

MECHANICSBURG PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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April 11, 2021 • 2nd Sunday of Easter • 10am



Prelude

Prelude and Fugue in F Major

Vincent Lübeck

Welcome & Concerns of the Church

Call to Worship

The Father's voice bears witness to the Son.

God has shown himself to us.

The Son is baptized in the waters of the Jordan.

God has shown himself to us.

Jesus spent forty days in the wilderness, tempted by Satan, protected by angels.

God has shown himself to us.

Jesus announced God's good news.

God has shown himself to us.

God's love is seen to the end of the world.

God has shown himself to us.

Hymn #245

Christ the Lord is Risen Today

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"Christ the Lord is risen today!" Alleluia!

All creation, join to say: Alleluia!

Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia!

Sing, O heavens, and earth reply, Alleluia!

Love's redeeming work is done, Alleluia!

Fought the fight, the battle won, Alleluia!

Death in vain forbids him rise, Alleluia!

Christ has opened paradise. Alleluia!

Prayer of Adoration

Hymn #243

Be Not Afraid
Be not afraid; sing out for joy!
Christ is risen, alleluia!
Be not afraid; sing out for joy!
Christ is risen, alleluia!

BE NOT AFRAID

We Love to Tell the Story

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Lesson

Mark 1:9-15

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased." And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. He was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him.

Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news."

GOOD NEWS!

Declaration of Faith

The Apostles' Creed

Our church states its faith and bears witness to God's grace in Jesus Christ by using ten creeds and confessions. In these confessional statements the church declares to its members and to the world who and what it is, what it believes and what it resolves to do. These confessional statements are subject to the authority of Jesus Christ and the Word of God. The following is the Apostles' Creed, which in its earliest form dates back to 180 AD. The word 'catholic' refers to the entire Christian church; 'quick' means living:

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

***Hymn #245, vv. 1-2**

Christ the Lord is risen Today
Lives again our glorious King, Alleluia!
Where, O death, is now your sting? Alleluia!
Jesus died, our souls to save, Alleluia!
Where your victory, O grave? Alleluia!

Hail the Lord of earth and heaven! Alleluia!
Praise to you by both be given, Alleluia!
Every knee to you shall bow, Alleluia!
Risen Christ, triumphant now. Alleluia!

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Prayers of the People & 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.

Offering of Tithes & Gifts - kj

Offertory

Basse de Trompète

Jean-François Dandrieu

Prayer of Dedication - ma

Charge & Benediction - ma

Pastors: Mark Allio & Kathryn Johnston

Liturgists: Molly Kleinert, Cathay Snyder

Organist: Mark McKeever

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The message usually changes on Saturday morning. |

YOU CAN CALL IN TO HEAR WORSHIP AT 10AM on SUNDAY MORNINGS

Dial (toll free): 877-853-5247 or 888-788-0099

A voice will welcome you to Zoom and ask you to enter the meeting ID which is: 717-697-0351#

You should then be able to hear the worship service.

The line will be open on Sunday mornings beginning at 9:45am.

INDOOR WORSHIP UPDATE

As you know, we have been trying to use this time of being out of the church buildings as a time to get the big projects from our Capital Campaign list done. While we have been largely successful, there are a few items left that impact the use of the Sanctuary, Upper Fellowship Hall, Gathering Area, and Conference Room spaces that we need to be completed before we can safely re-open. These projects are already in progress.

During Monday night's meeting, Session agreed with the COVID-19 Task Force's recommendation that once those projects are complete, the Sanctuary and other areas of the building be re-opened subject to the COVID-19 guidelines and protocols recommended by the Pennsylvania Board of Health and the CDC. We will get more details out when we get closer to re-opening.

Our expectation is that we will be open to some version of indoor, in-person worship in mid-May.

We will not re-open the other spaces in the church to MPC or outside groups until after we have re-opened for worship.

HOWEVER, MPC volunteers working with outside groups (ie: Presby Peelers, Downtown Daily Bread, Hershey Park volunteers, etc...) may continue those activities, following the COVID-19 regulations that have been put into place by those organizations.

We appreciate everyone's patience. We know you will agree that the slight added delay is well worth it, once you see the projects that we were able to complete!
