

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP
2nd Sunday of Easter

April 7, 2024

10:30 AM

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Dr. Lynn Miller

GATHERING

Prelude "The Day of Resurrection" (Edwards) Rita Harmon

Call to Worship Dean Wyatt

In the light of the resurrection we journey forward in faith.

We believe and we have doubts.

We do good and we sin.

We are imperfect human beings but still loved by God.

We look for a new way, a new perspective, a clear path.

In times of trust and moments of doubt, we are here.

Speak to us now, O Lord.

Continue to create us in your image.

Enlighten our minds. Inspire our hearts.

Remind us we walk by faith and not by sight.

***Hymn of Praise #826** "Lift High the Cross"

***Call to Confession** Dean Wyatt

***Prayer of Confession**

Holy God, we gather in this room

as a fellowship of people who acknowledge Jesus Christ as Lord.

We are glad and grateful to gather,

but there are times when we feel afraid, abandoned, and lonely.

There are times when we have questions

rather than peace of mind.

Unlike the first disciples we cannot touch or see you,

and we wish we could.

Forgive us, we pray, when like those first disciples

we find the truth of Easter hard to believe.

Forgive us when we close the doors of our hearts and minds

to the presence of our neighbors.

Come to us, risen Christ,

and fill us with the joy and peace of your presence.

And forgive, we pray, the sins we now name silently...

***Assurance of Pardon**

Friends, believe the good news.

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

***Assurance of Pardon Response #238 (Refrain only)**

*Thine is the glory, risen, conquering Son;
endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.*

THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Sermon on the Steps Carrie Wyatt

Anthem "Alleluia, Christ Is Risen" (Stuttgart) Chancel Choir

Alleluia, alleluia! Hearts to heav'n and voices raise:
sing to God a hymn of gladness, sing to God a hymn of praise.
He, who on the cross a victim, for the world's salvation bled,
Jesus Christ, the King of glory, now is risen from the dead.
Christ is risen, we are risen! Shed upon us heav'nly grace,
rain and dew and gleams of glory from the brightness of thy face.
Alleluia, alleluia! Glory be to God on high;
Alleluia! to the Savior who has gained the victory. Amen.

First Reading Acts 4:32-35 (Pew Bible NT p.122)

Second Reading John 20:19-31 (Pew Bible NT p.115)

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon from the Pulpit "Touchable Things" Rev. Dr. Lynn Miller

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Affirmation of Faith (Confession of 1967, 9.07)

**In Jesus Christ,
God was reconciling the world to himself.
We confess that Jesus Christ is God with us.
He is the eternal Son of the Father,
who became human and lived among us
to fulfill the work of reconciliation.
He is present in the church
by the power of the Holy Spirit
to continue and complete his mission.
This work of God,
the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
is the foundation of all we confess
about God, humanity, and the world.
Therefore, the church calls all people
to be reconciled to God and to one another.**

***Affirmation of Faith Response #582**

*Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me, and to the Son,
whose grace has pardoned me, and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen*

Prayers of the People concluding with the Lord's Prayer (page 35 in hymnal)

Service of Giving

Offertory "Abide With Me" (Phillips) David Thompson

***Doxology #606**

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen**

***Prayer of Dedication**

***Hymn #192** "Lord, the Light of Your Love Is Shining"

***Charge and Benediction** Rev. Dr. Lynn Miller

***Postlude** "Flourish on Lobe den Herren" (Wagner) Rita Harmon

**Please stand, in body or in spirit.*

The flowers in worship today are given for the glory of God.

Please remember in prayer:

Lib Allen; Mary Fleming; Carolyn Waltman; Robin Morris & Family of Imogene Elliott; The Nice Stranger on I-85; Sara Setzer; Butch & Barbara Jarman; Barbara Grinter; Patsy Spires; Kathy Miller Evans; Trish Tong; Hugh Fincher; Fran Ross; Buck Jolley; Justina Eddy.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Next week's lectionary readings are:

Acts 3:12-19; Psalm 4; 1 John 3:1-7; Luke:19-31.

