



Penningtonville Presbyterian Church

Easter Sunday
Sunday, April 4, 2021

We Gather

Prelude

God's Trumpet Call

arr. G. Blake

Greeting & Welcome

Phil Rudisill

Prayer of Invocation

***Call to Worship**

For those who first went out
into the early dawn, when the sky was grey,
taking spices to the tomb,
there was terror, and surprise.

**For us, resisting the impulse to sleep in
as part of a long weekend,
and being over-familiar with the Easter story,
there is the risk of complacency.**

So let us open ourselves
to the astounding possibility
that life can break out
at any moment!

**Let us challenge the thought
that we have planned the future
so efficiently that
there will be no surprises!**

Let us face the fact
that the walls of this church,
and the life of our institution
cannot entirely contain Jesus Christ!

**Let us celebrate
the irrepressible power of God
breaking out with life
where we least expect it
giving us the ultimate hope!**

Friends, let us proclaim the hope of our faith:
Christ has risen!

He has risen indeed!

* Hymn # 123 Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

***Responsive Prayer of Confession**

Christ, we come to the empty tomb,
we see our own death,
we see our own tomb, we see our own emptiness.
And we remember how we have treated other people—
members of our family, friends and neighbors.

**Lord we come to your tomb,
we see a hungry world before us,
the pain of starving children,
the guilt of war on our hands,
and we know that collectively we share in those
injustices.**

Lord we come to the empty tomb,
we search within ourselves and we cannot escape what
we are,
people caught up in the pain of our own wrong doing,
for some a deep sense of loneliness
and a frustration of what we would be but are not.

**Lord when we come to the empty tomb,
we lay before you our pain,
our emptiness and look to you for hope.**

People of God,
why do you seek the living among the dead in an empty
tomb?
Are you afraid, are you uncertain, and are you
uncomfortable here?

**Our wounds are deep,
we have turned away from that man,
we have broken with him
and seek his fellowship.**

Do not dwell on your wounds any longer
for he has risen to heal you,
he has risen to forgive you;
he has risen to change us all and bind us together now.

**Christ has risen to forgive us.
Thanks be to God.**

***Assurance of Pardon**

Response: *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.”*

***Peace of Christ**

Proclaiming the Word

Children’s Message

Amy Wade

***Hymn # 119**

The Strife is O’er

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading

John 20:1-18

Sermon

Responding to the Word

Musical Interlude

Morning Has Broken

ft. Linda Rice, Piano; Cristi and Maya Hahn, flute

The Lord’s Supper

The Prayers of Great Thanksgiving

*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. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever.
Amen.*

Invitation to Generosity

***Doxology: #592**

*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*

***Prayer of Dedication**

Time for Announcements & Sharing

***Hymn # 122** Thine Is the Glory

***Benediction**

Postlude Hallelujah Chorus arr. Handel

Rooted in Community. Connecting People to God

**Thank you to all those who helped decorate our Sanctuary with butterflies.*

Thanks for worshiping with us today!

We hope this service was meaningful for you and you were able to experience the love, life, and hope of Jesus Christ.



We would love to connect with you. Simply scan the QR code or fill out the Connection Card and put it in the offering plate as you leave. We are rooted to this community and **for every new guest who fills out a connection card we will donate \$5 to a local charity whose mission we support.**

We hope you join us next week as we begin our new sermon series “Sent: The Early Years of Following Christ” as we look through the book of Acts.

