April 7, 2024

Patti Reep, Organist

PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

O God our Savior, the hope of all, even of those who are farthest away from you.

By your power, you formed the mountains, and by your strength, you calmed the seas.

You still the chaos and turmoil in our hearts and lives and relationships. Awesome and wonderful you are!

Every morning, as the sun rises, every evening, as the day fades into night, all creation is drawn into song, declaring your beauty and glory.

Oh, to join in the song!

Let us worship God Almighty.

MORNING PRAYER

* Hymn of Praise #108 PH "Christ is Alive!"

* CALL TO CONFESSION

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of everlasting life, we confess that we continue in the ways of death. You offer us your forgiveness, yet we refuse to forgive others. You show us signs of resurrection, yet still we fail to believe. Forgive us, God of grace. Fill us with your Holy Spirit and send us out in mission to proclaim your reconciling love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

* SILENT CONFESSION

* ASSURANCE OF PARDON

* GLORIA PATRI #579 PH

* Passing of the Peace.

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

CHILDREN ARE EXCUSED TO SUNDAY SCHOOL

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

11:00 AM

Deborah Snyder, Pianist

& Choir Director

OLD TESTAMENT READING: Psalm 133 GOSPEL LESSON: John 20:19-31

SERMON "Good Doubt/Bad Doubt" Lisa J. Lyon

MOMENT OF SILENT MEDITATION

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH The Apostles' Creed (Traditional) Pg. 14 PH

BLESSING God has led us from slavery to the freedom of the blessed of God God has led us through the water of death to the gospel shore of life. God is leading us from the horror of war to the peace of the bosom of Christ. May the risen Christ give us the joy of eternal life. Amen. Let us bless the Lord! Alleluia! Alleluia! Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Alleluia!

JOYS AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER Pg. 16 PH

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING * THE DOXOLOGY #592 PH

* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Gracious God, You give us all we need and more. Now, please accept this offering, even though it is just a small amount of what we owe You. Take it and use it to the glory of Your name to spread the Good News of that You gave Your life so that we may be forgiven. Amen.

* Closing Hymn #104 PH "Christ is Risen! Shout Hosanna!"

* BENEDICTION

* Response "The Lord Liveth"

The Lord liveth, and blessed be the Rock, and let the God of my salvation be exalted! The Lord liveth, and blessed be the Rock, and let the God of my salvation be exalted!

* Congregation please stand if you are able. PH - Presbyterian Hymnal (Blue), CLH - Christian Life Hymnal (Red)

We welcome all visitors worshiping with us today! Please sign our guest book located in the vestibule.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Dennis Molnar can be reached by calling/texting 412-389-6844 or by e-mail at <u>molnarzoo@verizon.net</u> if you have a pastoral concern or question.

Adult Sunday School – Sundays at 9:45-10:30am.
Children's Sunday School – Today following the Passing of the Peace.
Choir Practice – Sundays at 10:30am in the rehearsal room.
Deacons Meeting – Today following worship at 12:00pm.
Session Meeting – Monday, April 15th at 7:00pm. Please have session reports to Deb Snyder by Tuesday, April 9th.
Coffee Hour – Sunday, April 14th following worship. Sponsored by

the Deacons.

Eyeglass Collection – - The Worship Committee will be collecting old eyeglasses to send to Uganda. If you have any to donate, please leave them in the basket located in the back of the church.

New Members Class - Anyone interested in joining the church see Deb Snyder.

Bulletin Announcements – Please notify Jan Cannon by calling or texting at 724-494-9382 or by email at <u>djjcannon@yahoo.com</u>.

The offering plate is located on the table in the back of the church, you may leave your offering there.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

April 10 – Karah Smith

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

April 7 – Bud & Marvene Bowser

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Blessed are they who have not seen and yet have believed John 20:29