

EASTER SUNDAY

March 27, 2016
Nine-thirty and Eleven o'clock

*THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH AT CALDWELL
Caldwell, New Jersey*

FESTIVAL WORSHIP

GATHERING

REFLECTION

PRELUDE

"Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain"

arr. Jefferey Hall

CALL TO WORSHIP

There was darkness over the earth before creation;
There is darkness in the womb before birth;
The seed grows in darkness before it meets the light;
There is darkness in the tomb before resurrection.
But now Christ is risen!
The dawn has come.
A new creation has commenced.
The world is born anew.
Christ is Risen.
HE IS RISEN INDEED!
Thanks be to God!
ALLELUIA! ALLELUIA! AMEN!

OPENING PRAYER

*HYMN NO. 232 *"Jesus Christ Is Risen Today"*
The Acolytes this morning are Ian Flanagan at 9:30 and Henry Jones at 11:00.

Easter Hymn

CONFESSON

CORPORATE CONFESSON

Merciful and risen Savior, we claim to be people of the resurrection, yet we confess that far too often we do not experience resurrection power. Our prayers are anemic and our faith is shallow. We compartmentalize our lives, placing you on the sidelines of our work, family life and play. We take too much for granted and fail to thank you for the blessings of health, relationships and freedoms. We fail to be good stewards of your creation, and we become discouraged by problems, limitations and failures. Gracious God, forgive our shortsightedness and our lack of trust. Help us to see that you are at work in our lives and in the world.

PERSONAL CONFESION

In the name of the risen Christ we pray.

Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

...Friends, believe the good news.

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

*RESPONSE OF PRAISE NO. 233 “*The Day of Resurrection!*”

Lancashire

Now let the heavens be joyful; let earth its song begin;
the round world keep high triumph and all that is therein.
Let all things seen and unseen their notes of gladness blend,
for Christ the Lord has risen, our joy that has no end.

PROCLAIMING AND RESPONDING

ANTHEM at 9:30

“*The Earth is Risen*”

Gwyneth Walker

ANTHEM at 11:00

“*Christ is Risen*”

15th c. Bohemian Carol

Arr. Helen Kemp (1918-2015)

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

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

Pick up is immediately following the service.

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.

READING OF SCRIPTURE John 20:1-18; Revelation 19:11-16 Page 108 and 243, NT

ANTHEM at 11:00 “*The Earth is Risen*” Gwyneth Walker

SERMON “*Will Marvin Be In Heaven?*” Dr. Sommers

*HYMN NO. 250 “*In the Bulb There Is a Flower*” Promise

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

“*We Praise Thee, O God*” from Dettingen Te Deum

G. F. Handel (1685-1750)

*RESPONSE OF THANKSGIVING NO. 245 “*Christ the Lord Is Risen Today!*”

Llanfair

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!

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

GOING FORTH

*HYMN NO. 248

“*Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!*”

Hymn to Joy

*BENEDICTION

CHORAL CELEBRATION

Toccata from Symphony #5

Charles-Marie Widor (1844-1937)

with “Festival Alleluias” by William Ferris

Handbell accompaniment by N. Piercy

POSTLUDE

“*An Easter Celebration*”

arr. Joel Raney

** Please rise in body or in spirit*

After the 11:00AM service today, volunteers are needed to deliver the Easter Lilies to those unable to attend today's service, and those who have recently lost a loved one. This is an easy way to share the good news of Easter. Come to the front of the sanctuary, where members of the Worship Committee will assist you. If your lily memorial designation was to “take home,” the lily will be available after the 11:00 service.

Thank you.

IF YOU ARE NEW TO OUR CHURCH...

Welcome! We're glad to have you here. Please ask an usher to direct you to the *Visitor packets* at the rear of the church. They can be found on the table near the usher's closet under the balcony stairs.

†Many thanks to the Chancel Choir, Chancel Handbell Choir and Children's Choir who have provided the wonderful musical selections today. Our instrumentalists are Daniel Urness, trumpet 1 and quartet leader; Dan Molloy, trumpet 2; Ben Griffin, tenor trombone; Rob Fournier, bass trombone; and Erik Lynch, percussion and timpani.

† It is easy to join our mailing list! Just text FPC to 42828 and follow the prompt to send your e-mail address by text message.

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.



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