



The Presbyterian Church
in Morristown

April 2, 2017
The Fifth Sunday in Lent

Celebration of Worship

*“I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live,
and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die.” ~John 11:25*

Prelude

A Lenten Introspection

Matthew Compton (b. 1994)

The Chancel Ringers

*** Call to Worship** (*responsively*)

The Rev. Sarah Green

Leader: Wait for the Lord, more than those who watch for the morning.

People: We wait for the Lord, and in God's word we hope.

Leader: Hope in the Lord! For with the Lord there is steadfast love.

People: With God there is great power to redeem.

*** Hymn 343**

Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life

Germany

Confession and Pardon

Alexandra Mead

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

God of great mercy, we confess that we seem to have more faith in death than hope in your promise of life. We seek peace through war and security in weapons. We perpetuate systems of injustice that suffocate life because change feels impossible and uncomfortable. We lose ourselves in despair and doubt that you will make a way for us through the desert. Fill us with your love and forgiveness. Save us from our living death, and transform us by the power of the One who is the resurrection and the life. Amen.

* If you are able, please stand.

Kyrie: Hymn 183, v.1 Come to Me, O Weary Traveler

Austin

Silent Prayer

Assurance of Pardon *(responsively)*

Leader: If the Lord should mark iniquities, who could stand?

People: But in the Lord we know there is forgiveness. In Christ there is salvation.

Leader: Let us step from death into newness of life, embracing the grace Jesus sheds on us.

People: Praise be to God!

*** Response: Hymn 772, v.4** Live Into Hope

Truro

* Passing of the Peace

A Time for Young Christians

Prayer for Illumination *(unison)*

O Lord, we wait for you, and in your Word we trust. By the power of your Spirit, set our hearts and minds on the source of life and peace: Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

First Scripture Reading: Ezekiel 37:1-14 (Old Testament, page 759)

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Anthem

O vos omnes

Pablo Casals (1876-1973)

The Chancel Choir

*O you people who are passing by and see me,
behold and see if there can be any sorrow like unto my sorrow.*

Second Scripture Reading: John 11:1-45 (New Testament, page 98)

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

“Through the Valley of Shadow”

Rev. Green

Greeting/Offering Ourselves and Our Gifts to God

(Please sign and pass the friendship pad, found in the pew, to the person next to you.

Offering envelopes and prayer request cards are located in the pew pockets for your convenience.

Donations may be made online through our website. Cards will be collected with the offering.)

Offertory

Drop, Drop, Slow Tears

Philip W.J. Stopford (b. 1977)

The Chancel Choir

*Drop, drop, slow tears, and bathe those beauteous feet which brought from heaven the news and
Prince of Peace: cease not, wet eyes, his mercies to entreat; to cry for vengeance sin doth never cease.*

In your deep floods drown all my faults and fears; nor let his eye see sin, but through my tears.

*** Doxology (Hymn 608)**

Praise God (Hopson)

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise Christ, all people here below;

Praise Holy Spirit evermore;

praise Triune God, whom we adore.

*** Prayer of Dedication**

Sacrament of Communion

Invitation to the Table

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The leader continues...

...Therefore with angels and archangels and the whole company of heaven,
we worship and adore your glorious name, praising you forevermore.

WORSHIP LEADERS

The Reverend Sarah Green; Alexandra Mead, Director of Christian Education;
Dr. Matthew Webb, Director of Music; Kevin Graf, Organ Scholar;
The Chancel Ringers; The Ringers on the Green; The Chancel Choir;
Vienna Volinsky and Nathan Wood, Acolytes

GREETERS

Lena Fermani, Barbara King, Cheryl and Bruce Smith

USHERS

Dave Mutchler, Head Usher; Sarah and Pete Bovee; Jan Dougherty;
Frank Gaden; Shirley Mutchler; and Gayle Pearson

FLOWERS

Given in loving memory of
Henry Santori and John and Mary Catherine Flynn
by the Santori Family

FELLOWSHIP HOSTS

Marcia and Ken Heiden

Easter Remembrances

The sanctuary will be decorated on Easter Sunday with flowering plants purchased from memorial donations designated for that purpose. If you wish to make a donation for memorial plants, please be sure that your contribution, along with the names of the donor and person(s) to be remembered or honored, is received at the church office no later than

Monday, April 10, 2017.

