



The Presbyterian Church in Morristown

April 23, 2017
Earth Day

Celebration of Worship

Prelude

Bound for Glory

Arr. Tammy Waldrop

The Tower Ringers

* Call to Worship (*responsively*)

The Rev. Dr. David Smazik

Leader: Long ago you laid the foundation of the earth,

People: and the heavens are the work of your hands.

Leader: But you are the same, and your years have no end.

People: The children of your servants shall live secure; their offspring shall be established in your presence.

* Hymn 254

That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright

Puer Nobis Nascitur

Confession and Pardon

The Rev. Sarah Green

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

Wondrous God, you have broken the power of sin and death and have given us new birth into a living hope. But seeds of doubt grow quickly in our hearts. Fear chokes off confidence and prevents us from receiving your Spirit. We fail to understand the wonder of your presence and the gift of your creation. O God, in your great mercy, grant us the peace that passes understanding. Forgive us, and draw us close to you, that we may breathe deeply of your presence and find in you the fullness of joy. Amen.

* If you are able, please stand.

Kyrie: Hymn 551

Lord, Have Mercy

Land of Rest

Silent Prayer

Assurance of Pardon (*responsively*)

Leader: Jesus calls us: “Come to Me,

People: all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.”

Leader: May you know the Peace of God.

People: Peace that comes from knowing our sins are forgiven.

*** Response: Hymn 581**

Glory Be to the Father

Gloria Patri (Creatorex)

*** Passing of the Peace**

A Time for Young Christians

Alexandra Mead

Prayer for Illumination (*unison*)

Guide us, O God, by your Word and Spirit, that in your light we may see light, in your truth find freedom, and in your will discover your peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

First Scripture Reading:

Psalm 16:7-11

(Old Testament, page 569)

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Anthem

O Sons and Daughters

arr. Mark Schweizer (b. 1956)

The Tower Choir

Barbara Valenti, piano

O sons and daughters, let us sing! The King of heav'n, the glorious King, oe'r death today rose triumphing. Alleluia, Alleluia! That night the apostles met in fear; amidst them came their Lord so dear, and said "My peace be on all here." Alleluia, Alleluia! When Thomas first the tidings heard, how they had seen the risen Lord, he doubted the disciple's word. Alleluia, Alleluia! "My pierced side, O Thomas, see; my hands, my feet, I show to thee; not faithless, but believing be." Alleluia, Alleluia! How blest are they who have not seen, and yet whose faith has constant been, for they eternal life shall win. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Second Scripture Reading:

John 20:19-31

(New Testament, page 108)

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

“Noticing Your Surroundings”

Rev. Smazik

*** Hymn 250**

In the Bulb There Is a Flower

Promise

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

Sing a New Song

Michael Praetorius (1571-1621)

The Tower Choir

Barbara Valenti, piano

*Sing a new song. Sing to God with a voice of triumph. Make his praises known to all the nations;
Sing the honor of his name.*

*** Doxology (Hymn 609)**

Lasst Uns Erfreuen

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.

Praise God, all creatures high and low.

Alleluia, alleluia!

Praise God, in Jesus fully known:

Creator, Word, and Spirit one.

Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

*** Prayer of Dedication**

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer *(unison)*

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.

*** Hymn 240**

Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks

Alleluia No.1

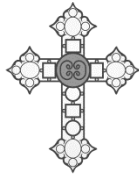
*** Benediction**

Postlude

The Voyage

The Tower Ringers

Ron Mallory



WORSHIP LEADERS

The Reverends Dr. David Smazik and Sarah Green
Alexandra Mead, Director of Christian Education
Julie Ramseyer, Director of Children's Music; Carol Johnson, Guest Organist
The Tower Choir
Emma Craig and Hanna Neil, Acolytes

GREETERS

Lois Honigfeld and Rob Heinink
Susan and Kevin Hubbard

USHERS

Dick Kaller, Head Usher; Erica Johansson,
Marnie Kaller, George Neil, Bruce and Cheryl Smith,
Wendy and Ray Doidge

FLOWERS

The sanctuary flowers are given:
In honor of Donna Kowalski's birthday,
by Jason, Jenn, Caleigh & Liam
Sandy, Mark, Rachael & Morgan

And in memory of Ray Errickson by the Errickson Family

The narthex flowers are given in memory of Ralph F. Barth
by the Barth Family

FELLOWSHIP HOSTS

Peter and Sarah Barber

THANK YOU to our Sound Team that faithfully works every Sunday.

OPEN MEETINGS THIS WEEK

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

Sunday, Apr 23

- 7:45 a.m. Worship with Communion
- 8:15 a.m. Electronics Recycling (Parish House)
- 8:30 a.m. Sunday Morning Seminar (Parish House)
- 8:45 a.m. Sunday School (Parish House)
- 10:00 a.m. Worship & Baptism (Sanctuary)
- 11:30 a.m. Info Session – Spiritual Formation
Community (Chapel)
- 12:00 p.m. Confirmation Class (Parish House)
- 4:00 p.m. Faith on Film (Parish House)

Monday, Apr 24 – no open meetings

Tuesday, Apr 25

- 10:00 a.m. Tai Chi (Parish House)
- 11:00 a.m. Bible Study (Parish House)
- 7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir (Church)

Wednesday, Apr 26

- 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 (Parish House)
- 6:00 p.m. Midweek Family Dinner (Parish House)
- 6:05 p.m. Tower
- 7:00 p.m. High School Youth Group

Thursday, Apr 27

- 9:15 a.m. Christian Yoga (Parish House)
- 1:00 p.m. JAM (Parish House)

Friday, Apr 28 – Office closes at noon

- 9:00 a.m. AAA (Parish House)
- 9:30 a.m. Bulletin Volunteers (Parish House)

Saturday, Apr 29

- 10:00 a.m. Hiking Club
119 Hacklebarney Road,
Long Valley, NJ

Sunday, Apr 30

- 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)
- 10:00 a.m. Worship with Baptisms (Sanctuary)

Welcome

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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