

Welcome to worship and Christian togetherness.

May God bless and strengthen you here today.

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Order of Worship
April 23, 2023

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**THE ORDER OF MORNING WORSHIP
THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER**

10:00 AM

APRIL 23, 2023



THE FIRST NOTE OF THE PRELUDE begins our worship.
Please use the prelude time to turn your attention to God’s presence and help.
Nurturing our relationships and friendships in fellowship is essential to our life as a congregation, so please continue to do so following our time of worship.

** Those who are able are invited to stand.*

FOCUSING UPON GOD’S PRESENCE AND VOICE

PRELUDE

“Azmon—Movement 1”

ADAPT. LOWELL MAXON
ONELICENSE.NET A-713988

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: Give thanks to God for the Spirit is alive in this place!

People: God is here with us, listening to our voices!

Leader: God is with us and we can call on God as long as we live.

People: We praise God and give thanks for God’s presence!

***OPENING PRAYER**

GOD'S COVENANT WITH ISRAEL

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah 65



1 Guide me, O thou great Je - ho - vah, pil - grim through this
 2 O - pen now the crys - tal foun - tain, whence the heal - ing
 3 When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, bid my anx - ious

bar - ren land. I am weak, but thou art might - y. Hold me
 stream doth flow. Let the fire and cloud - y pil - lar lead me
 fears sub - side. Death of death, and hell's de - struc - tion, land me

with thy power - ful hand. Bread of heav - en, bread of heav - en,
 all my jour - ney through. Strong de - liv - erer, strong de - liv - erer,
 safe on Ca - naan's side. Songs of prais - es, songs of prais - es

feed me till I want no more; feed me till I want no more.
 be thou still my strength and shield; be thou still my strength and shield.
 I will ev - er give to thee; I will ev - er give to thee.

Few Welsh hymns are as well known or loved as this 18th-century text that did not gain its popular tune until the early 20th century. In both its original text and in English translation, it is a stirring hymn of pilgrimage filled with vivid imagery from Hebrew Scripture.

LITANY OF AFFIRMATION

Leader: God, there are times when we are tired: tired from work, volunteering, and caring for others. Some of us have been working through grief and loss. Others of us struggle each day just to get through the day. We need you God, and sometimes we wonder if you hear us. There are other times that we are so busy struggling through the day, we forget to look for you.

People: God of grace and love, you come to us so that we can surrender the struggles, and find our strength in you. You have come to us in Jesus to give us new life. You love us completely so that we may love others beyond our own frustrations. Open our hearts to receive you here, so that love may flow through us freely as a healing balm for all.

Leader: Lord, in your mercy,

People: hear our prayers.

(A moment is given for silent confession to God.)

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

*SHARING THE PEACE

Leader: Since God has forgiven us, let us also forgive one another.

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Let us share our forgiven joy with one another.

*HYMN OF ASSURANCE #581

"Gloria Patri"

GREATOREX
PUBLIC DOMAIN

Glory be to the Father,
and to the Son,
and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and ever shall be,
world without end.
Amen, amen.

THE WORD OF GOD TO THE CHURCH

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON

ACTS 2:14A, 36-41

"Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. ³⁶Therefore let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified."

³⁷Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, "Brothers, what should we do?" ³⁸Peter said to them, "Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. ³⁹For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him." ⁴⁰And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, "Save yourselves from this corrupt generation." ⁴¹So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added.

Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem,¹⁴ and talking with each other about all these things that had happened.¹⁵ While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them,¹⁶ but their eyes were kept from recognizing him.¹⁷ And he said to them, “What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?” They stood still, looking sad.¹⁸ Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, “Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?”¹⁹ He asked them, “What things?” They replied, “The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people,²⁰ and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him.²¹ But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place.²² Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning,²³ and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive.²⁴ Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him.”²⁵ Then he said to them, “Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared!²⁶ Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his

glory?” ²⁷Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures. ²⁸As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. ²⁹But they urged him strongly, saying, “Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over.” So he went in to stay with them. ³⁰When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. ³¹Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. ³²They said to each other, “Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?” ³³That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. ³⁴They were saying, “The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!” ³⁵Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

MESSAGE “*The Reality of Right Now*” REV. DR. JOANNE MARCHETTO

SHARING JOYS & CONCERNS
INTERCESSIONS AND PETITIONS
THE LORD’S PRAYER

GLORY TO GOD HYMNAL – PG. 35
(Please use “debts & debtors”.)

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S WORD

CALL FOR OFFERTORY

OFFERTORY

"Polish Easter Carol"

ARR. MARY E. CALDWELL
CCLI 1695793

*At this time, we are not passing an offering plate.
Please find the plate by the door for in-person giving.
See the back page of the bulletin for additional info on how to give.
Thank you for your generosity!*

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

***HYMN #260**

"Alleluia! Sing to Jesus"

Sheet music is printed on the next page.

