

EASTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

A Stephen Ministry Congregation

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311 Haines Road † York, PA 17402

April 7, 2019



Welcome to Worship

Fifth Sunday in Lent

Communion Sunday

April 7, 2019

9:00 & 11:00 a.m. Worship

+Please silence cell phones during the worship service+

* = Please stand, if you are able.

- **Child Care is available in the Nursery during church services and the Christian Education Hour in Rm. 9 on the 2nd floor of the C.E. Building, which is accessible through the right-side door in the front of the sanctuary.**
- *If you would like the Pastor to announce and pray for a joy or concern during the Prayers of the People, please complete a gold Prayer Request form (located in the Friendship Pads) and place it in the offering plate when it is passed.*

WE GATHER BEFORE GOD

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PASSING OF FELLOWSHIP PADS

PRELUDE

My Song is Love Unknown

arr. Dale Wood

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Jesus said: I am the resurrection and the life.

People: Those who believe in Christ will never die.

Leader: Keep pressing on toward the goal:

People: the heavenly call of God in Jesus Christ.

Leader: Let us pray.

PRAYER OF APPROACH

Eternal God, your kingdom has broken into our troubled world through the life, death, and resurrection of your Son. Help us to hear your word and obey it, that we may become instruments of your saving love; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

***CALL TO RECONCILIATION**

Leader: This is the proof of God’s great love:

People: that while we were sinners, Christ died for us.

Leader: Trusting in God’s grace, let us confess our sin.

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

God of mercy, you sent Jesus Christ to seek and save the lost. We confess that we have strayed from you and turned aside from your way. We are misled by pride, for we see ourselves pure when we are stained, and great when we are small. We have failed in love, neglected justice, and ignored your truth. Have mercy, O God, and forgive our sin. Return us to paths of righteousness through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

***ASSURANCE OF GOD’S GRACE**

Leader: God’s love has been poured into your hearts through the gift of the Holy Spirit.

People: Thanks be to God.

Leader: In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

People: Amen.

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE No. 579**

Glory Be to the Father

Gloria Patri

Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther, and to the Son, and to the
 Ho - ly Ghost; As it was in the be - gin - ning, is now and ev - er
 shall be, world with - out end. A - men, A - men.

***PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Isaiah 43:16-21 (pg. 624 in pew Bibles)

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON John 12:1-8 (pg. 936 in pew Bibles)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON *Always the Poor*

***HYMN NO. 310** *Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee* *St. Agnes*

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** *The Apostles' Creed* (Traditional Version) PH, pg. 14

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.

OFFERING

(8:30) OFFERTORY

Come, Ye Sinners. Poor and Needy

arr. Christopher Reed

(11:00) OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Crystal River
Chancel Choir

Welsh Tune, arr. Heather Sorenson
Words by Julie I. Myers

*There's a River pure and lovely, springing forth from realms unseen,
bearing joy through Heaven's City, raining grace on earth beneath.
Crystal River, water holy, where the whitest lily grows,
Crystal River, ever flowing from the Lamb and Father's throne.
Shining pools of peace and comfort, shimmering waves of sheer delight,
glorious fount of truth and counsel, gleaming depths of mercy bright.
"In the sweet by and by, we shall meet on heaven's shore.
In the sweet by and by, we shall sing forevermore." (Sanford Bennett)
Here I come, for You have called me. Here I bathe my weary feet.
Here my heart is cleansed and strengthened; endless life wells up in me.*

***OFFERING RESPONSE No. 592** *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* *Doxology*

*Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow; Praise Him all
crea-tures here be - low; Praise Him a - bove ye heav'n-ly
host; Praise Fa - ther, Son and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men*

***OFFERTORY PRAYER**

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Leader: Let us pray...

THE LORD'S PRAYER (Traditional) PH, pg. 16

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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

SHARING THE BREAD & CUP

9:00 - (Please come forward at the appropriate time and return silently to your seat. Those unable to come forward may remain seated, and communion will be brought to you.)

