

Christ is Risen!



Welcome to New Castle Presbyterian Church!

Whether you are worshiping with us in-person or joining via livestream, we gather today as a community of faith, seeking and serving the God we know in Jesus Christ. May this worship service remind you that you are God's own and that together we are called to live out God's way of love, justice and peace.

For folks joining us for in-person worship,

A little help - Please see an usher to receive any assistance, including a personal seat cushion.

Restrooms are located in the Education Building, at the far end of the Fellowship Hall.

Sunday School and Nursery: Easter Fair Today

Children are invited to begin in worship; worship bags are available at the entrance. Following the Scripture Conversation, children (infants through 5th graders) are invited to join our Easter Fair in the Fellowship Hall. All children must have an information form on file; see the volunteer in the narthex area.

Families will join their children during Coffee Hour, and the Easter Egg Hunt will begin around 11:50. Following the search, we'll gather for closing music and prayer in the CE Building.

At the end of worship, please join us for Coffee Hour in the Fellowship Hall.

Worship "code": * = please stand if able **bold** = all speak together

Gentle Reminders:

Please turn off all cell phones.

Parking spaces on 2nd Street in front of the Meeting House are for handicapped parking only.

Please put your bulletins in the blue recycle can at the door as you leave – we recycle!

Office Hours: Monday-Friday 8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Pastor Miriam's day of rest is on Mondays.

New Castle Presbyterian Church
Easter Sunday

March 31, 2024

10:30 a.m.

GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

Prelude

Thine Is the Glory
Bethany Faiz - Piano

arr. Mark Hayes

Welcome & Words about The Life and Work of the Church

Greeting of Peace

As Jesus greeted his disciples, so let us greet one another:
The peace of Christ be with you!

And also with you!

*Please wave at your neighbors and extend Christ's greeting,
"Peace be with you".*

Steeple Bell

Choral Introit

Hail, Redeemer King
Minerva Lermond and Ellie Gerhart – Handbells
Bethany Faiz - Piano

By Russell Nagy

Call to Worship

The tomb is empty. The Lord is risen!

Christ is risen! Alleluia!

Sung by children: Hymn #591 Halle, halle, hallelujah!

Today we know that love has won. Today we know that hope is real.

Christ is risen! Alleluia!

Sung by children: Hymn #591 Halle, halle, hallelujah!

God has destroyed the power of sin and death.

We have a reason to sing alleluia! Alleluia!

Sung by congregation: Hymn #591 Halle, halle, hallelujah!

Let us worship the living God!

Christ is risen! Alleluia!

*Hymn #232

Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

1 Je - sus Christ is risen to - day,
2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Al - le - lu - ia!
3 But the pains which he en - dured,
4 Sing we to our God a - bove,

our tri - um - phant ho - ly day,
un - to Christ, our heav - en - ly King, Al - le - lu - ia!
our sal - va - tion have pro - cured.
praise e - ter - nal as God's love.

who did once up - on the cross,
who en - dured the cross and grave, Al - le - lu - ia!
Now a - bove the sky he's King,
Praise our God, ye heav - en - ly host,

suf - fer to re - deem our loss.
sin - ners to re - deem and save. Al - le - lu - ia!
where the an - gels ev - er sing,
Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

It seems likely that this beloved Easter text began in Latin and moved through German before reaching English, where it combined with the present tune in the emerging English evangelical style, a reaction to the restrained one-note-per-syllable psalmody that preceded it.

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

The stone is rolled away! **We assume it is a mistake.**

The angels say, “He is not here!” **We assume their news is fake.**

The women tell the story, **but we do not want to hear it.**

Peter runs to the tomb, **but we do not understand.**

Forgive us God, for thinking an empty tomb is nothing more than a prank.

Forgive us for seeing discarded burial cloths and still holding tight to death.

Forgive us for pushing away reasons to hope when you are alive and well in the world. **Teach us to see what you see. Unravel the threads of our unbelief...** (*Time for silent prayer.*)

Assurance of Pardon

Let us proclaim the Good News together:

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Thanks be to God.

***Response #240 Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks (Verse 2)**

Refrain:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Give thanks to the risen Lord.

Alleluia, alleluia!

