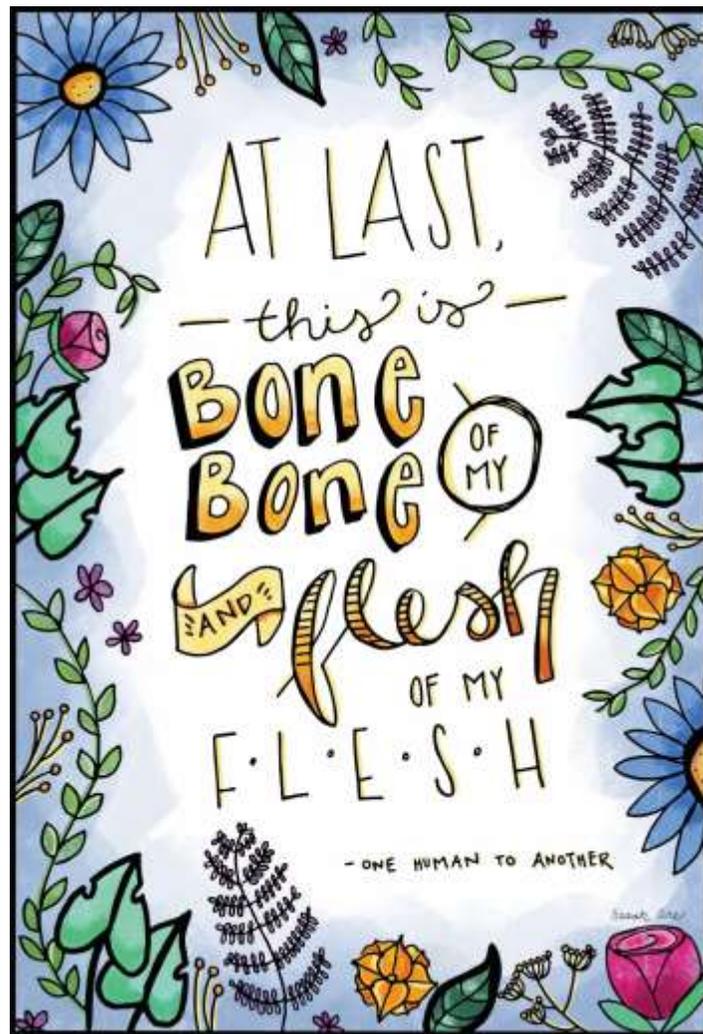




**MECHANICSBURG PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
300 East Simpson Street  
Mechanicsburg, Pennsylvania 17055-6596  
717-697-0351 • [www.mechpresby.org](http://www.mechpresby.org)  
April 18, 2021 • 3rd Sunday of Easter • 10am

## Adam & Eve

**May I never forget the way you have created us from the dust of the earth,  
from earthy fragments belonging to one another and to you. Amen.**



**The power of this story is not in the order.  
The power of this story is in a God that saw how humans need one another,  
and in Adam's first testimony of belonging.**

~ Sarah Are, Sanctified Art ~

**Prelude**

*Prayer*

Robert Kreutz

**Welcome & Concerns of the Church**

**Faces of Mission**

**Introit #243**

*Be Not Afraid  
Be not afraid; sing out for joy!  
Christ is risen, alleluia! (3x)*

BE NOT AFRAID

**Opening Prayer**

**Hymn #248**

*Christ is risen! Shout Hosanna!  
Christ is risen! Shout Hosanna! Celebrate this day of days!  
Christ is risen! Hush in wonder: all creation is amazed.  
In the desert all-surrounding, see, a spreading tree has grown.  
Healing leaves of grace abounding bring a taste of love unknown.  
Christ is risen! Raise your spirits from the caverns of despair.  
Walk with gladness in the morning. See what love can do and dare.  
Drink the wine of resurrection, not a servant, but a friend.  
Jesus is our strong companion. Joy and peace shall never end.  
Christ is risen! Earth and heaven nevermore shall be the same.  
Break the bread of new creation where the world is still in pain.  
Tell its grim, demonic chorus: "Christ is risen! Get you gone!"  
God the First and Last is with us. Sing Hosanna everyone!*

HYMN TO JOY

**We Love to Tell the Story**

*Holy Troublemakers & Unconventional Saints, D. Akers*

**Prayer for Illumination**

**First Lesson**

Genesis 2:4-15

*These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created. In the day that the Lord God made the earth and the heavens, when no plant of the field was yet in the earth and no herb of the field had yet sprung up – for the Lord God had not caused it to rain upon the earth, and there was no one to till the ground; but a stream would rise from the earth, and water the whole face of the ground – then the Lord God formed man from the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and the man became a living being.*

