

POLLOCKSVILLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



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Pollocksville Presbyterian Church

3rd Sunday of Easter

11:00 a.m.

Order of Worship

April 18, 2021

Prelude "O Sons and Daughters of the King" ~ Charles Callahan

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship (*Responsive*) (Source- *Presbyterian Church in Canada*)

We gather with joy, for Easter brings us new life.

The Risen Christ is with us wherever we go.

Love breaks all bonds and unites us in hope.

Christ has defeated death. Let us rejoice and be glad!

Come and worship with hearts full of praise.

O God, receive our grateful Hallelujahs!

Prayer of Invocation

*The Peace of Christ

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

People: **And also with you.**

*Opening Hymn

"Because You Live, O Christ"

See Insert

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (*Unison*) (Source- *Presbyterian Church in Canada*)

God our Redeemer,

In raising Jesus from the dead, you showed us your power to defeat all that brings fear and sorrow to our lives. In his resurrection, Jesus promised to be with us always. Yet we confess we are sometimes uncertain about your presence, unsure if we can trust the promise of resurrection for ourselves.

Forgive us when we struggle to trust your goodness for us.

Forgive us when we miss the signs of your love in our midst.

Silence is observed

Assurance of God's Pardon (Source- *Inspired by Ecclesiastes 3:1-8*)

Scripture tells us that there is a time for every matter under heaven. A time to weep and a time to laugh; a time to mourn and a time to dance. In confessing our sins to God, we have offered God our tears of regret. Now is the time to rejoice in God's mercy: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

Thanks be to God!

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture

1 John 2:12-3:12

(*Common English Bible*)

12 Little children, I’m writing to you because your sins have been forgiven through Jesus’ name. **13** Parents, I’m writing to you because you have known the one who has existed from the beginning. Young people, I’m writing to you because you have conquered the evil one. **14** Little children, I write to you because you know the Father. Parents, I write to you because you have known the one who has existed from the beginning. Young people, I write to you because you are strong, the word of God remains in you, and you have conquered the evil one. **15** Don’t love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in them. **16** Everything that is in the world—the craving for whatever the body feels, the craving for whatever the eyes see and the arrogant pride in one’s possessions—is not of the Father but is of the world. **17** And the world and its cravings are passing away, but the person who does the will of God remains forever. **18** Little children, it is the last hour. Just as you have heard that the antichrist is coming, so now many antichrists have appeared. This is how we know it is the last hour. **19** They went out from us, but they were not really part of us. If they had been part of us, they would have stayed with us. But by going out from us, they showed they all are not part of us. **20** But you have an anointing from the holy one, and all of you know the truth. **21** I don’t write to you because you don’t know the truth but because you know it. You know that no lie comes from the truth. **22** Who is the liar? Isn’t it the person who denies that Jesus is the Christ? This person is the antichrist: the one who denies the Father and the Son. **23** Everyone who denies the Son does not have the Father, but the one who confesses the Son has the Father also. **24** As for you, what you heard from the beginning must remain in you. If what you heard from the beginning remains in you, you will also remain in relationship to the Son and in the Father. **25** This is the promise that he himself gave us: eternal life. **26** I write these things to you about those who are attempting to deceive you. **27** As for you, the anointing that you received from him remains on you, and you don’t need anyone to teach you the truth. But since his anointing teaches you about all things (it’s true and not a lie), remain in relationship to him just as he taught you. **28** And now, little children, remain in relationship to Jesus, so that when he appears we can have confidence and not be ashamed in front of him when he comes. **29** If you know that he is righteous, you also know that every person who practices righteousness is born from him.