Give praise to his name

2. Spread the good news o'er all the earth:

Jesus has died and has risen. (Refrain)

PROCLAIM GOD’S WORD

Anthem

Alleluia, Christ Is Risen

Michael Larkin

Bethany Faiz – Piano

Alleluia, Christ is risen! We rejoice this day of days. Alleluia, Christ is risen! Sing to God a song of praise. He, who on the cross, as Savior, for the world's salvation bled, Jesus Christ, the King of glory: He is risen, risen from the dead. Alleluia, Christ is risen from the earth up to the sky! Alleluia, Christ is risen! Glory be to God on high! Alleluia!

Scripture Conversation with Children

Prayer for Illumination

God of new beginnings, on that first Easter morning, the disciples struggled to hear the good news. Doubt clouded their minds. Negativity took root and hope vanished with a simple shake of their heads. As we return to this familiar story, help us to hear differently this morning. Open our ears that we might hear the sound of Alleluias ringing throughout your creation. Open our minds that the mystery and joy of Easter might feel within reach. Open our hearts that we might believe the unbelievable. And like Peter, may we move closer to you. God of the empty tomb, we are hungry for your good news. Speak to us now. With hope in our hearts we pray, Amen.

Scripture Lesson

Luke 24:1-12

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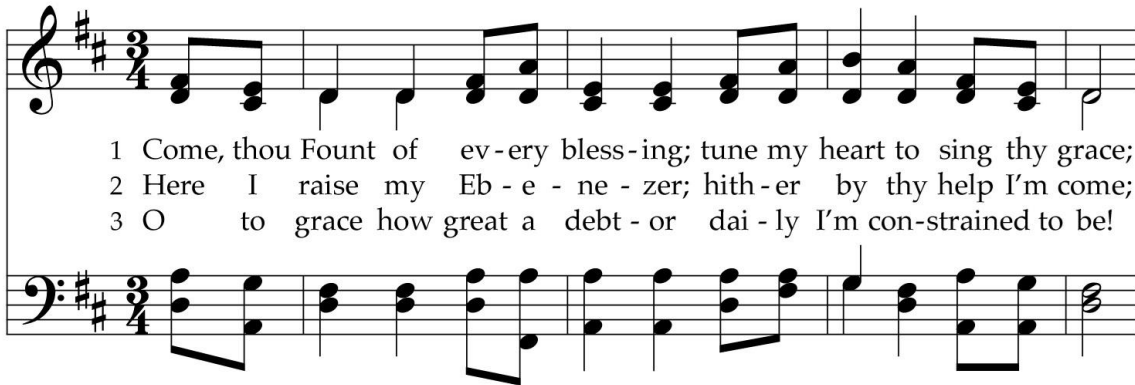
But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they came to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. ²They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, ³but when they went in, they did not find the body. ⁴While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. ⁵The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, “Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen. ⁶Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, ⁷that the Son of Man must be handed over to sinners, and be crucified, and on the third day rise again.” ⁸Then they remembered his words, ⁹and returning from the tomb, they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest. ¹⁰Now it was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told this to the apostles. ¹¹But these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. ¹²But Peter got up and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; then he went home, amazed at what had happened. *This is the Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.*