In memory /honor of: _____

Given by: _____

Amount: _____

(Please make check out to Presbyterian Church in Morristown, memo Easter Memorial)

OPEN MEETINGS THIS WEEK

For a full schedule of meetings, please visit www.pcmorristown.org

Sunday, Apr 2

- 7:45 a.m. Worship with Communion (Chapel)
- 8:30 a.m. Sunday Morning Seminar (Parish House)
- 8:45 a.m. Sunday School (Parish House)
- 8:45 a.m. Men's Lenten Study (Parish House)
- 10:00 a.m. Worship with Communion (Sanctuary)
- 5:00 p.m. Jazz Vespers (Sanctuary)

Monday, Apr 3

- 10:00 a.m. Circle 11 (Parish House)
- 4:00 p.m. Tax Prep Assistance (Church)

Tuesday, Apr 4

- 8:30 a.m. Tax Prep Assistance (Church)
- 10:00 a.m. Tai Chi (Parish House)
- 11:00 a.m. Lenten Study (Parish House)

Wednesday, Apr 5

- 10:30 a.m. Bible Study (Church)
- 12:00 p.m. Worship (Chapel)
- 4:15 p.m. Middle School Youth Group
- 4:15 p.m. Midweek (Church)
- 5:00 p.m. Lenten Study (Parish House)
- 6:05 p.m. Tower (Church)
- 7:00 p.m. High School Youth Group
- 7:00 p.m. Lenten Study (Parish House)

Thursday, Apr 6

- 8:30 a.m. Tax Prep Assistance (Church)
- 9:15 a.m. Christian Yoga (Parish House)
- 1:00 p.m. JAM (Parish House)
- 7:00 p.m. Young Adult Lenten Study (Parish House)

Friday, Apr 7 – Office closes at noon

- 9:00 a.m. AAA (Parish House)
- 9:30 a.m. Bulletin Volunteers (Parish House)
- 6:30 p.m. Bowling Night (Hanover Lanes)

Saturday, Apr 8

- 9:00 a.m. Spring Clean-Up (Church)

Sunday, Apr 9 – Palm Sunday

- 7:45 a.m. Worship with Communion (Chapel)
- 8:30 a.m. Sunday Morning Seminar (Parish House)
- 10:00 a.m. Worship (Sanctuary)
- 5:00 p.m. Jazz Vespers (Sanctuary)

Wel come

We are a historic church, part of a historic denomination, and we celebrate this history while exploring ways to bring passion and freshness to our worship and congregational life. Join us as we seek to discover Fresh Traditional ways to **proclaim, gather, and nurture**, all toward continuing Jesus Christ's earthly ministry of building God's Kingdom.

Visitor's Information brochures are in the stands at the entrances to assist you in finding your way around our campus.

Visiting with Children?

- **Activity materials** for young worshippers are in the drawers of the literature chests in both vestibules.
- **Infant and child care** is provided during the service in Howard House, the building to the right of the sanctuary.
- **Restrooms:** Please accompany children (under age 10) to the restrooms. (Located through the left door by the bell tables.)

Special Needs?

- **Feel free to ask** ushers and greeters for assistance if you have any questions or special needs. **Large print bulletins and hearing assistance devices** are available from the ushers in the narthex at the back of the church.

Please come again

- **Sunday Worship Schedule:**
7:45 a.m. Worship with Communion
10:00 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary
- **Wednesday Bible Study & Worship Schedule:**
10:30 a.m. Bible Study in the Choir Room
Noon Worship Service in the Chapel (followed by a light lunch)



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