11:00- (Please hold the elements until all have been served, so that we can share as one in the Body of Christ.)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

*HYMN NO. 367

Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love

Chereponi

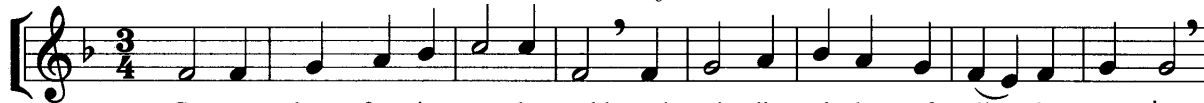
WE DEPART FOR SERVICE

*THE CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

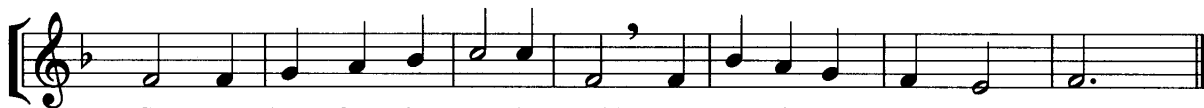
*BENEDICTION RESPONSE

Go Ye, Therefore

Gretchen Dekker



Go ye there-fore in - to the world and make dis - ci-ples of all_ the na - tions,



Go ye there-fore in - to the world, and I will be with you there.

POSTLUDE

Jesus Is All the World to Me

arr. Mark Hayes

WORSHIP LEADERS

The Rev. Dr. Stephens Lytch, Transitional Pastor

Randy Yoder, Director of Music

Liturgist (11:00): Robin Blakely

Ushers: (9:00) Bob Hafer, Scott Bowman, Ed Ritter, Bob Moore

(11:00) Gary Hoffman, Steve Cassel, Dave Lewis, Sandy Lewis

Communion Assistants: (9:00) Jack Hynd, Jim Tollinger, Brett Peterson

(11:00) Gary Hoffman, Sue Bergeron, Glenn Bloss, Todd Lord

CHANCEL FLOWER DEDICATION

**The flowers in the chancel today are given to the Glory of God
by JoAnn Hankey in memory of her sister Susan Maull.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

LOOSE PLATE OFFERING BENEFITS THE DEACON FUND – The loose offering from this and every communion service is divided equally between the general deacon fund and the missions fund, which is then used for local outreach.

NEXT SUNDAY, April 14, is Palm Sunday. Pastor Lytch's sermon title is *In Humble Majesty*; and the scripture text is John 12:12-16. The Chancel Choir will sing at the 11 a.m. service.

SOUND SYSTEM - Our sanctuary sound system is 15 years old (ancient in electronic terms), suffers from "dead spots" and "crackling", and needs to be replaced. The Board of Trustees has approved the Worship Committee's proposal of a new sound system. Included in the proposal was a plan for funding the \$8,700 project. Some of the funds are coming from the Facilities Management Committee (FMC) grocery card fund (\$1,000), and non-designated memorial funds, but we still need the congregation's help to raise approximately \$4,400. Please prayerfully consider a donation, large or small..... whatever you are comfortable giving.... using the Building Fund envelope found in your Stewardship Offering boxes (or any other envelope). Please be sure to write "Sound

System" on the front of the envelope to designate its use. Our goal is to begin the project in May, so your donations would be appreciated within the next couple of weeks.

SPRING CLEANUP! -- Everyone is invited to the Facilities Management Committee's Spring Workday on Saturday, April 13th. Work begins at 8 a.m. in Fellowship Hall with coffee and snacks and then proceed to the various work areas. The day will end with lunch at noontime. Refreshments will be available during the morning when you want to take a break. Please check your calendars and plan to join us for however long your schedule permits. And cross your fingers that the weather will cooperate so we do not need to use the rain date of Saturday, April 20th.

