

THE THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

SUNDAY, APRIL 26, 2020

SAINT GILES PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



We have three podcasts. The extended podcast begins here and continues through most of the worship service, to the Charge and Benediction. The shorter podcast is of the Prayer of Illumination, the scripture readings, and the Proclamation. There is also a podcast of the song "I Love the Lord, who Heard my Cry".

Extended Podcast: <https://www.buzzsprout.com/102332/3491317>

WORDS OF WELCOME & RESPONSIVE GREETING

One: Christ is Risen!

All: He is Risen indeed!

GATHERING SONG # 240 *Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks*

TUNE: ALLELUIA No. 1

(Refrain, v. 2 & 4)

Refrain:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Give thanks to the risen Lord.

Alleluia, alleluia!

Give praise to his name.

Verse 2:

Spread the good news o'er all the earth:

Jesus has died and has risen. (Refrain)

Verse 4:

Come let us praise the living God,

joyfully sing to our Savior. (Refrain)

TIME FOR PERSONAL PRAYER AND MEDITATION

What is your experience of how God hears you?

When have you felt heard by God?

What words would you use to describe how God listens?

How does your listening resemble God's listening?

PRELUDE

Ashokan Farewell
Paul Goldsberry, violin

Jay Unger

CALL TO WORSHIP AND PRAYER OF THE DAY (Luke 24:13-16, 28-31a)

One: Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them,

All: but their eyes were kept from recognizing him.

One: As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. But they urged him strongly, saying,

All: “Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over.”

One: So he went in to stay with them. When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them.

All: Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him...

One: Let us pray...

**All: Risen Lord,
like the disciples, we are usually people on the move;
we talk, we discuss, we keep ourselves occupied
so much so, that we do not recognize you.**

**And yet, day after day, hour after hour,
you come alongside us
to listen, to offer encouragement,
to be present in our most trying times.**

**Ever-present Lord, help us recognize you,
in this especially trying time,
and then, having seen you,
help us respond to your bountiful gifts
with lives of service and praise, in the Spirit. Amen.**

SONG #245

Christ the Lord is Risen Today (1, 2 & 4)

TUNE: LLANFAIR

***“Christ the Lord is risen today!” Alleluia!
All creation, join to say: Alleluia!
Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia!
Sing, O heavens, and earth reply, Alleluia!***

***Love’s redeeming work is done, Alleluia!
Fought the fight, the battle won, Alleluia!
Death in vain forbids him rise, Alleluia!
Christ has opened paradise. Alleluia!***

***Hail the Lord of earth and heaven! Alleluia!
Praise to you by both be given, Alleluia!
Every knee to you shall bow, Alleluia!
Risen Christ, triumphant now. Alleluia!***

PASSING THE PEACE

One: May the peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

<https://www.buzzsprout.com/102332/3491341>

One: Christ is Risen!

All: **He is Risen indeed!**

One: Let us pray...

Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on us.

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Melt us; mold us; fill us; use us;

Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on us.¹

PSALM Psalm 116

I love the Lord, because he has heard my voice and my supplications.
Because he inclined his ear to me, therefore I will call on him as long as I live.
The snares of death encompassed me; the pangs of Sheol laid hold on me;
I suffered distress and anguish.
Then I called on the name of the Lord: "O Lord, I pray, save my life!"

Gracious is the Lord, and righteous; our God is merciful.
The Lord protects the simple; when I was brought low, he saved me.
Return, O my soul, to your rest, for the Lord has dealt bountifully with you.

For you have delivered my soul from death, my eyes from tears,
my feet from stumbling.
I walk before the Lord in the land of the living.
I kept my faith, even when I said, "I am greatly afflicted";
I said in my consternation, "Everyone is a liar."

What shall I return to the Lord for all his bounty to me?
I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord,
I will pay my vows to the Lord in the presence of all his people.
Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his faithful ones.
O Lord, I am your servant; I am your servant, the child of your serving girl.
You have loosed my bonds.
I will offer to you a thanksgiving sacrifice and call on the name of the Lord.
I will pay my vows to the Lord in the presence of all his people,
in the courts of the house of the Lord, in your midst, O Jerusalem.
Praise the Lord!

One: This is the Word of the Lord:

All: **Thanks be to God.**

SOLO

I Love the Lord, who Heard my Cry
<https://www.buzzsprout.com/102332/3491296>

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Christ is Risen! **He is Risen Indeed!**

Risen Lord, hear our cry for help -

for those surrounded by the shroud of death
for those covered by the mantle of dying
for those hemmed-in by illness, visible or veiled
hear our cry for help...

for those weighed down with worries
for those carrying the burden of distress
for those overwhelmed by isolation
hear our cry for help...

for those who are weary
for those who are tattered and worn
for those who collapse from exhaustion
hear our cry for help...

