

EASTER SUNDAY

April 21, 2019

9:30am

THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH AT CALDWELL

Caldwell, New Jersey

FESTIVAL WORSHIP

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

*“O God, our help in ages past”
“The Morning Trumpet”*

arr. Paul McKlveen

arr. Derek Hakes

CALL TO WORSHIP

Gavin Akersten, Lay Reader

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Christ is risen, indeed! Alleluia!

This is the day that the Lord has made;

let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Christ is risen, indeed! Alleluia!

OPENING PRAYER

*HYMN NO. 232

“Jesus Christ Is Risen Today”

Easter Hymn

Lighting the candles this morning is Acolyte Andrew Casazza

CONFESSION

CORPORATE CONFESSION

On this morning of hallelujahs, we confess how human we are, great Emptier of Tombs. We haven't done any great evil, but we have failed to do good when we had the chance. We easily accept the witness of the angel in the tomb, but find it difficult to share this good news with our friends and neighbors. Bring us new life, Dazzling God. Where we are tired and stressed, give us the energy to serve your creation; transform our hardened hearts into fountains of grace; forgive us of all the damage we have done, and fill us with the joy of your Spirit.

PERSONAL CONFESSION

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. 240 (stanza 1) *“Alleluia, Alleluia, Give Thanks”*

Alleluia No.1

**Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord.
Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to his name.
Jesus is Lord of all the earth.
He is the King of creation.
Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord.
Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to his name.**

PROCLAIMING AND RESPONDING

CHILDREN’S ANTHEM

“On This Day”

Michael Jothen

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

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

“There’s a Sunday Coming Soon”

Ken Medema, arr. Kenneth Drake

READING OF SCRIPTURE

Luke 24:1-12

Page 84, NT

SERMON

“I Just Helped Him Cry”

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

“A Mighty Fortress”

arr. Dan Forest

*RESPONSE OF THANKSGIVING NO. 233 (stanza 3)

“The Day of Resurrection”

Lancashire

**The day of resurrection! Earth, tell it out abroad,
the Passover of gladness, the Passover of God.
From death to life eternal, from sin’s dominion free,
our Christ has brought us over with hymns of victory.**

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

GOING FORTH

*HYMN NO. 238

“Thine is the Glory!”

Judas Maccabeus

*BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE

“Hallelujah Chorus from MESSIAH”

G. F. Handel (1685—1759)

POSTLUDE

“An Easter Celebration”

Joel Raney

**** Please rise in body or in spirit***

After the 9:30 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 9:30 service. Thank you.

† Many thanks to the Chancel Choir, Chancel Handbell Choir and the Children’s Choir who have provided the wonderful musical selections today. Our instrumentalists are Daniel Urness, trumpet 1 and leader; Dan Molloy, trumpet 2; Ben Griffin, tenor trombone; Rob Fournier, bass trombone; and Jesse Gerbasi and Skyler Fortgang, percussion and timpani, Kate Michalowski, flute.

† Thank you to our Session greeters today: Paul Califf and Chris Flanagan.

† Your prayers of intercession are requested for those members and friends known to be *currently or recently hospitalized or who continue to need our prayers and support*:

...Maggie Bischoff, Harry Coppens, Ray Corbin, Jay Courter, Catherine Fleming, Bill Hartman, Sandra Harvey, Bill Hayden, Don Hultz, Christopher Kerwin, Edna Lawshe, Dottie Leonard, Marge Lucas, Thelma Mitchell, Sue Olsen, Barbara Piggery, Louise Ritscher, Richard Rose, Erwin Rosin, Barbara Romaine, Bob Scarrillo, Debbie Wefferling, Laura Winter and Helena Wispelwey.

Thank you to all who dedicated the Easter lilies that grace our sanctuary this morning!



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