RISE AGAINST HUNGER (RAH): RAH is an organization that is committed to ending hunger by 2030. We are helping them reach that goal by packing 1600+ food bags (which will provide 10,000 meals) on Sunday, April 14th at 12:30 p.m. There are jobs for all ages. In Fellowship Hall, there will be 5 or 6 stations with 5 or 6 people at each who will be filling the bags, each with a specific ingredient. There will be people weighing the bags, others sealing them. There will also be runners moving the filled bags and rice to the weighing stations. We will also need individuals willing to move some heavy bags and boxes before and after the event. The sign-up sheet, for 50 volunteers, is on the door in the back of the church. Bagged lunches will be available by checking the box on the sign-up sheet! Any questions, please call Georgia, (717) 793-2056, gsmazzolla@aol.com. Hope to see you there!

EASTER FOOD BOX TAGS - There are a few food tags left on the wall, so if you have not picked one or two up, there is still an opportunity! And, a reminder to everyone, the items are due back at the church at noon this Wednesday, the 10th! Thank you so much for your generous contributions!!

EASTER FOOD BOX PACKING -- Come one, come all as many hands make light work! We will be packing the food boxes on Saturday, April 13th at 8:00 in Fellowship Hall. If you can join us, we would love to have you!!

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING -- Please note the insert in the bulletin explaining this special donation that PCUSA uses to gather resources in order to help those in need! Envelopes will be available this and next week. Thank you for prayerfully giving to this global mission collection.

TPPT -- April 14th is Toilet Paper Paper Towel Sunday. The York County Food Bank is so very grateful for these paper products which are not something they always have available for their clients!



Please keep these people in your prayers this week:

+All our military men and women around the world and their families back home+

+Eastminster Presbyterian Church – its congregation, mission, and ministry+

+ Stephen Ministers and their care receivers+

Alyssa Border, her husband, and baby son Benjamin

Curtis & Glenda Fleshman

Hilton Foore

Andrew Frey

George Myers

Jerry & Tania O'Hearn

Phil & Tana Rarick

Doris Ward

*If you would like to have someone placed on the prayer list,
please first obtain that person's permission and then drop a note in the offering plate
or contact Beth Anne by e-mail at epcyorkoffice@gmail.com or phone 717-755-6222.*

The calendar in the bulletin gives this week's events. Copies of our latest newsletter are available in the Narthex in the back of the Sanctuary. The newsletter contains our worship schedule and information about the activities, events, and opportunities for ministry and mission offered at Eastminster.

CALENDAR

Please see our website, eastminster-york.org, for possible updates and changes.

		<i>Today is the day to pick up grocery cards</i>
Sun Apr 7		
	9:00-10:00 a.m.	Worship – Sanctuary
		Children's Sunday School – C.E. Building
		Adult Bible Study – Library
	10:00-11:00 a.m.	Wired Word – Haines House
		Coffee Hour – MPR*
	11:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.	Worship – Sanctuary
	12:00-2:00 p.m.	Planned Giving Workshop – Fellowship Hall
	4:00-6:30 p.m.	New Generation Ministry Worship – Fellowship Hall
Mon Apr 8	7:00-9:00 p.m.	Trustees meeting – Board Room
Tues Apr 9	11:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.	Staff Meeting – MPR
	6:30-8:30 p.m.	Congregational Life – MPR
Wed Apr 10	10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.	Cool Knitting/Warm Fellowship – Haines Reception Room
	7:00-8:30 p.m.	New Generation Youth – Fellowship Hall & Room 13
	7:30-9:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal – Choir Room
Thur Apr 11	6:30-8:30 p.m.	Deacons Meeting – MPR
	6:30-7:30 p.m.	PNC Meeting – Board Room
	7:00-9:00 p.m.	Mission Committee Meeting – Haines Reception Room
Fri Apr 12		Church Offices Closed
Sat Apr 13	8:00-9:00 a.m.	Mission Food Boxes – Fellowship Hall
	8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.	Spring Clean-up Day – Church Campus

*MPR = Multipurpose Room



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