Sermon

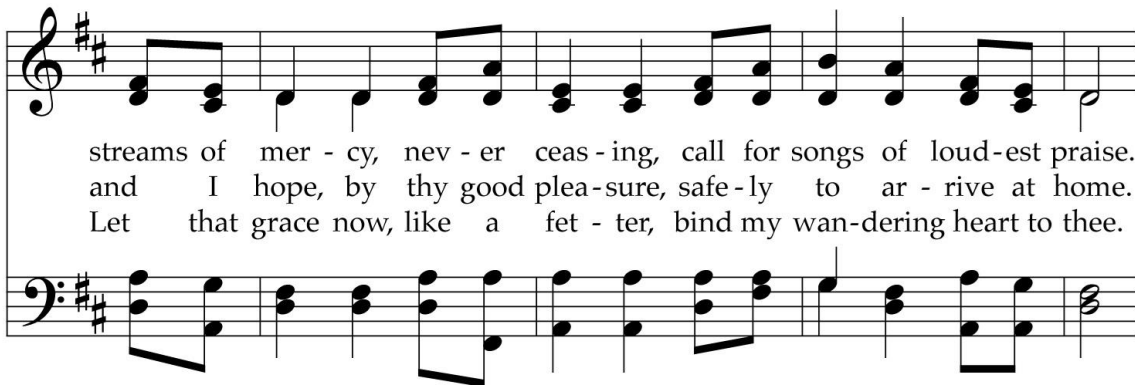


GIVE THANKS TO GOD

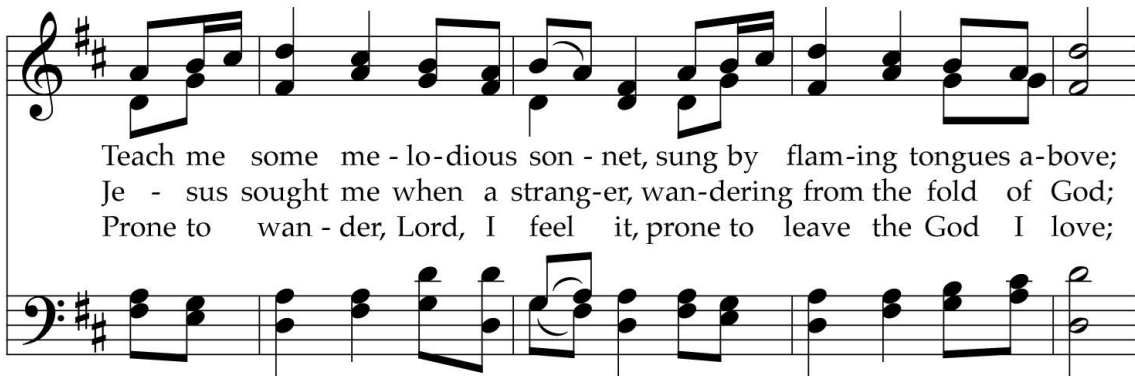
*Hymn #475 Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing



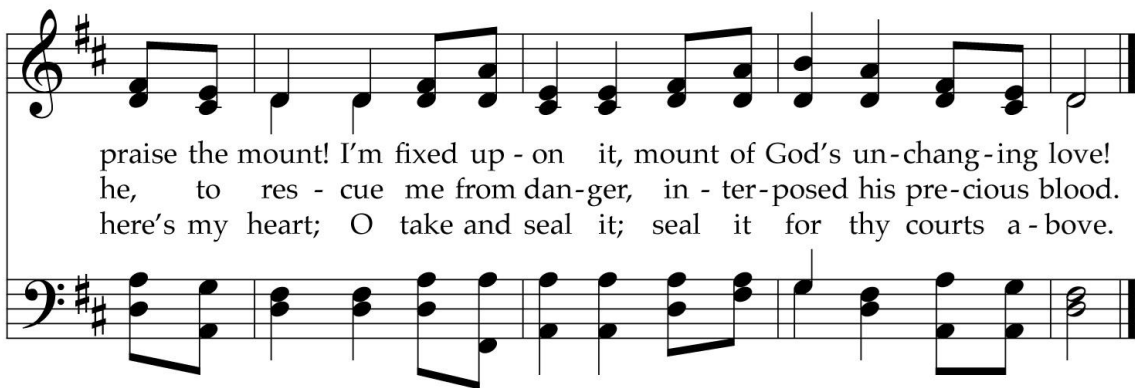
1 Come, thou Fount of ev-ery bless-ing; tune my heart to sing thy grace;
2 Here I raise my Eb - e - ne - zer; hith-er by thy help I'm come;
3 O to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I'm con-strained to be!



streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing, call for songs of loud-est praise.
and I hope, by thy good plea-sure, safe-ly to ar - rive at home.
Let that grace now, like a fet - ter, bind my wan-dering heart to thee.



Teach me some me - lo-dious son - net, sung by flam-ing tongues a-bove;
Je - sus sought me when a strang-er, wan-dering from the fold of God;
Prone to wan - der, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;



praise the mount! I'm fixed up - on it, mount of God's un-chang-ing love!
he, to res - cue me from dan-ger, in - ter-posed his pre-cious blood.
here's my heart; O take and seal it; seal it for thy courts a - bove.

Written for Pentecost by a British Baptist pastor, this text is full of biblical terms like "Ebenezer" (1 Samuel 7:12), Hebrew for "a stone of help" set up to give thanks for God's assistance. The tune name honors hymnal compiler Asahel Nettleton, who probably did not compose it.

