

HEBRON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Order of Service for the Worship of God

April 23, 2017

2nd Sunday of Easter

11:00 A.M.

PRELUDE

Carolyn Wallace

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP

Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks

Chancel Choir

***RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP** ~ Psalm 16: 8-11

L: Preserve me, O God, for in you I take refuge. I say to the LORD, "You are my Lord; I have no good apart from you."

P: I keep the LORD always before me. Because he is at my right hand, I shall not be moved; therefore my heart is glad, and my soul rejoices.

L: My body also dwells secure, for you will not give me up to Sheol, or let your holy one see the Pit.

P: You show me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy, in your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

***UNISON OPENING PRAYER** ~ From the PCUSA *Book of Common Worship*

Almighty and eternal God – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit – the strength of those who believe, and the confidence of those who doubt: Grant that we, who have not seen, may have faith in Jesus, our Risen Lord and Savior, and that we may receive the fullness of his blessings, through the power of the Holy Spirit, we pray in his name. Amen.

***HYMN**

Thine Is the Glory

Bulletin Insert

RESPONSIVE CALL TO CONFESSION ~ Psalm 116: 3-5

L: The snares of death encompassed me; the pains of Sheol laid hold on me; I suffered distress and anguish. Then I called on the name of the LORD:

P: "O LORD, I beseech you, save my life!" The LORD is gracious and righteous; our God is merciful.

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION ~ From the PCUSA *Book of Common Worship*

Almighty God, in raising Jesus from the grave, you shattered the power of sin and death. We confess that we remain captive to doubt and fear, bound by the ways that lead to death. We overlook the poor and the hungry, and pass by those who mourn. We are deaf to the cries of the oppressed, and indifferent to calls for peace. We hold the weak and the victims of economics in contempt, calling them lazy and unmotivated. We abuse the earth out of greed and convenience, instead of being the stewards of Creation you call us to be. Forgive us, Lord. Help us to trust in your power to change our lives and make us new, that we may know the joy of abundant life given in Jesus Christ, the Risen Lord. *(Silent prayer and personal confession)*

RESPONSIVE ASSURANCE OF PARDON ~ 1 Peter 1: 18-19a, 21

L: You know that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from those before you, not with perishable things such as silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ.

P: Through him [we] have confidence in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that [our] faith and hope are in God.

L: Friends, believe the good news of the gospel:

P: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!

***GLORIA PATRI**

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ANTHEM

When I Think of the Nailprints

Chancel Choir

CHILDREN'S LESSON ~ *Children through 5th grade may go to Junior Church afterward*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

GOSPEL LESSON ~ John 20: 19-31 ~ Page 945 in the pew Bible

On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being shut where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I send you." And when he had said this, he breathed on them, and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." Now Thomas, one of the twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord!" But he said to them, "Unless I see in his hands the print of the nails, and place my finger in the mark of the nails, and place my hand in his side, I will not believe." Eight days later, his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. The doors were shut, but Jesus came and stood among them, and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here, and see my hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side; do not be faithless, but believing." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Do you believe because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet believe." Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; but these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in his name.

1st NEW TESTAMENT LESSON ~ Acts 2: 14a, 22-32 ~ Page 948 in the pew Bible

Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Men of Israel, hear these words: Jesus of Nazareth – a man attested to you by God with mighty works and wonders and signs which God did through him in your midst, as you yourselves know – this Jesus, delivered up according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of lawless men. But God raised him up, having freed him from the pains of death, because it was not possible for death to hold power over him. For David says concerning him, 'I saw the Lord always before me, for he is at my right hand that I may not

be shaken; therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced; moreover my flesh will dwell in hope. For you will not abandon my soul to Hades, nor let your Holy One see corruption. You have made known to me the ways of life; you will fill me with gladness with your presence.' Brothers and sisters, I may say to you confidently of the patriarch David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. Being therefore a prophet, and knowing that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would set one of his descendants upon his throne, he foresaw and spoke of the resurrection of the Christ, that he was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh see corruption. This Jesus God raised up, and of that we all are witnesses."

2nd NEW TESTAMENT LESSON ~ 1 Peter 1: 3-5, 8-9 ~ Page 1058 in the pew Bible

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy we have been born anew to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and to an inheritance which is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who by God's power are guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

Without having seen him you love him; though you do not now see him you believe in him, and so you rejoice with unutterable and exalted joy. As the outcome of your faith you obtain the salvation of your souls.

L: This is the word of the Lord; P: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON "Jesus Is Alive" Rev. Frank Wyche

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *The Apostles' Creed* Inside front cover of hymnal

*HYMN *Worship Christ, the Risen King* #361

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*DOXOLOGY #815

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

JOYS AND CONCERNS, MORNING PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

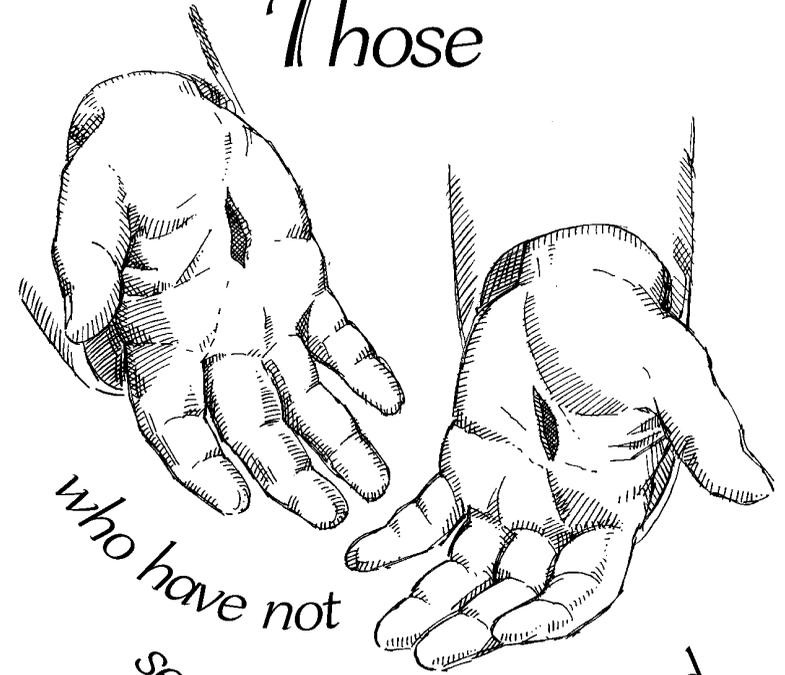
*HYMN *Christ Arose* #357

*BENEDICTION

*CHORAL CLOSE *Alleluia, Alleluia!* Chancel Choir

POSTLUDE Carolyn Wallace

Blessed
are
Those



who have not
seen and yet have believed.

John 20:29

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