

THE SERVICE OF WORSHIP FOR THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 8, 2018

10:30 a.m.

* All who are able may stand

Congregation reads aloud the **bold** print

THE TIME OF CENTERING

Easter Morning

The stirring wildness of God
calls brittle bones to leaping
and stone hearts to soaring.
Old women dance among the stars¹

THE COMMUNITY OF FAITH GATHERS

PRELUDE

Arietta, Op. 43, No. 7
Hiroko Yamazaki, piano

Reinhold Glière

OPENING SCRIPTURE

WELCOME

Rev. Elizabeth Lyman

SILENCE AS THE LIGHT OF CHRIST ENTERS

*CALL TO WORSHIP

When we are all despairing; when the world is full of grief;
when we see no way ahead; and hope has gone away:

Roll back the stone.

Although we fear change: although we are not ready;
although we'd rather weep and run away:

Roll back the stone.

Because we're coming with the women:

Because we hope in vain: because you call us from the grave and show us the way:

Roll back the stone!²

Come let us worship the risen Jesus! Christ is risen!

He Is Risen Indeed!

*HYMN NO. 233

The Day of Resurrection!

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND RECONCILIATION

No matter how we dilute the word of God,

It's about Jesus.

No matter how we cover the dangerous Truth of the Gospel,

It's about Jesus.

No matter how we pretty up the story,

It's about Jesus.

No matter how many times we go to our national assemblies and vote,

It's still about Jesus.

No matter how many times we distract ourselves with meetings and church work
and all our other obligations,

It's still about Jesus.

Jesus, the Lamb of God,

Jesus, the Light of the World,

Jesus, the Bread of Life,

Jesus, the Prince of Peace,

Jesus, the one chosen to bring good news to the poor,

Jesus, the one sent to proclaim liberty to the captives and to set free the oppressed.³

(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

Our confession is an acknowledgment of our humanness, our need for God's grace. God has promised that we can be forgiven for our weaknesses, our insensitivities, our cynicism, and our lack of faith. We accept this assurance with humility and with the hope that it will lead us toward resurrection.

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven! Alleluia and Amen!

*RESPONSE (all sing)

Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain

NO. 234, vs. 1 & 2

Come, you faithful, raise the strain of triumphant gladness!

God has brought forth Israel into joy from sadness.

Loosed from Pharaoh's bitter yoke Jacob's sons and daughters;

Led them with unmoistened foot through the Red Sea waters.

'Tis the spring of souls today: Christ has burst his prison,

And from three days' sleep in death as a sun has risen.

All the winter of our sins, long and dark, is flying

From the Light to whom we give laud and praise undying.

*GREETING OF PEACE

Christ Is Risen!

He Is Risen Indeed!

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

Jennifer Godowsky

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Psalm 118:1-2, 19-24

Luke 24:13-34

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Road Trip

Rev. Elizabeth Lyman

*HYMN NO. 250

In the Bulb There Is a Flower

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Fantasia in D minor, TWV 33:2

Georg Philipp Telemann

Hiroko Yamazaki, piano

*DOXOLOGY (all sing)

Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain

NO. 234, vs. 3 & 4

**Now the queen of seasons, bright with the day of splendor,
With the royal feast of feasts comes its joy to render;
Comes to glad Jerusalem, who with true affection
Welcomes in unwearied strains Jesus' resurrection!**

**Neither could the gates of death, nor the tomb's dark portal,
Nor the watchers, nor the seal hold you as a mortal:
But today, among your own, you appear, bestowing
Your deep peace, which evermore passes human knowing.**

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Wonderful, amazing God, we thank you that you have raised Jesus Christ from the dead, bringing us the promise of new life. With the dawning of this new day, may we awake to new opportunities to love and serve you and witness to Christ whom you have raised. Use us, and our gifts, to your glory. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen

*HYMN NO. 238

Thine Is the Glory

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

¹ Ann Weems, *Kneeling in Jerusalem* (Westminster, John Knox Press. Louisville, KY 1993) p. 102.

² Janet Morley, *Bread of Tomorrow* (SPCK/Christian Aid. London: 1992) p. 122.

³ Ann Weems, *From Alleluia to Easter's Morning Light* (Westminster, John Knox Press. Louisville, KY 2010) p.148.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

By action of the Session of Concord Presbyterian Church, there will be a meeting of the Congregation today immediately following worship to:

- Elect Margot Lamar to serve as Elder, Class of 2019
- Elect congregational members of the church officer Nominating Committee. Those who have agreed to serve are Janice Parker, Anthony White, Dottie Lund, and Carol Lind. [We will accept nominations from the floor for one more member.]

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 congregational meeting 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:

Deacon-in-Charge: Jim Silvius

Liturgist: Wes Diemer

Ushers: Peggy & Dick Carter

The flowers today are given to the glory of God in memory of Macey, John, and Alex Negrepoint.

Weekly Prayer List (follows directory):

Ginnie Mayforth

Tammy McDermott, Chris, Jane &
Sarah Gosling

Holly & Sean McKenna, Kaitlyn & Ryan

Chloe & Ron McKinney

Pastoral Care: **The Rev. Kathie Pownall** is currently providing pastoral care for our Concord family and would love to visit anyone – not just in times of emergency. If you would like a visit, call her at 302/373-7127 or email kspownallkathie@aol.com to set up a convenient time.

Concord now accepts credit card donations. Scanning this QR code with your smart phone camera or app will connect you to a Concord website page. Click on the blue “Donate Now” button to enter a secure portal where you can enter donation amount and credit card information. You will receive an email acknowledging the donation.



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Children & Youth

Learning About Communion – Sun., April 15,



following worship in Jessie’s Room: Next Sunday, Pastor Elizabeth is inviting 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. © Please RSVP to Christina Pressley by April 12 (302/654-9652 or christina.pressley@concordpc.org).

Delaware Brain Tumor Walk & 5K Run – Sat., April 21 @ Wilmington Riverfront: *This year Teyton Pressley*

will be the survivor speaker at the walk.



**National
Brain Tumor
Society**

We would like to invite anyone and everyone from Concord to participate if they would like. To learn more, visit <http://events.braintumor.org/delaware-brain-tumor-walk/>

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 urgently 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.



Deacons

Dear faithful members of Concord,

As a result of our Mission Statement and discussion at the officer's retreat in January, the Deacons are working on a transformation of our current model. Going forward we would like

our focus to be Deacons as God intended us to be – in simple terms, the arms of the church. This creates an opportunity for congregants to perform some of the tasks that Deacons have previously been responsible for. Do you hear God calling you to share your gifts with your church family? Are you feeling a gentle nudge to get more involved, but in ways that do NOT include meetings? Is there something you can do from home that brings you closer to your church family? Won't you please give some thought to the opportunities listed below?

- Monthly Pew Rack Maintenance
- Scheduling Communion Servers
- Scheduling Flower Delivery
- Deacon-In-Charge

If anything sounds of interest to you, please feel free to call me at 302-762-4115 or email btwilley@vicmead.com. I would be happy to explain the duties, and I'm sure the current Deacon would be a willing mentor.

Thank you for your prayerful consideration,

Bonnie Twilley



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 six seats left!!!

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