Offerings of Tithes and Gifts

Offertory The Strife Is O'er, the Battle Done arr. Larry Shackley
Bethany Faiz - Piano

***Response #607**

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Christ, all people here below;
Praise Holy Spirit evermore.
Praise triune God, whom we adore. Amen.**

***Prayer of Dedication**

Holy God, thank you for calling ordinary people to be your disciples. In his belief and unbelief, Simon Peter shows us that your work of love and justice can happen with ordinary human hands. Flow through these offerings of our hands and hearts, that your seeds of mercy and hope would take root in our world. Give us wisdom and courage to run like Simon Peter back to the empty tomb and discover your love growing all around us like flowers in a garden. Amen.

Prayers of the People

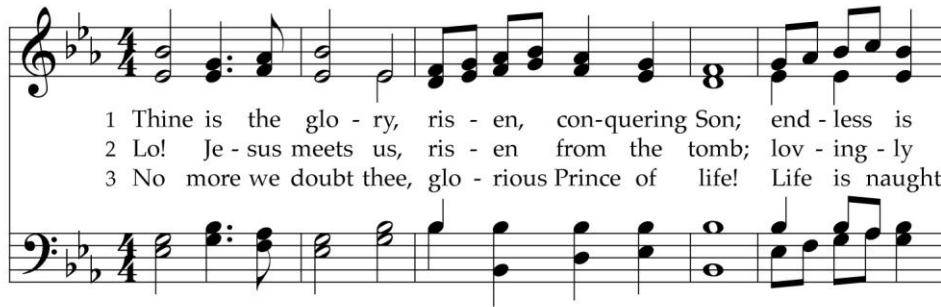
The Lord's Prayer

**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.**

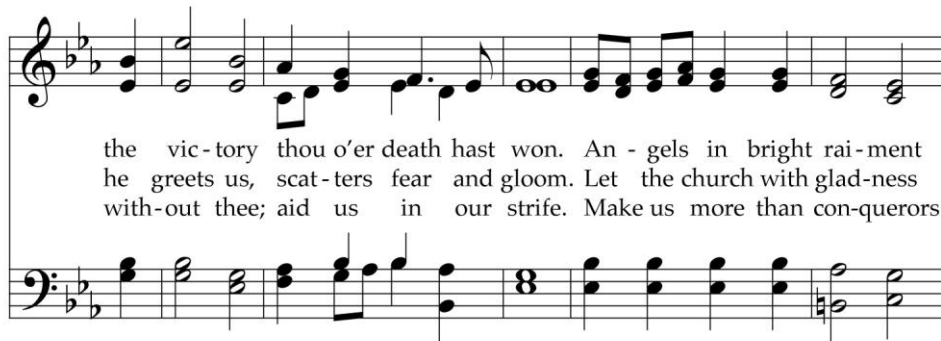
GO IN GOD'S NAME

*Hymn #238

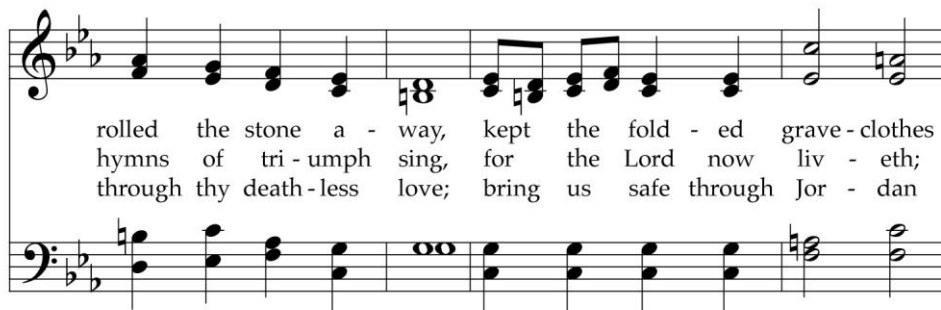
Thine Is the Glory



1 Thine is the glo - ry, ris - en, con-quer-ing Son; end - less is
2 Lo! Je - sus meets us, ris - en from the tomb; lov - ing - ly
3 No more we doubt thee, glo - rious Prince of life! Life is naught