HYFRYDOL
PUBLIC DOMAIN

***CHARGE & BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

"The Lord Is My Song"

BEETHOVEN
PUBLIC DOMAIN

Please feel free to sit and reflect during the postlude or depart and join us in Fellowship Hall.



260 Alleluia! Sing to Jesus

1 Al - le - lu - ia! Sing to Je - sus; his the scep - ter, his the
2 Al - le - lu - ia! Not as or - phans are we left in sor - row
3 Al - le - lu - ia! Bread of an - gels, here on earth our food, our
4 Al - le - lu - ia! King e - ter - nal, Lord om - nip - o - tent we

throne; Al - le - lu - ia! his the tri - umph, his the vic - to -
now; Al - le - lu - ia! he is near us; faith be - lieves nor
stay; Al - le - lu - ia! here the sin - ful flee to you from
own; Al - le - lu - ia! born of Mar - y, earth your foot - stool,

ry a - lone! Hark! The songs of peace - ful Zi - on
ques - tions how. Though the cloud from sight re - ceived him,
day to day. In - ter - ces - sor, friend of sin - ners,
heaven your throne. As with - in the veil you en - tered,

The author regarded this text as a communion hymn, a theme that seems eclipsed by the attention to Christ's exaltation, but a helpful reminder that such hymns are not always quiet and meek. This text is sung to various tunes, but this rousing Welsh one is a favorite choice.

TEXT: William Chatterton Dix, 1866, alt.
MUSIC: Rowland Hugh Prichard, 1831, alt.

HVFRYDOL
8.7 & 7.D

thun - der like a might - y flood: "Je - sus out of
when the for - ty days were o'er, shall our hearts for -
earth's re - deem - er, hear our plea where the songs of
robed in flesh, our great high priest; here on earth both

ev - ery na - tion has re - deemed us by his blood,"
get his prom - ise: "I am with you ev - er - more?"
all the sin - less sweep a - cross the crys - tal sea.
priest and vic - tim in the eu - cha - ris - tic feast.

Faith Life

SUNDAY, APRIL 23, 2023

We hope you'll join us following worship for beverages, snacks, and fellowship.

KNOW THYSELF

In the midst of cold and flu season (and whatever else might be going around), remember to pay attention to how you are feeling and who is around you. Stay home if you aren't feeling well. Listen to your body and get rest when you need it. Feel free to skip the handshake parts of passing of the peace. Masks are not required, but are welcomed for anyone who might feel more comfortable with a mask or anyone who might be feeling even a little under the weather. We can love our neighbors as we love ourselves when we take consideration for everyone's physical health!

PULPIT SUPPLY THIS WEEK

Today we welcome to our pulpit Rev. Dr. Joanne Marchetto. You know Joanne as our youth director, and she has been working with the youth program since 2015. You also might know she is the pastor of the Barn, is married to Jim, and has 2 kids- Anna and Jack. Here are a few things you might not know about her- she is a voracious reader, she loves snowboarding, and considers both of these activities as spiritual practices. She is also a part of a group, CoLabing that has researched the beliefs and practices of folks who are not connected to the church, and the group has a new book being published this summer called, *Hear Us Out*. Let us welcome Pastor Jo as we join in worship together.

DISCIPLESHIP & FELLOWSHIP

TODAY: Deacon Event: Join the Deacons making cards for their Care Groups.

April 30 Anniversary Sunday: Celebrate 65 years of ministry with a light lunch.

65TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION APRIL 30, 2023

Please join us next Sunday, April 30th as we celebrate **65 years of Faith**.

Following worship we will gather in the Fellowship Hall for a **Pot Luck Luncheon**. We will provide the main course, dessert and beverage.

We are asking folks to bring a covered dish to share. **There will be church cookbooks available in the Narthex if you would like to bring a dish that is in one of our cookbooks.**

For more information or questions, please contact Sally Heimbach.

SUNDAY
Morning
TOGETHER



The MINISTRY TO THE COMMUNITY committee has designated **May** as **PENTECOST OFFERING MONTH**. The **PENTECOST OFFERING** is traditionally given on PENTECOST Sunday, which is May 28 this year (Memorial Day weekend).

40% of our offering will go to **East Penn School District's ANGEL NETWORKS**. The **Ministry to the Community Committee** has pledged to add to the 40% collected to be able to send \$1,000.00 to Lincoln Elementary, Jefferson Elementary and Lower Macungie Middle Schools.

Please consider giving to this worthwhile cause.

