

The First Presbyterian Church in Pitman, NJ

Easter Sunday

Sunday, April 16, 2017 @ 10 AM – Rev. Paul Grenier

For Prayer & Contemplation

“The Bible tells us that Jesus Christ came to do three things. He came to have my past forgiven, you get a purpose for living and a home in Heaven.”
-Rick Warren

Welcome & Sharing Information Please sign the Fellowship Pad.

Prelude *Sunshine Singers & Sanctuary Choir*

“Halle, Halle, Halle” - arr. Bell (Please join us in singing the 3rd verse.)

HALLE, HALLE, HALLE
Traditional Caribbean
Arr. John Bell and Graham Maule

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Call to Worship

One: Friends, believe the Good News of the Gospel! Christ has risen!

All: **Christ has risen indeed!**

One: Let every man and woman count himself immortal.

All: **For Christ has revealed the way to conquer death in his resurrection.**

One: We gather together to sing and pray the story we know by heart, a story of loving triumph and powerful grace.

All: **This story of “Alleluia!” means great joy for the ones who live and the ones who witness this new life, in all the places of our lives!**

(Continues...)

(Call to Worship continued...)

One: We rejoice and thank you for the life of your son, resurrected by the power of your loving, vibrant spirit.

All: **Let this same spirit fill all the places of our lives, that we may know the truth of resurrection for the rest of our lives!**

One: Let us say not merely, ‘Christ is risen,’ but ‘I shall rise.’

All: **We shall rise with all the saints to goodness and glory.**

One: We join our hearts in song and sing “Alleluia! Gracious Jesus!” for Christ is living and so are we!

All: **Alleluia, indeed!**

***Hymn No. 248** “Christ is Risen! Shout Hosanna!”

Prayer of Renewal (RCL Collect)

Almighty God, who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ overcame death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: Grant that we, who celebrate with joy the day of the Lord’s resurrection, may be raised from the death of sin by your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Moment of Silence

Assurance of Forgiveness

***Hymn No. 584** “Glory, Glory, Glory”

“Glory, glory, glory, glory be to God on high! Glory, glory, glory, glory be to God on high! And on earth peace to all people in whom God is well pleased. And on earth peace to all people in whom God is well pleased.”

Passing of Peace

Anthem *Sanctuary Choir*

“Hallelujah, Amen” from *Judas Maccabaeus* - Handel

Time with Children (Dismissal to Sunday School)

Pastor: It is time for you to depart.

Adults: **God be with you there.**

Children: **God be with you here.**

Scripture Gospel of Peter 7-11

Mark 16:1-8 NT 54-5 LP 66

Acts 10:34-43 NT 129-30 LP 157-8

Sermon “A New Life, and a New Perspective” –Rev. Paul Grenier

***Hymn No. 249** “Because You Live, O Christ”

Presentation of Tithes/Offering

Offertory *Don Zimmerman*, trumpet

“Crown Him with Many Crowns” - arr. Pethel

***Doxology No. 606**

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him all creatures here below. Praise Him above ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Unison Prayer of Dedication

O God, you have become our light and our salvation – let these gifts open the gates of joy to all who hunger and thirst for your holy presence on this and every day. May they bear the gifts of Alleluia which we hold so dear, and give away with great joy. We pray in the name of our Risen Savior, Jesus the Christ! Amen.

The Prayers of the People

Nick Russo, the family of Brittany Foulk, Dave Wible, Shirley Murphy, Evelyn Gallo, Donna Dietrich, Nic Albadine, Andy Roesler, Allison Daminger, Lynda Ford, the family of Helen Taylor, Sharon Conley, Douglas Hoffman, Michael Allen, Patricia Collins, Phyllis Bullock-Beaufait, Dolores Cheesman and family, Fred & Doris Oltmann, Gary Wriggins, Cathy Russo, Marie Roberts, Deborah McLaverty, Dot Clay, Glenn Raudenbush, Erin Fitzpatrick, Montana Lovelace-LaPierre

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.

***Hymn No. 826** “Lift High the Cross”

Benediction

Benediction Hymn No. 540 “Farewell, Good Friends!”

“Farewell, good friends! Farewell, good friends! Shalom, shalom. Till we meet again, till we meet again, shalom, shalom.”

Postlude “Toccata” (touch piece) from Organ Symphony 5 - Widor

**Please stand as you are able.*

Please be advised that our worship service is filmed from the balcony. Though the camera's focus is primarily on the chancel, there are wide shots that may include parts of the congregation sitting near the front.

Please promptly pick your children up from Sunday School at the conclusion of our worship service, and join us for coffee and fellowship in the Social Hall – all are welcome!



Notes

Today's prelude is a traditional Caribbean song of praise which was arranged for the Iona community in Scotland by John Bell and Graham Maule, with verses and accompaniment added by Marty Haugen. The offertory is Stan Pethel's 2016 arrangement of the hymn tune Diademata, originally written by George J. Elvey (1816-1893). The postlude is the final movement of Charles-Marie Widor's 5th Organ Symphony, op. 42. Approximately 6 minutes in length, it is often simply called "Widor's Toccata" because it is his most famous piece. It is often played as a postlude for Easter and other festive services, and was played as the recessional for the wedding of Prince William, Duke of Cambridge and Katherine Middleton on April 29, 2011 in Westminster Abbey. We thank Don Zimmerman, the Sunshine Singers and the Sanctuary Choir for sharing special music with us this Easter Day.

Thank you to our Worship Servers	
Acolyte	Maggie Carson
Liturgist	Suzanne Carson
Greeter	Peggy Price
Ushers	Vicki Downing, Jeff Downing, Karen Daly, Dave Nicastro
Tellers	Jeff Downing, Nancy Stewart, Vicki Downing

This Week's Birthdays

- April 16 | Rob Guarni
- April 18 | Gene Cressman
- April 19 | Howard Dietrich
- April 20 | MaryKate Fitzpatrick
- April 21 | Claire Powell



This Week | April 16-23

Sunday 16	<i>Easter Sunday</i> 10 AM Worship Service
Monday 17	
Tuesday 18	<i>Weekday Preschool Spring Break</i>
Wednesday 19	<i>Weekday Preschool Spring Break</i> 10 AM Joy Circle – Upstairs Kitchen 1 PM Faith Circle – Upstairs Kitchen 7 PM Circle of Life – Church Library 7 PM PNC – Memorial Lounge
Thursday 20	<i>Weekday Preschool Spring Break</i> <i>Church Office Closed</i> 7 PM Bell Choir Rehearsal 8 PM Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
Friday 21	<i>Church Office Closed</i> 6 PM Setting up for Senior Lunch – SH
Saturday 22	<i>Earth Day</i> 12 PM Deacons' Senior Lunch – Social Hall
Sunday 23	10 AM Worship Service 11:15 AM Sunshine Singers Practice 11:15 AM Christian Ed. Cmte. – Up Kitchen



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