3:1 See what kind of love the Father has given to us in that we should be called God’s children, and that is what we are! Because the world didn’t recognize him, it doesn’t recognize us. **2** Dear friends, now we are God’s children, and it hasn’t yet appeared what we will be. We know that when he appears we will be like him because we’ll see him as he is. **3** And all who have this hope in him purify themselves even as he is pure. **4** Every person who practices sin commits an act of rebellion, and sin is rebellion. **5** You know that he appeared to take away sins, and there is no sin in him. **6** Every person who remains in relationship to him does not sin. Any person who sins has not seen him or known him. **7** Little children, make sure no one deceives you. The person who practices righteousness is righteous, in the same way that Jesus is righteous. **8** The person who practices sin belongs to the devil, because the devil has been sinning since the beginning. God’s Son appeared for this purpose: to destroy the works of the devil. **9** Those born from God don’t practice sin because God’s DNA remains in them. They can’t sin because they are born from God. **10** This is how God’s children and the devil’s children are apparent: everyone who doesn’t practice righteousness is not from God, including the person who doesn’t love a brother or sister. **11** This is the message that you heard from the beginning: love each other. **12** Don’t behave like Cain, who belonged to the evil one and murdered his brother. And why did he kill him? He killed him because his own works were evil, but the works of his brother were righteous.

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Morning Prayer and Lord’s Prayer

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.

*The Apostles’ Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, And in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. AMEN.

*Gloria Patri

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.

*Closing Hymn

“Christ Is Alive”

See Insert

*Charge and Benediction

*Postlude

“Highland Cathedral”

~ Korb and Roever arr. Kazik

Please rise in body or spirit / **Bold: Congregation Speaks*

Sunday, May 2nd ~ 5 pm Session Meeting

For Congregational Use: Lectionary Readings:

Acts 3:12-19 and Psalm 4; 1 John 3:1-7; Luke 24:36b-48

Daily Readings for April 18 – 24 use the following web link:

<http://gamc.pcusa.org/ministries/devotions/month-month-lectionary-reading-list/>

Prayer List Additions as of 4/18/2021

Family Friend (Pastor T. Wes and Rev. Lauren), John & Joyce Hewett (Mike Coeyman), Brent McWilliams (Pastor T. Wes), PPCCC, Abbie Pike (Sheron Bender), Adam Turvey (Jekels), Latravearcia Williams (Ms. T - PPCCC), Karl & Bonnie Zimmermann
Please keep in your prayers those struggling to cope due to this pandemic.

Our complete prayer list is available in the PollyPress. These names will remain on this list for 3 weeks.

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1 Be-cause you live, O Christ, the gar-den of the world has come to
 2 Be-cause you live, O Christ, the spir-it bird of hope is freed for
 3 Be-cause you live, O Christ, the rain-bow of your peace will span cre-

flow-er; the dark-ness of the tomb is flood-ed with your
 fly-ing; our ca-ges of de-spair no lon-ger keep us
 a-tion; the col-ors of your love will draw all hu-man-

Refrain

res-ur-rec-tion pow-er.
 closed and life-de-ny-ing. The stone has rolled a-way and death can-
 kind to ad-o-ra-tion.

not im-pris-on! O sing this Eas-ter day, for Je-sus Christ has

ris-en, has ris-en, has ris-en, has ris-en!

This New Zealand author's text contains no familiar images of springtime to bolster its message, because Easter in the Southern Hemisphere comes in autumn. This hymn resulted both from her dissatisfaction with existing hymns and from her love of this exuberant Dutch tune.

Christ Is Alive!

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1 Christ is a - live! Let Chris - tians sing. The cross stands
 2 Christ is a - live! No lon - ger bound to dis - tant
 3 In ev - ery in - sult, rift, and war where col - or,
 4 Wom - en and men, in age and youth, can feel the
 5 Christ is a - live, and comes to bring good news to

emp - ty to the sky. Let streets and homes with
 years in Pal - es - tine, but sav - ing, heal - ing,
 scorn, or wealth di - vide, Christ suf - fers still, yet
 Spir - it, hear the call, and find the way, the
 this and ev - ery age, till earth and sky and

prais - es ring. Love, drowned in death, shall nev - er die.
 here and now, and touch - ing ev - ery place and time.
 loves the more, and lives, where e - ven hope has died.
 life, the truth, re - vealed in Je - sus, freed for all.
 o - cean ring with joy, with jus - tice, love, and praise.

In 1968 Easter fell ten days after the assassination of Martin Luther King Jr., and this text was written to express an Easter hope while mindful of that terrible event. Buoyed by a triple-arched tune, it affirms the presence of a wounded, risen Christ with all who suffer.