



WESTMINSTER
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Second Sunday of Easter
Communion Sunday
11 April 2021 + 10:00 a.m.

Welcome and Announcements

Voluntary

O Sons and Daughters, Let Us Sing

Jean François Dandrieu

*Ringing of the Bell

The congregation rises at the ringing of the Tower Bell.

* Call to Worship

Psalm 133 and 1 John 1

Leader: How very good and pleasant it is when we live together in unity!
People: **It is a blessing from God.**
Leader: Our fellowship in Christ is joy,
People: **And eternal life has to us been revealed!**
Leader: Let us remember that the very Son of God is our advocate.
People: **Let us be thankful and give praise.**

*Processional Hymn

Come, Behold! the Feast of Heaven

Llanfair

Come, behold! the feast of heaven	Alleluia!
has to mortal flesh been given.	Alleluia!
Hear the word of God declared:	Alleluia!
“Come! The banquet is prepared.”	Alleluia!
All is ready, come attend	Alleluia!
as the Lord’s invited friend;	Alleluia!
come from north, west, south, and east;	Alleluia!
celebrate the joyful feast.	Alleluia!
All who trust in God belong	Alleluia!
at this banquet with this throng.	Alleluia!
Share the mystic holy food;	Alleluia!
taste and see: the Lord is good.	Alleluia!
As the Lord our God has willed,	Alleluia!
here the hungry soul is filled;	Alleluia!
here the weary are refreshed.	Alleluia!
All who share God’s feast are blessed.	Alleluia!

*Prayer of Confession

Rev. Christian K. Choi

You have shown yourself to us, O God, by Word and Spirit, with signs and wonders, in flesh and blood, yet we still struggle to live and believe the good news. We hesitate to come face-to-face with our own sins because we doubt your grace and promise; and we are reluctant, also, to offer others the same grace we ourselves need. Have mercy on us and change our hearts, Lord. Enter into our lives and cast out fear so that we may trust in you and have life, and share life, in the name of Jesus Christ. Hear now our silent prayers of confession.

***Sung Response** Lord, Have Mercy Upon Us

***Declaration of Pardon**

Leader: Friends, believe the good news.
People: **in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.**
Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.
People: **And also with you.**
All: **Thanks be to God. Amen.**

***Response of Praise** Gloria Patri

Children's Sermon

Response Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord.
Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to his name.

*Children pre-K through grade 5 depart with Ms. Ray for Sunday School.
Parents are invited to meet their children in Parish Hall after worship*

First Scripture Reading Acts 4:32-35

³² Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. ³³ With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. ³⁴ There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. ³⁵ They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

Music All Things Bright and Beautiful John Rutter

All things bright and beautiful, all creatures great and small,
All things wise and wonderful, the Lord God made them all.
Each little flower that opens, each little bird that sings,
He made their glowing colors, he made their tiny wings.
The purple-headed mountain, the river running by,
The sunset and the morning, that brightens up the sky;
The cold wind in the winter, the pleasant summer sun,
The ripe fruits in the garden, he made them every one.
He gave us eyes to see them, and lips that we might tell
how great is God Almighty, who has made all things well.
All things bright and beautiful, all creatures great and small,
All things wise and wonderful, the Lord God made them all.

Second Scripture Reading John 20:1-18

¹⁹ When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁰ After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹ Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." ²² When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³ If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

²⁴ But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵ So the other disciples told him, “We have seen the Lord.” But he said to them, “Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.”

²⁶ A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” ²⁷ Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.” ²⁸ Thomas answered him, “My Lord and my God!” ²⁹ Jesus said to him, “Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.”

³⁰ Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. ³¹ But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

Meditation Face to Face Rev. Trajan I. McGill
“Jesus came and stood among them and said, ‘Peace be with you.’” John 20:19b

Music Agnus Dei Gabriel Fauré
O Lamb of God that takes away the sin of the world: Grant us your peace.

Presentation of Our Gifts and Prayer of Dedication

***Offertory Response** Doxology

Invitation to the Lord’s Table

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Pastor: It is truly right and our greatest joy to give you thanks and praise...Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with choirs of angels and with all the faithful of every time and place, who forever sing to the glory of your name:

Duet: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.

Pastor: You are holy, O God of majesty...Accept this, our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, as a living and holy offering of ourselves, that our lives may proclaim the One crucified and risen. Great is the mystery of faith:

People: **Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.**

Pastor: Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these your gifts of bread and wine... Hear now the prayer Christ taught us to pray, saying:

The Lord’s Prayer Words of Institution

Music at the Communion This Joyful Eastertide Dutch Carol

This joyful Eastertide, away with sin and sorrow!
My love, the Crucified, has sprung to life this morrow.
Had Christ, who once was slain, not burst his three-day prison,
our faith had been in vain. But now has Christ arisen.

***Prayer after Communion** **Lord, we give you thanks that in the rising of our Lord Jesus your mercy has met us, and that in his appearance in our midst, our lives have come into hope. Raise us up in Christ, and send us out in his name to be faithful disciples, ever doing the work of your kingdom. Amen.**

***Hymn** The Risen Christ *Woodlands*

The risen Christ, who walks on wounded feet
from garden tomb through darkened city street,
unlocks the door of grief, despair, and fear,
and speaks a word of peace to all who hear.

The risen Christ, who stands with wounded side,
breathes out his Spirit on them to abide
whose faith still wavers, who dare not believe;
new grace, new strength, new purpose they receive.

The risen Christ, who breaks with wounded hand
the bread for those who fail to understand,
reveals himself, despite their lingering tears,
enflames their hearts, then quickly disappears.

May we, Christ's boy, walk and serve and stand
with the oppressed in this and every land,
till all are blessed and can a blessing be,
restored in Christ to true haminity.

***Charge and Benediction**

***Voluntary** Concerto in d-minor: Allegro Antonio Vivaldi-J. S. Bach

(*) The congregation is invited to stand.

**The chancel flowers are given in loving memory of Ruth Neuss Irwin
by her loving son, Richard Irwin and family.**

Worship Participants

Rev. Trajan I. McGill, Associate Pastor for Parish Life

Rev. Christian K. Choi, Associate Pastor for Family Ministry

Grace Batterman, Liturgist

Avery and Bryce Pound, Cross and Bible Carrier

Dale Rogers, Organist and Director of Music and the Arts

Lyle VanDeventer, Bass Julie Blythe and Eleanor VanDeventer, Sopranos

Elsie and Bob Fox, Videographers

Judy Ridinger, Greeter Jessica Borland, Tara Fritsch, Mary Peura, Ushers

Bill Deemer and Mary Ray, Communion Preparation Team

Marilyn Rigney and Alan Schuermann Safety Team