

FIRST UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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*please stand as you are able.

April 15, 2018, 11:00 a.m.

GATHERING

PRELUDE *Sonata in C Minor, Op. 65 - Fugue* F. Mendelssohn; S. Michael Shuman, Organist

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS (*Please sign the Friendship Pad and pass it to others.*) Rev. Jan Butin

STRIKING THE BELL AND LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES Elliot Eichmann and Eleanor Eichmann

INTROIT

*Blest be the everlasting God
Blest be the everlasting God, the Father of our Lord;
Be his abounding mercy praised, his majesty adored.
When from the dead God raised his Son, and called him to the sky,
He gave our souls a lively hope that they should never die.*

*CALL TO WORSHIP (*from Psalm 33*)

Evan Blanz

Truly the eye of the LORD is on those who fear God,
on those who hope in God's steadfast love,
to deliver our souls from death,
and to keep us alive in times of need.
Our soul waits for the LORD;
God is our help and shield.
Our heart is glad in the LORD,
because we trust in his holy name.
Let your steadfast love, O LORD, be upon us,
even as we hope in you.

*HYMN 485

We Know that Christ is Raised

Glory to God

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*seated, unison*)

Angel Frazier

Mighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, by your great mercy you have given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. But we confess that too often, we live our lives in anxiety and fear, instead of claiming our resurrection hope. Instead of being anxious for nothing, we are anxious for everything. We fear death, and we also fear what life will demand of us. We fear a world of injustice, but we also fear and deny your just judgment. We fear suffering, but too often our life choices inflict suffering on others. Gracious God, forgive us! May the only fear we experience be that reverent fear of failing to honor you as you deserve, failing to trust in you, or failing to set our faith and hope on you. (*silent reflection*)
Amen.

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE 177

I Will Come to You (verses 1 and 2)

Glory to God

**"I will come to you in the silence; I will lift you from all your fears.
You will hear my voice; I claim you as my choice. Be still and know that I am here.
Do not be afraid, I am with you. I have called you each by name.
Come and follow me, I will bring you home; I love you and you are mine.
I am hope for all who are hopeless; I am eyes for all who long to see.
In the shadows of the night, I will be your light. Come and rest in me.
Do not be afraid, I am with you. I have called you each by name.
Come and follow me, I will bring you home; I love you and you are mine.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Friends, believe the good news of the gospel: **in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!**

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you! **And also with you.**

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

CHILDREN'S SONG 2233

Where Children Belong

Sing the Faith

This, this is where children belong, welcomed as part of the worshipping throng.

Water, God's Word, bread and cup, prayer and song: This is where children belong.

TIME WITH CHILDREN

Kristi Button

ANTHEM

The Lord is My Light

Children's Ensemble

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING

1 Peter 1:3-21

³Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, ⁴and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, ⁵who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. ⁶In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, ⁷so that the genuineness of your faith—being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. ⁸Although you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, ⁹for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

¹⁰Concerning this salvation, the prophets who prophesied of the grace that was to be yours made careful search and inquiry, ¹¹inquiring about the person or time that the Spirit of Christ within them indicated when it testified in advance to the sufferings destined for Christ and the subsequent glory. ¹²It was revealed to them that they were serving not themselves but you, in regard to the things that have now been announced to you through those who brought you good news by the Holy Spirit sent from heaven—things into which angels long to look!

¹³Therefore prepare your minds for action; discipline yourselves; set all your hope on the grace that Jesus Christ will bring you when he is revealed. ¹⁴Like obedient children, do not be conformed to the desires that you formerly had in ignorance. ¹⁵Instead, as he who called you is holy, be holy yourselves in all your conduct; ¹⁶for it is written, "You shall be holy, for I am holy."

¹⁷If you invoke as Father the one who judges all people impartially according to their deeds, live in reverent fear during the time of your exile. ¹⁸You know that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your ancestors, not with perishable things like silver or gold, ¹⁹but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without defect or blemish. ²⁰He was destined before the foundation of the world, but was revealed at the end of the ages for your sake. ²¹Through him you have come to trust in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are set on God.

SERMON

Our Resurrection Hope

Rev. Phil Butin

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

PRESENTATION OF ADA JAMES WROTNY

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Do you place your faith in God the Father?

I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

Do you place your faith in Jesus Christ?

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sits at the right hand of God the Father almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

Do you place your faith in the Holy Spirit?

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

CHILDREN'S VOW

THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to offer our thanks and praise.**

BAPTISM AND PRAYER

CONGREGATIONAL VOW

Do we, the members of this congregation, commit ourselves to pray for Ada, to nurture and love her, to teach and show her the Christian faith, and to help her to be a faithful follower of Jesus Christ?

We do! With joy and thanksgiving, we welcome you! We promise to pray for you, to love, encourage, and support you, to share the good news of the gospel with you, and to help you know and follow Christ.

BAPTISMAL SONG 188

Jesus Loves Me!

Glory to God

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

Without Seeing You

David Haas

*Without seeing you, we love you; without touching you, we embrace;
Without knowing you, we follow; without seeing you, we believe.*

*Come and teach us your ways, O God, and lead us in your path.
Give joy to all who trust in you, keep us safe from all harm.*

*You claim us as your own, to praise you day by day.
You save us and deliver us from darkness into light.*

*We will tell of your works, O God, to the ends of the earth.
Rejoicing in your presence, we will sing to your name.*

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Doxology

Glory to God

Praise God, from whom all blessing flow. Praise God, all creatures here below. Alleluia, alleluia!

Praise God, above, ye heavenly host. Praise Father, Son, and holy Ghost.

Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

God, in your grace ... **You hear our prayers.**

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.

SENDING

*HYMN 353

My Hope is Built on Nothing Less

Glory to God

*(We invite you to bring forward your gifts for C.E.O.
and place them in the basket at the front of the Sanctuary.)*

***BENEDICTION**

CHORAL RESPONSE

May God Give You a Blessing (Swahili folk tune)

POSTLUDE

Cortège

G. Young

**Called to be a light on the hill,
we boldly proclaim and serve Christ,
the Hope of our changing world.**

**Reaching out as a visible expression of God's grace,
we will meet people where they are,
inviting all into Christ's family through
engaging worship, fellowship, learning, and service.**