. Amen.*

HYMN #230 NCH "Come You Faithful Raise the Strain" verses 1, 2, & 4

SCRIPTURE

Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24

John 20:1-18

MEDITATION "Easter Meditation"

THE OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS AND OURSELVES

God asks us for an accounting of what we have done with the wealth entrusted to us. All that we have and all that we are belongs to God. May we give with thankfulness.

OFFERTORY

Gathering of the gifts with Offertory

Presentation of the gifts with praise

****Doxology: #515 PH** *Praise God from whom all blessing flow; Praise him all creatures here below; Praise him above ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

****UNISON PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

Holy One, we thank you for the ways in which you have enfolded us in your love and called us by name to follow your son, Jesus. May these gifts and our lives be used to enfold others in your love. Amen.

****HYMN #301 NCH** "Crown with Your Richest Thorns" verses 1, 2, & 3

****BENEDICTION** *(join hands in the singing of the Amen)*

****PASSING OF THE PEACE**

POSTLUDE

Confirming Deacon for March - Nathalie Taranto
Offering - Barbara Trup and Debbie Olson
Collectors—Daisy Colonnese and Nathalie Taranto