

THE SERVICE OF WORSHIP FOR THE THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 15, 2018

10:30 a.m.

* All who are able may stand

Congregation reads aloud the **bold** print

THE TIME OF CENTERING

"When author Madeleine L'Engle was asked, 'Do you believe in God without any doubts?' she replied, 'I believe in God with all my doubts.'" ~ Bruce Epperly

THE COMMUNITY OF FAITH GATHERS

PRELUDE

Above All

Paul Baloche

Matthew Pressley

Above all powers, above all kings, above all nature and all created things
Above all wisdom and all the ways of man, you were here before the world began
Above all kingdoms, above all thrones, above all wonders the world has ever known
Above all wealth and treasures of the earth, there's no way to measure what you're worth
Crucified, laid behind the stone, you lived to die, rejected and alone
Like a rose trampled on the ground, you took the fall, and thought of me
Above all

OPENING SCRIPTURE

WELCOME

Rev. Elizabeth Lyman

THE LIGHT OF CHRIST ENTERS

Love Is Come Again

French folk tune,

Chancel Choir

arr. John Erickson

Christ the Lord is risen, sing Alleluia! Risen for our salvation, sing Alleluia!
Fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been:
Love is come again like wheat that springeth green!

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Like the disciples who met the risen Christ,
we come hoping for unexpected appearances of God's love.
We come with our questions and doubts,
and listen for Christ to appear in our midst saying:
"Peace be with you."

(cont'd)

“Touch me and see who I am” says Jesus:

We look around at the lives of our neighbors and guests,

and seek the power of the risen Christ at work there,

offering peace, offering hope, offering courage, offering transformation.

We are witnesses to the tangible love of Jesus! Come, let us worship!

*HYMN NO. 248

Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND RECONCILIATION

O Present God, our lives are filled with distractions big and small.

We confess that like the disciples we are easily scared by the unknown.

We are overcome with worry about illness, unemployment,

our children, and the world as a whole.

In our most vulnerable moments we demand that you answer us when we call to you.

But often we do not listen for you

or seek your unexpected, grace-filled presence in our trouble.

Forgive us for our demands.

Be gracious to us and hear the longing found within our prayers.

Remind us that your light shines in all moments of life.

Give us eyes to see the light of your face shining on us, O God.

Let us feel the gladness you have placed in each of our hearts –

more plentiful than grain and wine –

And let us live out of that glad confidence.

In our waking and in our slumber, give us peace.

A Time of Silence

(Please take this time in silence to offer your own prayers of confession—confessing your need for God and naming those barriers that keep you from knowing life as God’s beloved child.)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Easter People, whose light is found in Jesus our risen Christ,

may the light of God’s face shine upon you

in all that you say, do, think, feel, and love.

You have the light of God within you this day and always!

*RESPONSE (all sing)

Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks

NO. 240, v. 1

Refrain:

Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the rise Lord.

Alleluia, alleluia! Praise to his name.

Jesus is Lord of all the earth. He is the King of creation. (Refrain)

*GREETING OF PEACE

Since God has made peace with us, let us make peace with each other.

The peace of Christ be with you all.

And also with you. (We greet each other: "The peace of Christ be with you.")

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Christina Pressley

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Acts 3:12-16 (*The Message*)

p. 887

Luke 24:36-49 (*The Message*)

p. 861

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Teeth

Rev. Elizabeth Lyman

*HYMN NO. 231

Christ Has Risen While Earth Slumbers

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE/THE LORD'S PRAYER ("forgive us our *debts* as we forgive our *debtors*")

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

God So Loved the World

John Stainer

Chancel Choir

God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten son,
that whoso believeth in him should not perish but have everlasting life.

For God sent not his son into the world to condemn the world,
but that the world through him might be saved.

*DOXOLOGY (all sing) **Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Christ, all people here below;
Praise Holy Spirit evermore;
Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen**

NO. 607

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Life-giving God, may you bless our gifts and let them go forth from us to benefit all of your children with wisdom, compassion, and imagination. Amen.

*HYMN NO. 254

That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Take the hand of the person next to you.

In this touch, connect to the risen Christ among us.

In this touch, remember that we are all God's children seeking to live as God's beloved together.

In this touch, remember that our spirits are held together with the spirit of God our Creator, Christ our Teacher, and the Holy Spirit of Light.

This day and forevermore.

Amen!

*RESPONSE

Love Has Come Again
Chancel Choir

arr. John Erickson

POSTLUDE

Welcome visitors! We are glad that you have chosen to worship with us today. Please record your name, address, and phone number/email on one of the Connection Cards in the pew and introduce yourself to the pastor as you leave. All are invited to join us for light refreshments and fellowship following the service in the back of the Sanctuary.

Whether you are a visitor, occasional attendee, or current/former/prospective member, **you can stay connected to the people, plans, and possibilities of Concord by subscribing to our weekly *Concord Connects* e-newsletter.** Just write a note on a Connection Card, along with your name and email address, and place it in the offering.

Large-print bulletins, hymnals, and Bibles are available for use during the worship service. Please ask an usher for assistance.

Assisting in the service of worship are:

Liturgist: Rob Eppes

Deacon-in-Charge: Dick Carter

Ushers: Judy Hayes, Dottie Lund, Wesley Lund

The flowers today are given by Bobbie Longacre to the glory of God and in memory of Jim Longacre and Bob Klippel.

Weekly Prayer List (follows church directory):

Betty Millar

Cynthia & Jim Miller

Ben Mitchell

A.T. & Ryan Moffett, Nathaniel & Simone

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JOIN US FOR A

NEW YORK CITY BUS TRIP

Wed., May 16, 2018



Concord Presbyterian Church

(Bus leaves from parking lot at 7:15am; return is approximately 8:30pm)

Reserved Tickets ~ \$60/person

Enjoy a Broadway show, museum, shopping, or just see the sights. Bus departs from the Concord Church parking lot at 7:15am sharp, and leaves NYC at 6:00pm to return around 8:30pm. (The bus will drop off and pick up near the TKTS Discount Booth on Times Square.)