Monthly Giving Opportunity

The April giving opportunity is Living Waters. You may mark your check "Living Waters" or put it in the MGO box in the worship space.

Wednesday Night Program

Join us this Wednesday night as we begin a 5-week series called "PCUSA 101." Come learn about our denomination -- our history, our theology, and more. We'll have guest speakers from a variety of entities and agencies in addition to some local knowledgeable people. The younger members of our church family will spend the next five weeks with the curriculum "Learning to Use My Bible."

Circle Meetings

The Joy Circle will meet on Tuesday, April 9 at 10:30am in the church parlor. The Grace Circle will meet on Thursday, April 11 at 7:00pm in the home of Renee Wiseman. All women are welcome to join us for a time of prayer, Bible Study, fellowship, and a little bit of breaking of bread.

Yoga

Please note Yoga will be on the 2nd & 3rd Sundays this month. April 14 & April 28 at 4:00pm.

THIS WEEK IN CHURCH HISTORY

April 7, 2007: Death in Nineveh, New York, of Johnny Hart, following a stroke. He had created the popular comic strip B.C. (featuring Stone Age characters) through which he sometimes expressed evangelical Christian beliefs after his conversion.

April 8, 1546: At its fourth session, the Council of Trent adopted Jerome's "Latin Vulgate" as the official Bible of the Roman Catholic Church. (Included in the Vulgate O.T. were the 15 apocryphal books which Protestants reject in their biblical canon.)

April 8, 1945: German theologian and martyr Dietrich Bonhoeffer, the night before he was hanged by the Nazis, said: "This is the end -- for me the beginning" -- his last recorded words.

Praying for Our Congregation

We are praying for every member of our church family.
Each week we invite you to pray for particular members.
This week we are praying for:

Whitny Blanton
Mac Carroll
Billy Simmons
David Thompson
Rhonda Johns
Gavin Blanton

MEMBERS OF THE SESSION

Class of 2024	Class of 2025	Class of 2026
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Dean Wyatt	Mimi McCully	Barbara Cope

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CALENDAR of EVENTS

Sunday, April 7

9:45 AM Lectionary Bites – Parlor
9:45 AM Chancel Choir Practice – Choir Room
10:30 AM Worship – Sanctuary & via Facebook Live
11:45 AM CE committee meeting

Monday, April 8

10:45 AM Handbell Rehearsal

Tuesday, April 9

10:30 AM Joy Circle – Parlor
5:30 PM Foster Care Association Dinner

Wednesday, April 10

6:00 PM Wednesday Night Supper
7:00 PM Outreach Committee meeting

Thursday, April 11

7:00 PM Grace Circle – Renee Wiseman's

Sunday, April 14

9:45 AM Lectionary Bites – Parlor
9:45 AM Chancel Choir Practice – Choir Room
10:30 AM Worship – Sanctuary & via Facebook Live
11:45 AM Finance Committee Meeting
4:00 PM Yoga

Upcoming

April 21 Session Meeting
April 27 Soup Kitchen
April 28 Yoga
May 3-4 Congregational Retreat at Montreat

NEXT STEPS

- Pick up a hard copy of the LIMELight
- Mark May 18, 2024 on your calendar. We will host Foothills Presbytery that day!
- Pick up your directory in the Narthex.
- Call the church office if you are interested in the trip to Biltmore to see the Chihuly exhibit.
- Turn in names of graduates (high school, college, grad school) to the church office.

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We shake hands perhaps. We pat each other on the back. At parting or greeting, we may even go so far as to give each other a hug. And now it has happened. We discover each other to be three-dimensional, solid creatures of reality as well as dimensionless, airy creators of it. We have an outside of flesh and bone as well as an inside where we live and move and have our being.

Through simply touching, more directly than in any other way, we can transmit to each other something of the power of the life we have inside us. It is no wonder that the laying on of hands has always been a traditional part of healing or that when Jesus was around, "all the crowd sought to touch him" (Luke 6:19). It is no wonder that just the touch of another human being at a dark time can be enough to save the day.

-Frederick Buechner, "Touch," originally published in *Whistling in the Dark* and later in *Beyond Words*.