*And the Lord God planted a garden in Eden, in the east; and there he put the man whom he had formed. Out of the ground the Lord God made to grow every tree that is pleasant to the sight and good for food, the tree of life also in the midst of the garden, and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. A river flows out of Eden to water the garden, and from there it divides and becomes four branches. The name of the first is Pishon; it is the one that flows around the whole land of Havilah, where there is gold; and the gold of that land is good; bdellium and onyx stone are there. The name of the second river is Gihon; it is the one that flows around the whole land of Cush. The name of the third river is Tigris, which flows east of Assyria. And the fourth river is the Euphrates. The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it.*

## Second Lesson

Genesis 2:16-23

*And the LORD God commanded the man, "You may freely eat of every tree of the garden; but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die."*

*Then the LORD God said, "It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper as his partner." So out of the ground the LORD God formed every animal of the field and every bird of the air, and brought them to the man to see what he would call them; and whatever the man called every living creature, that was its name. The man gave names to all cattle, and to the birds of the air, and to every animal of the field; but for the man there was not found a helper as his partner.*

*So the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and he slept; then he took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. And the rib that the LORD God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man. Then the man said, "This at last is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; this one shall be called Woman, for out of Man this one was taken."*

The story of God for the people of God... **Thanks be to God.**

## Sermon

*Faces of Our Faith  
Adam & Eve*

Reverend Kathryn Z. Johnston

## Hymn #481

*I Believe in God the Father*

GENEVAN 42

*I believe in God the Father, merciful and mighty Lord,  
maker of the earth and heavens, whom we worship and adore;  
and in Jesus Christ the son, Only Savior, sovereign one,  
by the Holy Spirit given, born of Mary, blessed virgin.*

*Under Pilate, Jesus suffered, faithful to his final breath.  
He was crucified and buried, and descended into death.  
From the grave he did arise; he ascended through the skies;  
now enthroned with God in heaven, he will judge the dead and living.*

*I believe in God the Spirit, and the church in every place;  
saints in glorious communion, all forgiven, full of grace;  
Flesh and blood will live again; life in Christ will never end.  
Holy Spirit, Son and Father: I will praise your name forever.*

## Sacrament of Baptism

Tyler James O'Keefe, son of Devin and Shannon O'Keefe

## Voluntary

*Deep River*  
Soloist: Richard Prether

African American Spiritual

## Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer

In your mercy Lord... **hear our 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.**

## Offering of Tithes & Gifts

Prayer of Dedication

Charge & Benediction

**Pastors:** Mark Allio & Kathryn Johnston

**Liturgists:** Cathay Snyder, Amy Zullo

**Organist:** Mark McKeever



<b>Ministers</b> .....	<b>All members of the congregation</b>
Senior Pastor/Head of Staff.....	Rev. Kathryn Z. Johnston ..... kjohnston@mechpresby.org
Associate Pastor .....	Rev. Mark A. Allio ..... mallio@mechpresby.org
Director of Music .....	Mark McKeever ..... mmckeever@mechpresby.org
Christian Education Director .....	Cathay Snyder..... csnyder@mechpresby.org
Church Administrator.....	Angela Stevens..... astevens@mechpresby.org
Playful Beginnings Director .....	Karen P. Taylor ..... playfulbeginnings.mpc@gmail.com
<b>Session:</b>	
Class of 2021 – Rich Blessing, Katie Chase, David Cox, Courtney Gray, Cindy Gorski, Lorrie Weber, Tim Wonder	
Class of 2022 – Ed Boggs, Jim Honafius, Ted Foor, Nickie Shaddock, Rick Whitcomb	
Class of 2023 – Patti Hinkson, Scott Rogers, Kelli Scurfield, Jen Thomson, Phil Van Zile	
<b>Deacons:</b>	
Class of 2021 – Pat Heintzleman, Marybeth Hummel, Judy Klebe, Cathy Petko, Jan Whitcomb, Carol Winston	
Class of 2022 – Laura Bricker, Sue Karakantas, Mary Love, Joanne Neimer, Keni Melphis, Tracy Shosh	
Class of 2023 – Heather Barto, Jan Burrows, Jan Daft, Mike Daft, Nat League, Amy Zullo	