PENTECOST OFFERING BUILDING A LIFE OF FAITH

A gift to the Pentecost Offering helps the church encourage, develop, and support its young people, and also address the needs of at-risk children. **40%** of the Pentecost offering can be retained by **individual congregations** wanting to make an impact in the lives of young people within their own community. The remaining **60%** is used to support ministries of the **Presbyterian Mission Agency**:

- ♦ The **Young Adult Volunteer program (25%)** is a one year service opportunity for young adults from 19 to 30 years. YAVs live in intentional Christian community, deepening and developing their faith while serving alongside partners across the United States and around the world. YAVs serve for one academic year, August - July, as they explore God's calling in their lives.
- ♦ The **Ministries for Youth (25%)** program provides many online resources for youth and youth leaders such as: Presbyterian Youth Book Club, Quick Sheets and d365.org., an online youth devotional. It also helps fund the Youth Triennium.
- ♦ The **Children-at-Risk (10%)** program is working to improve the quality of education for over 1 million children, focusing on reducing the rate of dropouts and strengthening early childhood education.

Faith Presbyterian Church will use the **40%** that we receive to support **East Penn School District's ANGEL NETWORKS**. The Angel Networks help children at risk by providing basic assistance to students in need on an immediate, short-term basis; supporting students' ability to focus on learning in school; and giving anonymously in the true spirit of community. They provide students with basic necessities such as EMERGENCY groceries, clothing on an individual basis, curriculum-based field trips, academic expenses, and personal need products.

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CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Monday through Thursday from 9:00 AM to Noon.
Closed on Fridays.

TWO WEEKS OF FAITH

This calendar is prepared a few days prior to distribution.
Please see the church [website](#) for the most up-to-date information.

Key	
BR	Brick Room
FH	Fellowship Hall
MR	Music Room
P	Parlor
S	Sanctuary
Z	Zoom

THIS WEEK

Sunday, April 23

- 9:00 a.m.— Senior Choir Rehearsal (MR)
- 10:00 a.m.— Worship Service
- 11:00 a.m.— Sunday Morning Together (*see first page*)
- 5:15 p.m.— Youth Group Escape Room

Monday, April 24

- 7:00 p.m.— Emmaus Chorale (S)

Tuesday, April 25

Wednesday, April 26

- 8:00 a.m.— Rotary Food Program (FH)
- 9:30 a.m.— Women of Faith (BR)

Thursday, April 27

- 9:30 a.m.— Women's Study Group
- 7:00 p.m.— Narcotics Anonymous (FH)

Friday, April 28

Church Office Closed

Saturday, April 29

NEXT WEEK

Sunday, April 30

- 9:00 a.m.— Senior Choir Rehearsal (MR)
- 10:00 a.m.— Worship Service
- 11:00 a.m.— 65th Anniversary Luncheon (FH)
- 5:00 p.m.— Youth Group Together—Service Project

Monday, May 1

- 3:00 p.m.— Emmaus Garden Club set up (FH)
- 7:00 p.m.— Emmaus Chorale (S)
- 7:15 p.m.— Ministry to the Congregation meeting

Tuesday, May 2

- 4:00 p.m.— Emmaus Garden Club (FH)
- 7:30 p.m.— Ministry of Support meeting (P)

Wednesday, May 3

- 8:00 a.m.— Rotary Food Program (FH)
- 9:30 a.m.— Women of Faith (BR)

Thursday, May 4

- 9:30 a.m.— Women's Study Group
- 7:00 p.m.— Narcotics Anonymous (FH)

Friday, May 5

Church Office Closed

Saturday, May 6

- 10:00 a.m.— Crazy Quilters (FH)

COMMUNITY YARD SALE—SATURDAY, JUNE 3

The Borough of Emmaus will be holding their community wide yard sale on Saturday, June 3.

The Ministry to the Community committee will be "hosting" a yard sale in the Fellowship Hall on that day.

This will be different than the yard sales that were held in previous years. We will be "selling" space for folks to have their own table. We will also be opening up the space for community involvement.

If you would like to have a table in the Fellowship Hall on that day, please contact Sally Heimbach.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

The theme this year is "Bug Zone—Transformed By Our Big God"

Don't mean to "bug" you, but I will anyway.
VBS - June 19 - 22 from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. each evening. Volunteers have already signed up - THANK YOU!

But We Need More of YOU! It's such a great time with the kids. Consider yourself "bugged." We also need someone willing to take a few pictures of each day's activities.

Call me. ~Doug Boyd



LOOKING AHEAD...

- May 14 Summer Newsletter Deadline
- May 16 Election Day
- May 19 Evening on the Lawn
- May 21 SMT Last Day Celebration,
Youth Group End of Year Party
- May 28 Pentecost
- May 29 Office Summer Hours begin
- Jun. 3 Yard Sale
- Jun. 19-22 Vacation Bible School
- Jul. 8-16 Work Camp
- Jul. 16 Work Camp Sunday
- Aug. 1 Pastor's Maternity Leave ends
- Aug. 13 Autumn Newsletter Deadline
- Sept. 11 Office returns to regular hours
- Sept. 15 Evening on the Lawn
- Sept. 30 Autumn Fest
- Oct. 1 Peace & Global Witness Offering
- Oct. 8 Crop Walk for Hunger
- Oct. 20 Evening on the Lawn