

EASTER SUNDAY

April 20, 2014

Nine-thirty and Eleven o'clock

THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH AT CALDWELL

Caldwell, New Jersey

FESTIVAL WORSHIP

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

GATHERING

REFLECTION

*The stirring wildness of God
calls brittle bones to leaping
and stone hearts to soaring.
Old women dance among the stars.*

Ann Weems

PRELUDE

“Come, ye faithful, raise the strain”
“Fanfare for Easter”
Chancel Handbell Choir

arr. Sondra K. Tucker

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CALL TO WORSHIP

At the break of dawn, a bird sings. The long night of darkness is over.

The stone is rolled away. The tomb is empty.

The sun begins to shine.

The Son has risen!

It's a morning of glory, of love overcoming death,

Of women spreading Good News, of men turning from despair.

It's a morning of joy,

For Easter has come again.

Love is stronger than death,

And we lift our voices in song.

OPENING PRAYER

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN NO. 238 Thine is the Glory”

JUDAS MACCABEUS
Arr. Paul Leddington Wright

*Thine is the glory, risen conquering Son;
Endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.
Angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away,
Kept the folded grave clothes where thy body lay.*

**REFRAIN: Thine is the glory, risen, conquering son;
Endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.**

**Lo! Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb;
Lovingly he greets us, scatters fear and gloom.
Let the church with gladness hymns of triumph sing,
For the Lord now liveth; death hath lost its sting.**

REFRAIN:

**No more we doubt thee, glorious Prince of life!
Life is naught without thee; aid us in our strife.
Make us more than conquerors through thy deathless love;
Bring us safe through Jordan to thy home above.**

REFRAIN:

The Acolytes this morning are Ian Flanagan at 9:30 and Jessica Day at 11:00.

***THE PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Please exchange greetings of welcome and peace with your neighbor.

PROCLAIMING AND RESPONDING

ANTHEM at 11:00

“Christ is Risen! Alleluia!”
Chi-Rho and Genesis Choirs (Youth Club)

Michael D. Costello

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

Please note: Children ages 2-5 may leave to go to Kids Page in room A-9 located through the doors by the choir loft, right and downstairs.
Pick up is immediately following the service.

***RESPONSE OF THANKSGIVING NO. 250 “In the Bulb There Is a Flower”**

**In the bulb there is a flower; in the seed, an apple tree;
in cocoons, a hidden promise: butterflies will soon be free!
In the cold and snow of winter there's a spring that waits to be,
unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.**

PARISH LIFE

Members, friends and visitors please sign the Friendship Pad in each pew and pass it to the person next to you. The last person will pass the pad back to the first person, who will then please place the sheet in the offering plate. Worshipers are invited to use the cards in the pew racks so we may celebrate each other's joys and share each other's burdens in our prayers. Please place the cards in the offering plate so that the ministers may include them in their prayers this week.

ANTHEM

“Psalm 150”
Chancel Choir

Walter L. Pelz

READING OF SCRIPTURE

Mark 15:20b-31; 16:1-8

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RESPONSE NO. 250

“In the Bulb There Is a Flower”

**There’s a song in every silence, seeking word and melody;
there’s a dawn in every darkness, bringing hope to you and me.
From the past will come the future; what it holds, a mystery,
unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.**

SERMON

“*Changed By Circumstance*”

Dr. Sommers

*HYMN

“Jesus Christ Is Risen Today”

EASTER HYMN

**Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia!
Our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!
Who did once upon the cross, Alleluia!
Suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!**

**Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia!
Unto Christ, our heavenly King, Alleluia!
Who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia!
Sinners to redeem and save, Alleluia!**

**But the pains which he endured, Alleluia!
Our salvation have procured. Alleluia!
Now above the sky he’s King, Alleluia!
Where the angels ever sing. Alleluia!**

**Sing we to our God above, Alleluia!
Praise eternal as God’s love. Alleluia!
Praise our God, ye heavenly host, Alleluia!
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND 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

OFFERTORY

“Christ Is Risen”
Chancel Choir
Children’s Choir Ensemble

arr. Heather Sorenson

†The Deacons invite you to call the Inspirational Phone Line at 973-228-2604 any time during the week for a short devotional message.

†Each week you will find CDs of past weeks services in the rack near the ushers closet. Keep the CD for your own use or pass it on to your friends and neighbors. You can also listen to sermons on the church website at www.firstprescaldwell.org

Thank you to all who dedicated the beautiful Easter lilies to loved ones no longer with us or honored those who continue to hold special places in our hearts.

DATES TO SAVE

April 29th	Deacons Blood Drive
May 2	Fish & Chips Dinner
May 26th	Memorial Day <i>Did Someone say parade??</i>
May 28th	Deacons Golf Outing
May 30-June 1st	Spring Tour, Bells and Pilgrim Choir
June 8th	Confirmation
June 23th-27	VBS Sports Spectacular 12:30pm-3:30pm
June 25-July 5th	Swedish Cultural Exchange
July 6th-11th	Jr. High Pittsburgh Project
July 19th-26th	Sr. High Pittsburgh Project
July 30th-Aug.13th	Taizé trip
August 18th-24th	Choir Camp

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

AND JOIN US FOR ANY OR ALL OF THESE EVENTS!

JOIN US NEXT SUNDAY

At our regular worship times, 8:30 in the Chapel, 10:00am right here*

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