Risen Lord, hear our cry of thanksgiving -

for the graciousness with which you hear
for the patience with which you listen
for the grace with which you care
hear our cry of thanksgiving...

for the ways you accompany us through deep valleys
for the ways you lead us to still meadows
for the ways you provide all we need
hear our cry of thanksgiving...

for transforming death in resurrection life
for blessing and breaking ordinary bread
for opening our eyes to recognize you
hear our cry of thanksgiving...

Risen Lord, hear our cry for communities of faith -

that we retain memory of being together
that we embrace unity in the reality of distance
that we foresee a future side-by-side, hand-in-hand
hear our cry for communities of faith...

that we sense purpose beyond ourselves
that we perceive the needs of creation
that we stretch ourselves to respond
hear our cry for communities of faith...

that our ways be formed by Your Way
that our lives be shaped by Your Life
that our love be Your Love
hear our cry for communities our faith...

And hear us as we pray together, Our Father....

**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.**

OFFERING

SONG # 238

Thine is the Glory

TUNE: JUDAS MACCABEUS

***Thine is the glory; risen, conquering Son;
endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.
Angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away,
kept the folded graveclothes where thy body lay.***

Refrain:

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

***Lo! Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb;
lovingly he greets us, scatters fear and gloom.
Let the church with gladness hymns of triumph sing,
for the Lord now liveth; death hast lost its sting. [Refrain]***

***No more we doubt thee, glorious Prince of life!
Life is naught without thee; aid us in our strife.
Make us more than conquerors through thy deathless love;
bring us safe through Jordan to thy home above. [Refrain]***

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

My friends,
may we go from this place
reminded that God hears us,
recommitted to giving thanks in our actions and words
and ready to listen to one another as God listens to us.

And may the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you,
and all those you love, and all those who are convinced they are unlovable.
May we reach out and love. Amen.

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¹Daniel Iverson, 1926

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please Pray for these Members, Relatives and Friends

Pat Lindsay, Rachel Williams, Sandra Richbourg, **Charolette Brown**, Libby Morton, Dan Grassi, Dick Grassi, **Paula Hagler**, Dave Smith, Carol Pope, Aleta Wheeler, Marie Minani, Inez Ruchte, Andrew Scharfe, **Peggie Bell**, **Jeane Nagel**, **Peggy McNeill**

- **Sallie Taylor's sister, Janet**
- Jan Morgan's daughter, Anna
- Betty Fetvedt's sister, Peggy
- Marti Ranney's friend Sherrill
- Teresa Johnson's cousin, Kaitlyn
- Charolette Brown's friend, Jaqueline
- Janet Wherry's sons David & Stephen, & her sister Fran
- Rachel & Rodney Williams' daughter, Rene
- Pat & Bob Lindsay's granddaughter Rebecca, niece Stephanie & family, & friend Ann Weber
- Chris Zaineddin's friend Peggy, nieces **Colleen**, & Sourour Dehnadi, **brother Ken**, & friend Paul Hutter & family
- Dave & Rita Hart's friends Max, Terry, neighbor Mary & her family
- Roberta Dibble's friend Margaret Rothman
- Carmen Rosa, along with Tania Valentine & Maurice Kersey
- Friends of Hess & Hart families, Max & Leatha Carey & family, & Allen Lee & Family
- Jo Lourens' father Flip Viviers
- Kimberly & Chad Craven's friend & her family
- Lisa, coworker of Koreen Thomasson, & Lisa's husband Ed
- Sara Monazah's grandmother Zary
- Carol Pope's brother, David
- Kathy & Bob Wolinski's daughter, Amy
- John Lavender's brother Don Allen Lavender, & John & Susie's niece's husband Ben Cooper
- Joe Moody's sister Mary Lynn
- Cindy Hemminger & family following her 5 year old cousin Hazel's diagnosis with Leukemia
- Donald and Nancy Ross' friend Terri McIrvine, and her husband and daughters
- Mary Ellen Jackson's cousin Betty Turner
- Frank Boyd, following a second surgery for a detached retina
- The Tatum-Carter family, following the death of their friend Matthew
- Chris Maxwell's sister Cecile
- John, Carin and Elizabeth Iager following the death of John's sister Cindy, who died on Saturday, March 28 following a fight with COVID-19
- Family and friends of Ray Kressman, following his death on Friday, March, 27th
- Don & Shirley Sprinkle's family member Whitney Huskey, following COVID-19 diagnosis, and Whitney's daughter as her mother undergoes treatment
- **Nicole Goolsby's mother Lyn's friend Bob Albert**

*requests in bold have been recently added or are in need of special prayer.