

Service for the Lord's Day

2nd Sunday of Easter

University Sunday

April 24, 2022

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Welcome visitors, newcomers, and friends worshipping with us today! If you're interested in joining our church community, please speak to a pastor after worship or contact the church office, 434-293-3133. We hope you will worship with us again, whenever possible.

Preparing to Hear God's Word

Prelude

Hommage a Zoltán Kodály

Béla Kovács

Madaline Marland, bass clarinet

Welcome

Moment for Mission

Beth Hochstetler

◆ Call to Worship

Lord, we come to this holy place carrying the burdens of our everyday lives.

Let us find peace in you.

Give us rest from the noise of our world.

Let us find peace in you.

Guide us to your presence, now and in the rhythms of our routines.

There is freedom in the rest you provide.

◆ Hymn 254

That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright

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Call to Confession

As James Baldwin wrote, "To be with God is really to be involved with some enormous, overwhelming desire, and joy, and power... I conceive of God, in fact, as a means of liberation and not a means to control others." And yet, individually and corporately, we sometimes prefer control to liberation. Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sins together.

Prayer of Confession

We seek shelter in systems which hurt your people.

We are comfortable while others are oppressed.

We tie ourselves to practices centered in power and possession, rather than in liberation.

We ignore the cries of laborers and those heavy-laden.

Forgive us, God who makes all things new.

Silent Prayers

Sung Response

Ukrainian chant



Assurance of Forgiveness

Hear the good news:

Christ comes with healing and forgiveness, resurrecting our spirits and breathing new life into us.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

◆ Sung Response

GTG 232

Hymns of praise now let us sing: Alleluia!

Unto Christ our heavenly king: Alleluia!

Who endured the cross and grave: Alleluia!

Sinners to redeem and save: Alleluia!

◆ Passing of the Peace

As God's forgiven people, we can bring peace, forgiveness, and new life to the world.

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

God's Word to Us

Gospel Lesson

John 20:19-31

Hymn 817 (11:00)

We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight

DUNLAP'S CREEK

Psalter

Psalm 61

Sermon

A Sense of Place

Ken Henry

Welcoming New Members and The Sacrament of Baptism (8:30)

Presentation

Barry Parks, Clerk of Session

Questions to New Members

Questions to the Congregation

Baptism

Prayer for New Members

Responding to God's Word

◆ Affirmation of Faith

We trust in God the Holy Spirit,

everywhere the giver and renewer of life.

We can pursue freedom of the body in this world,

knowing freedom in Christ waits in the next.
We celebrate with all believers through time and space
the rest found only in God's presence.
Amen.

Prayers of the Congregation and the Lord's Prayer

Glory to God hymnal, pg. 35

Offertory (8:30)
(11:00)

*Couplet en Récit sur le Pange lingua
Christo Resurgenti*

Guillaume Nivers
François Couperin

Megan Sharp and Dana Patek, sopranos
sung in Latin

To Christ now arisen, to Christ high in triumph
his praise the skies proclaim.

Alleluia.

Through faith he redeems us and death has been vanquished:
let all people rejoice.

Alleluia.

◆ Presentation of the Offering

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Christ, all people here below;
Praise Holy Spirit evermore;
Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.**

GTG 607

◆ Prayer of Dedication

**Holy One, bless our offerings and transform them
into healing for the wounded,
hope for the disheartened,
courage for the frightened,
community for the lonely,
and faith for the seeking.
In the name of Christ, we pray.
Amen.**

◆ Hymn 257

The Risen Christ

WOODLANDS

◆ Charge and Benediction

*Peace I leave with you, My peace I give to you;
not as the world gives do I give to you.
Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.
Go forth in the peace of Christ.*

Postlude

Offertoire sur le Chant d'O Filii et Filiae

Jean-François Dandrieu

◆ Please stand, as you are able.

*The flowers today are given by the Session of Westminster in memory of Mary Royster White,
whose generosity provided this sanctuary and two endowment funds.
Mrs. White's birthday was April 17, 1885; she died July 5, 1973.*

What's Happening at Westminster

Sunday, April 24

University Sunday, Food Drive Collection in Memory of Barbara Deaver begins

8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. In-person Worship in the Sanctuary

9:30 a.m. Church School

12 p.m. UKirk & 20/30 CreW Bagel Brunch at Common Grounds

12:15 p.m. Singers Rehearsal

12:15 p.m. Hybrid Deacons Meeting in the Library and via Zoom

Thursday, April 28

7 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal

Friday, April 29

9:30 a.m. Westminsters Walkers: a walking tour of Morven Estate led by the Olivers

7:30 p.m. Westminster Organ Concert Series

Saturday, April 30

10 a.m. Westminsters Walkers to meet at Ivy Creek Natural Area

Sunday, May 1

Special Music Sunday, Food Drive Collection in Memory of Barbara Deaver concludes

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