Contact the Church Office at margaret.oboyle@concordpc.org or 302/654-9652 to order your tickets now! There are only five seats left!!!

Sunday School & Family Activities

Learning About Communion – today following worship



in Jessie's Room:
Pastor Elizabeth invites all young people from the ages of 8-15 to come

with their parents and learn more about communion! This is a chance for parents and children to explore what communion means in language that children can understand. We'll meet for about an hour in Jessie's Room after church. Feel free to bring along a snack and drink from the Concord Connects coffee hour or a bag lunch to enjoy during our time together.

Youth Group – National Brain Tumor Walk



**National
Brain Tumor
Society**

**at the Riverfront,
Sat., April 21:** Join us to volunteer before the walk and/or walk with

us to raise awareness and much-needed funds as part of Team Teyton! Youth walkers can register for \$10, adults are \$35 – or can just volunteer to help that day. Teyton will be the Survivor Speaker at 9:10am and the walk begins at 9:30am. For more info or to make a donation, visit:

<http://events.braintumor.org/delaware-brain-tumor-walk/>.

CONCORD VBS 2018

July 23-27

9am-12pm

All things bright and beautiful...



**The Lord God made them
ALL!**

Middle School Conference Meeting & Youth Group Planning – Sun., April 29, 5:00-7:00pm: Middle schoolers and parents will meet from 5-5:30pm to talk about details for our upcoming trip to Massanetta Springs. The rest of the youth group will join us at 5:30pm to brainstorm ideas for youth group for the summer and next year! (We are continuing to grow, with a current group of 12 youth and at least 3 more next year...) Please bring your ideas to share for fellowship activities, service projects, mission trips, and fundraisers. Parents are welcome and invited to join us for this part of our gathering as well.

Mission Outreach

Friendship House Sunday Breakfast – May 12-13: Concord will be preparing breakfast at Sts. Andrew & Matthew on **Sat., May 12 (4:00-5:00pm)** and serving the meal on **Sun., May 13 (7:00-8:30am)**. Each Sunday, thanks to volunteers from local churches, Friendship House provides a nourishing breakfast to 90-140 homeless men, women, and children. If you would like to be a part of this outreach, please contact Judy Hayes at 545-2188 or judyfhayes@gmail.com.

Friendship House Breakfast Closet: On the first Monday of the month, volunteers from Concord deliver breakfast supplies to the FH Women’s Day Center. We need the following items:



- cans of regular coffee
- 3-lb. bags of sugar, **sealed in plastic bag**
- large containers of powdered creamer
- large jars of peanut butter and jelly
- large boxes of regular tea bags.

Place your donations in the designated basket in the Narthex. (Personal-size toiletries for women & men are also helpful.)

Highmark Walk for a Healthy Community – June 9, Frawley Stadium: This walk will benefit 23 health and human services organizations, including **Friendship House**. John Barineau is organizing a team from Concord to participate in the walk and support FH. To sign up to be a walker, make a donation, or learn more about the event, contact John at barinejm@yahoo.com.



An Altar in the World
by Barbara Brown Taylor
Sundays, April 22-May 13,
9:30-10:20am, Jessie’s Room

Sister BJ Brown will lead our discussion on this book in which the author shares how she learned to encounter God far beyond the walls of the church. Copies have been ordered for the class – contact Marj Johnson if you would like one.

Concord Book Club – Suns., 9:45-10:25am, Sanctuary Lounge: We are finishing up *The History of Bees* by Maja Lunde.

You are invited to attend our Bible Study groups which discuss the background of the scripture for each Sunday’s sermon:

- **Mug & Muffin Bible Study** – Weds. @ 9:30am in the Sanctuary Lounge.
- **Thaddeus Arc Men’s Bible Study** – Thursdays @ 11:30am, Library.

Faith in Literature – Concord’s book group will meet **Monday, April 16, 1:00pm**, at the home of Joyce Johnson (302/655-3411). Our reading assignment from *50 Great Stories: “The Door”* by E. B. White and “An Upheaval” by Anton Chekhov.

CALENDAR

Sunday, April 15

Rev. Elizabeth Lyman preaching

- 10:30 am Worship in the Sanctuary
- 10:50 am Sunday School for Children & Youth
- 11:45 am *Learning About Communion* – Jessie's Room

Monday, April 16

- 9:00 am Diaspora Prayer Group
- 1:00 pm Faith in Literature – hosted by Joyce Johnson
- 6:30 pm Mission Initiative – Jessie's Room

Tuesday, April 17

Preschool Chapel

- 7:30 pm Fellowship & Outreach – Library

Wednesday, April 18

Preschool Chapel

Courier Deadline

- 9:30 am Mug & Muffin Bible Study – Sanctuary Lounge

Thursday, April 19

- 11:30 am Thaddeus Arc Men's Bible Study
- 7:30 pm Chancel Choir – Chapel

Saturday, April 21

National Brain Tumor Society Walk @ Wilmington Riverfront

Sunday, April 22

Earth Sunday

Rev. Elizabeth Lyman preaching

- 9:30 am Adult CE – Jessie's Room
- 9:45 am Concord Book Club – Sanctuary Lounge
- 10:00 am Youth Choir and Bells
- 10:30 am Worship in the Sanctuary
- 10:50 am Sunday School for Children & Youth

Monday, April 23

- 9:00 am Diaspora Prayer Group
- 6:30 pm Mission Initiative – Jessie's Room

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