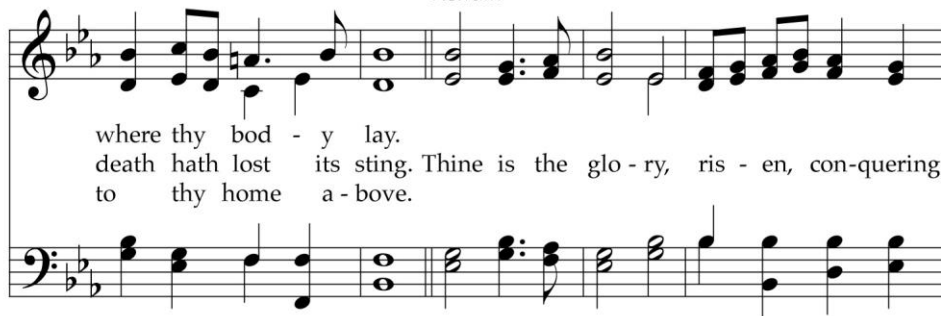


the vic-tory thou o'er death hast won. An - gels in bright rai-ment
he greets us, scat-ters fear and gloom. Let the church with glad-ness
with-out thee; aid us in our strife. Make us more than con-querors



rolled the stone a - way, kept the fold - ed grave - clothes
hymns of tri - umph sing, for the Lord now liv - eth;
through thy death-less love; bring us safe through Jor - dan

Refrain



where thy bod - y lay.
death hath lost its sting. Thine is the glo - ry, ris - en, con-quer-ing
to thy home a - bove.



Son; end - less is the vic - tory thou o'er death hast won.

***Charge and Benediction**

Choral Benediction Hail, Redeemer King By Russell Nagy
Minerva Lermond and Ellie Gerhart – Handbells
Bethany Faiz - Piano

Steeple Bell

Postlude Crown Him with Many Crowns arr. Mark Hayes
Bethany Faiz - Piano

Please remain seated through the Postlude. As you exit, you may recycle your bulletin in the basket at the door. Join us after worship for Coffee Hour in the Fellowship Hall

Thank you for serving today:

Worship Leader: Carol Mayhew Counters: Rob Barry/Mary Fontinha
Ushers: Amy & Scott Selheimer Coffee Hour: NCPC Three Boards
Nursery: Molly Shaw/Melissa Boris
Sunday School: Mallory Mackie/Chris Fagles

Today we remember in the Special Gifts Memorial Case:

Ruth Silverman
1985

Joanne M. Hopkins
1937-2018



SIGN UP TO VOLUNTEER ON A SUNDAY MORNING

We are in need of ushers and worship leaders in April and May. Please sign up today: <https://www.newcastlepreschurch.org/on-line-signups>

We're also in need of volunteers for First Sunday coffee hours, including April 7. Sign up sheet is in the Fellowship Hall.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

We are putting together our slate of officers for the upcoming year! If you are interested in serving as an Elder, Deacon, or Trustee. please reach out to Melissa Boris or Peter McCurdy. Terms are for three years and begin in September.

SERVING CHRIST WITH NCPC

From Meals on Wheels to Emmanuel Dining Room to Friendship House, there are many great ways to love and serve our neighbors. Reach out to our Mission and Outreach Chair to learn more: Scott Selheimer - selheime@udel.edu.

LENT → EASTER BIBLE STUDY

We will wrap up our Wandering Heart Lenten series with a Simon Peter Easter lesson on Wednesday, April 3 at 2 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

EMMANUEL DINING ROOM BROWNIES

Brownie mixes for Emmanuel Dining Hall are available in the entryway to the CE Building. Please return on or before Friday, April 5.

PRESBYTERIAN DISASTER ASSISTANCE – APRIL 14

We welcome Guest Preacher Beth Goss on April 14. Rev. Goss is a member of the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance National Response team and is a Retired Teaching Elder living in Herndon, VA. She will share updates about PDA, including the ways that our One Great Hour of Sharing Offering directly assists our neighbors in need.

SECOND STREET COFFEEHOUSE – APRIL 21

Join us for the next Acoustic Open Mic Night on Sunday, April 21, from 6:30-8:30 in the Fellowship Hall. The \$3 admission goes to support Friendship House; for more information, check out our newsletter.

MUSIC TO MOVE YOU – APRIL 28

The Delaware Women's Chorus, under the direction of Joanne Ward is thrilled to be back to NCPC. DWC will present a choral program entitled "Songs for a Better World" on Sunday, April 28th at 3:00 pm. This program of thought-provoking music features a wide variety of musical styles which offer hope, wonder, and determination. We are excited to present the premier of the choral version of "The Road Not Taken" by composer, Michael Larkin, as well music by women composers Gwyneth Walker, Sarah Quartel, Eleanor Daley and others.

