Date: April 14, 2024

3rd Sunday of Easter

Eastertide Season

**Prayer of Preparation** Anne Osdieck

We may be called the children of God.

*We are all God’s children now. God does not become Abba tomorrow or next week, but now, today. This minute. No matter what. Abba.*

**Gathering in the Presence of God**

*\*Please stand as able, in body or in spirit*

**Gathering Music**  *The Family of God* William Gaither

**Welcome**

**\*Call to Worship** (responsively) Liturgist

We are called to be God’s children.

**God’s love has been poured on us through Jesus Christ!**

Fear and doubt are gone!

**Joy and Celebration ring in our hearts!**

Come, let us raise our voices in song!

**Let us offer our hearts and souls to God in prayer and praise. Amen.**

**\*Hymn**  *I Will Come to You* GTG 177

**Confessing Our Separation from God** (unison) Liturgist

Abba, in your love you welcome us as your children, through your care you have shaped the universe, with your mercy you hear our prayer. Hear us, your children, as we confess that we are not practicing resurrection by feeding those who are hungry, that we feel uncomfortable when we draw near those living on the margins and excluded, that we are shy from bringing healing and wholeness to those in need. Give us the courage to not only pray more like Jesus, but to live more like Jesus. Amen.

**\*Assurance of Forgiveness** *Jesus, Draw Me Close* Rick Founds

Jesus, draw me close; Closer, Lord, to You.

Let the world around me fade away.

Jesus, draw me close;

Closer, Lord, to You.

For I desire to worship and obey.

**\*Passing the Peace of Christ**

**We Hear God’s Word**

**Prayer of Illumination** Liturgist

**Epistle Lesson** 1st John 3:1-7 Liturgist

*Source: New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)*

**Anthem** *Day By Day and*Oscar Ahnfeld

*With Each Passing Moment*Lina Sandell

**Reflection** A Child of God; That’s What We Are

**We Respond to God’s Word**

**\*Affirmation of Faith** *I Believe in Jesus* Marc Nelson

**Prayers of the People of God**: Joys and Hopes

**The Act of Gratitude**

**Offertory** *Jesus Loves Even Me* Philip Bliss

**\*Doxology:** GTG 606

*Tune: Old Hundredth Louis Bourgeois*

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.

Praise God all people hear below.

Praise God above ye heavenly host.

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen

**\*Prayer of Thanksgiving** (unison) Liturgist

What will be done with the gifts we offer in these moments has not been revealed to us, Holy God, but knowing you through Jesus, and trusting in you by the power of the Holy Spirit, we do know they will be used to bring hope, to bring healing, to bring justice to all your children and places who long for these blessings.  And so, we offer these gifts with gratitude to you, in Jesus' name.  Amen.

**We Follow God’s Word into the World**

**\*Hymn** *Go My Children, with My Blessing* GTG 547

**\*Benediction**

**Postlude** *Jesus Loves Even Me*Philip Bass

Next Week’s Liturgist: Sandra Hrin

 **WORSHIP TEAM**

Pastor Eddie Jusino

Liturgist: Jim Reed

Ushers: Diana Green and Nancy Tompkins

Music: Art Henry

The Westminster Choir

A/V Tech: Melissa Schrock and Blue Jade

**Art Henry** is originally from Cleveland, Ohio, and attended both Temple University and Chestnut Hill College (Philadelphia, PA) for undergraduate studies in Psychology and Music Education, and Boston University (Boston, MA), where he earned a Master in Music Education. Prior to being involved in Music Ministry within the Presbyterian Church (PCUSA), Art was an ordained minister in the Salvation Army and participated heavily in Salvation Army music programs, including having played in the New York Staff Band for 10 years and having the opportunity to travel the world as a musician within the organization.

Art also served as the Music Director for Central Presbyterian Church in Norristown, PA for six years before its closing in 2011, and for nearly ten years at Valley Forge Presbyterian Church in King of Prussia, PA.

Art is also a former Teacher of the Year for Millsboro Middle School and District Teacher of the Year for the Indian River School District for the 2019-2020 school year. Art currently music directs and is a piano accompanist at Clear Space and other local theatres and lives in Sandy Brae, in Lewes, with his husband, Frank, and two dogs and four cats. Art is very excited for the opportunity to participate in ministry within the Westminster Presbyterian Church and is very much looking forward to becoming acquainted with everyone!

**CONGREGATIONAL LIFE ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**WEDNESDAYS, APRIL 3 - JUNE 12@ 10AM** - **ADULT ED BIBLE STUDY: “Picturing Scripture” with Alan Keohane** is an engaging online Bible Study To join the class, go to: westminster-rehoboth.org and click “view live stream".

**THURSDAY, APRIL 18 @ 1pm - FELLOWSHIP INTEREST MEETING**
Fellowship Members will host a discussion about our duties and responsibilities in Fellowship Hall for the good folks who expressed an interest in learning more about how we operate.  The meeting will take about 1 hour. We appreciate your interest and look forward to chatting with you.  Please respond to Lois Anne at: larayner 63@gmail.com or Charlotte at: cdjacobs4047@gmail.com.

Help celebrate **Betty Carnahan’s 97th birthday** on April 16 with a birthday card. Mail to: 17024 Cadbury Circle , Unit 128, Lewes, DE 19958.

***REMEMBER IN PRAYER***

**Nathan McElroy (10), great-grandson of our beloved Mable Granke**, needs our prayers again as he undergoes additional surgery, following a recent hospitalization.  May our prayers lift up young Nathan, his parents Patricia and Sam, his grandmother Christine, and Mable.  We ask Our Precious Savior to help this child and bring about his complete recovery and restoration.  Our Lord called the little children to himself. So, may Nathan feel his tender, loving, protective presence, giving him confidence and courage.  Amen.

**Hull McLean** will have reconstructive surgery on his left foot on Friday at Beebe Hosp. We continue to pray for Hull, as he faces one trial after another with courage and hope. May God in his perfect goodness, guide the surgeon’s hands and inspire his caregivers. We ask the Holy Spirit to comfort and encourage his heart and mind.

*Surgery and Post-Surgery:*

**Jerry Brock** (brother-in-law of Nancy Brock)

**Lou Geibel** (friend and neighbor of Linda Crowe)

**Mable Granke**

**Cheryl Hopple**

**Melanie** (friend of Charlotte Jacobs)

**Betty Jean Schwartz**

*Illness*

**Barbara** (friend of Sherry Schnepfe)

**Kevin Barlow** (cousin of Terri Eros)

**Joe** (son of Faith Duncan’s neighbor, Sherry)

**Amy Reed Parker** (sister of Jim Reed)