

THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF LAWRENCEVILLE

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP FOR EASTER SUNDAY

April 12, 2020 10:00a.m.

Participating in the Service Today:

The Rev. Dr. Jeffrey Vamos, the Rev. Kyle Anderson, the Rev. Dr. Louise Johnson,
Jill Cifelli

Music: James D. Moyer, Mike Deni, John Calkins, Matthew Kauffman, Lindsey Reinhard,
Wendy Darr

THE PEOPLE'S PREPARATION

Welcome to today's Easter worship service, via live-stream! Note that our announcements today will be at the end of our worship service. Please consider inviting (via text or IM) someone now to join you in worshipping today via our live-stream.

Some words to reflect on as we prepare our hearts to worship:

"The secret of life lies in laughter and humility." — G. K. Chesterton

"All joy reminds. It is never a possession, always a desire for something longer ago or further away or still about to be." — C.S. Lewis

"Humor and laughter and silliness and giggles can get into some dark, walled-off places inside us and bring breath and lightness." — Anne Lamott

THE SERVICE OF WORSHIP

Prelude

Early in the Morning

Introit

Morning Has Broken

Mike Deni

Welcome and Call to Worship

Christ is Risen!

The Hymn of Praise (vv. 1, 2, 4)

Christ Is Alive!

An Easter Litany of Adoration and Confession

Lord of heaven and earth, you spoke and the world was created in all its beauty.
By your Word you gave birth to all that we know. From early in the morning till

late at night, day after day, year after year, you reveal your majesty. Hallowed be your name.

All: Hallowed be your name.

Early in the morning, when the world least expected it, the cry of an infant born in a manger announced that you had come among us, the Word made flesh, in solidarity with all humanity. You sent your Son to show us the way, the truth and the life. Hallowed be your name.

All: Hallowed be your name.

Early in the morning, surrounded by angry religious leaders, threatened government authorities and silent friends, you were accused of doing wrong when all you did was good and right and righteous. For that you suffered and died on the cross. Hallowed be your name.

All: Hallowed be your name.

Early in the morning, when it was still dark, women discovered that you had risen. A tomb could not contain you or the new life that you offer, even to those who had ignored, denied, and destroyed you. Hallowed be your name.

All: Hallowed be your name.

This morning, in the company of your church on earth and in heaven, we celebrate your birth, your life, your death and resurrection. So hear our prayers, Holy One.

All: Living Lord, bring new life to those of us who are exhausted; new love where we have turned hard-hearted; forgiveness when we have hurt or been hurt by others; and freedom from the actions and attitudes that separate us from you and others.

Now in the silence, we lift our personal prayers to you. (a brief moment of silence) Jesus' resurrection is not a concept or an idea, but a life-changing, world-changing power. Sin and death do not have the final word. Grace, mercy, forgiveness and peace are ours through faith in our Lord Jesus Christ. Thanks be to God!

People: Amen.

Gloria

Children's Message

Scripture Lesson

Matthew 28:1-10

Sermon

You Can't Laugh and Be Afraid at the Same Time

The Rev. Dr. Jeffrey A. Vamos, preaching

Anthem

"Jesus Christ Is Risen Today"

Singers: Laura, Sara, Mary, Barbara and Ralph Ferguson

Prayers of the People and 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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

Call to Offering

Moment for Mission: One Great Hour of Sharing

Offertory

John Calkins, Tenor; Matthew Kauffman, Bass

Arise, Oh God by **Pyotr Turchaninov**

Arise, O God, and judge the earth,
for Thou dost reign forever!

Christ is the new Passover, a living sacrifice,
the Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world.

The women hastened to tell the Apostles:
“Be of good courage and rejoice, for the Lord is risen!”

The angel cried to the Lady Full of Grace:

“Rejoice, O pure Virgin, and again I say ‘Rejoice,’
for Thy Son is risen on the third day from the tomb.”

Doxology / Offertory Prayer

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

The Peace

May the peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.

News of the Life and Work of the Church

Closing Hymn

Thine is the Glory

Benediction

Benediction Response

*Singers: Lindsey Reinhard, soprano; Wendy Darr, alto; John Calkins, tenor; Matthew
Kauffman, bass*

Hallelujah Chorus by **George Frideric Handel**

Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!
For the Lord God omnipotent reigneth
Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah!

The kingdom of this world;
is become the kingdom of our Lord,
and of His Christ- and of his Christ!

And He shall reign forever and ever...

King of kings forever and ever

Hallelujah, hallelujah!
and Lord of lords forever and ever
hallelujah, hallelujah!

King of kings and Lord of lords
And he shall reign...
And he shall reign forever and ever

King of kings, forever and ever
and Lord of lords
Hallelujah, hallelujah!

And he shall reign forever and ever
King of kings and Lord of lords

King of kings and Lord of lords
And he shall reign forever and ever
Forever and ever and ever and ever
Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah!

Hallelujah!

Postlude

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Special Offering: One Great Hour of Sharing

During this time of crisis, with the COVID-19 pandemic threatening, we are reminded that the most vulnerable in our midst suffer first, most and longest. One Great Hour of Sharing has, for over 70 years, supported the most vulnerable among us. The three programs supported by OGHS – Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, The Presbyterian Hunger Program, and Self-Development of People – work in different ways to serve individuals and communities here and around the world.

Today we have a ‘virtual’ offering where we are asked to make our contribution to this special offering.

Give online to OGHS at: <https://specialofferings.pcusa.org/make-a-gift/gift-info/oghs/> Or mail your check to The Presbyterian Church of Lawrenceville, 2688 Main Street, Lawrenceville, NJ 08648, with OGHS in the memo line.

During these uncertain times, we depend on our Church, faith, family and God’s grace to see us through. Please, give from your heart. Thank you!

We will continue to worship on Sunday mornings at 10:00 am via Facebook Live

WINK check in Sundays at 5pm via Zoom

Women of the Word (WoW) will be meeting every Tuesday at 7pm via Zoom

Be together with our church community informally on Fridays at noon via Zoom

Children of all ages Bible story and yoga Wednesdays at 7pm via Zoom.

Look for *Today’s Encouraging Word* emails on Fridays and Tuesdays. Tuesday will be for children and adults too. Announcements by our regular E-news will continue on Fridays.

Thursdays at 7:00 – Zoom with Ms. Robyn for children and adults.

Let’s Do Our Part! Red Cross Blood Drive 4/28/20

Co-sponsored by Temple Micah and PCOL, the American Red Cross will be conducting a Blood Drive at PCOL on Tuesday, April 28 from 2pm to 7pm.

Donating blood products is essential to community health and the need for blood products is constant. As part of our nation’s critical infrastructure, healthy individuals can still donate in areas that have issued shelter in place declarations during this pandemic. The Red Cross follows the highest standards of safety and infection control, and volunteer donors are the only source of blood for those in need.

Appointments are preferred. Please visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter the sponsor keyword: LawrencevilleComm. Or call Rick van den Heuvel at 609-462-9101 or Mary Kuller at 609-275-4843.

As a special thank you, donors will receive a \$5.00 Amazon gift card.

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