GIFTS OF LOVE UPDATE

So far in 2024, we have contributed \$2,400.00 to the St. Vincent DePaul Society at St. Peter's church. Donations through the white envelopes help our neighbors pay the rent, medical bills, car repairs, or utility bills.

We also donate food items for the St Peter's food pantry. While all items are appreciated, mayonnaise, jelly and powdered milk are really needed at this time. Thank you NCPC for being such good neighbors.

Prayer List:

To place a name on the confidential Prayer Chain, contact Susan Flook, 302-328-7346 suzieflook@hotmail.com

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***The Beautiful Easter Display of Flowers
In the Sanctuary are given to the Glory of God***

Susan & Jim Flook	In Memory of Loved Ones
Karen Dobson	In Memory of Erle (Buddy) Dobson and Ray & Janet Moore
Connie Reese	In Memory of Don Reese
Peter & Kelly McCurdy	In Honor & Memory of Our Parents & Other Loved Ones In Honor of Rev. Miriam Foltz & Family
Rick & Chris Fagles & Family	In Memory of Our Parents, Doug & Skip Twyford, Steven Fagles, Al & Torrie Richmond
Gail & C. J. Seitz	In Memory of Our Parents
Janet Spring	In Honor of Eileen Larkin, Minerva Lermond & Bethany Faiz
Pastor Miriam, Steven, Parker & Micah Foltz	In Honor of the Congregation of New Castle Presbyterian
Monty & Ellie Gerhart	In Memory of Loved Ones
Juliann & Rob Barry	In Memory of Our Parents
Dan & Shirley Knox	In Memory of Joan Smith, Bruce Gordon & Janet Reed
Jean Norvell	In Memory of Ron Norvell
Pat & Dave Taylor	In Memory of Loved Ones
Joan Appleby	In Memory of Robert Appleby
Gene & Carol Mayhew	In Honor of Loved Ones
Beverly Stoudt	In Memory of Jim Stoudt
Mary Fontinha	In Memory of Dorothy & Lester Ruegsegger
Dan & Candy Dunson	In Honor of All of the Military Service Men & Women
Earl Reed & Family	In Memory of Janet Reed, Loving Wife, Mother, Grandmother, GMom In Memory of Loved Ones In Memory of Bill & Gale Werkheiser
Conchita Showell	In Memory of Loved Ones Past & Present In Honor of Joan & David Lioi
Lyn Briggs	In Memory of Bob Briggs
Kim Beebe	In Honor of My Mom, Linda Bennett In Honor of My Sister, Julie Bennett In Memory of My Grandfather, Don Bennett

This Week's Schedule

SUNDAY	03/31		EASTER SUNDAY
		6:30am	Sunrise Service at the Pier
		10:30am	In-Person & Live Stream Worship
		10:50am	Sunday School / Easter Fair
		11:30am	Coffee Hour / Easter Fair
Monday	04/01		EASTER MONDAY
			Office Closed
Tuesday	04/02	6:00pm	Mission & Outreach
		7:00pm	Session Meeting
Wednesday	04/03	2:00pm	Bible Study
		7:30pm	Choir
Thursday	04/04	7:00pm	Celebration Ringers
Friday	04/05		Brownies Due
Saturday	04/06	8:00am	Tai Chi
		9:15am	Emmanuel Dining Room Prep
SUNDAY	04/07	10:30am	In-Person & Live Stream Worship & Communion
		10:50am	Sunday School
		11:30am	Coffee Hour

Kris will be on vacation, Tuesday, 4/2 - Friday, 4/5

Pastor Miriam will be out of the office on Tuesday, 4/2

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Bethany Faiz, Accompanist

SESSION

2024	2025	2026
Rob Barry	Melissa Boris	Cynthia Beam
Chris Fagles	Jennifer Dunham	Peter McCurdy
Greg Fogarty	Connie Reese	OPEN
Scott Selheimer		

Session meets the 1st Tuesday of the month

DEACONS

2024	2025	2026
Susan Fogarty	Toni Marley	Lindy Ballance
Julia Spock	Janet Spring	Liz Toto
Sandy Wilson		

Deacons meet the 2nd Sunday of the month

TRUSTEES

2024	2025	2026
Lyn Briggs	Marshall Freund	Mary Fontinha
Gary Graham	Mike Smith	Gail Seitz
Barbara Whisman		

Trustees meet the 3rd Monday every other month (Sept/Nov/Jan/Mar/May)

