

ORDER OF MORNING WORSHIP
April 23, 2017 at Eleven o'clock
Second Sunday of Easter
YOUTH SUNDAY

GATHERING

Voluntary: Come Thou Fount..... Paul Manz

Welcome Emily C. Robbins

Introit: Alleluia, Amen Trad. Round arr. Michael Burkhardt

† Processional Hymn No. 400..... Nettleton
Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

† Greeting Hilde Medovich
Liturgist: *The peace of Christ is here among us.*
People: **We bask in the Presence of the Lord.**
Liturgist: *The peace of Christ is beyond our understanding.*
People: **And brings us unspeakable joy.**
Liturgist: *The peace of Christ ignites our hearts in worship.*
People: **For worthy is the One who brings us peace.**
Liturgist: *The Peace of Christ is here among us.*
People: **Praise be to God!**

Call to Confession Lauren Pickens

Prayer of Confession (*in unison*)
Lord, where we have failed to be loving we ask for forgiveness.
Where we have lacked in peace, we ask for your pardon.
Where we have failed to display your Holy Spirit to our neighbor,
we ask for greater mindfulness and empowerment to do so.
For we long to serve you and to help the poor, marginalized,
afflicted, and neglected.
Give us eyes to see your vision for the world,
ears to hear your people's cries,
and hands to nurture and comfort them.
Help us to be like your Son, Jesus Christ,
in all that we think, say, and do
so that your light will shine through us, your body. Amen.

Silent Confession

Words of Assurance

Anthem: I See the Morning Breaking Allen Pote

I see the morning breaking through the valleys and the hills.
I see the morning breaking as I go, as I go.
And I'm going home to Jesus, bless my soul.

I feel the fresh wind blowing through the valleys and the hills.
I feel the fresh wind blowing as I go, as I go.
And I'm going home to Jesus, bless my soul.

I hear the people stirring through the valleys and the hills.
I hear the people stirring as I go, as I go.
And I'm going home to Jesus, bless my soul.

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Prayer for Illumination..... Mary Frances Harrell
Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit,
that as the Scriptures are read and the Word proclaimed,
we may hear with joy what you say to us today. Amen.

Lesson from the Gospel: John 20:19-31.....(pew Bible, pages 881-882)

Response to the Lesson
Liturgist: *The Word of God for the people of God.*
People: **Thanks be to God.**

† Hymn No 451: Be Thou My Vision..... Slane

Children's Time Eli Horton
*The children are invited to come forward to join
Eli at the chancel during the last verse of the hymn.*

Sermon..... Turner Johnson, Janet Ann Horner, Jack Hornsby
Jack Ferrara, Jackson Bryant & Leo Spadafino

† 2017 Graduating Seniors' Affirmation..... Brad Hornsby

We believe in God, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.
We believe in one God, creator of everything;
We are created in God's image.
God forgives all of our sins and loves us unconditionally.

Jesus is the Son of God and the Messiah.
Jesus is our teacher and savior.
Jesus suffered on the cross and died for our sins;
We are thankful for this sacrifice and believe Jesus will come again.

We believe the Holy Spirit is our guide and is always with us.
The Holy Spirit is our reason to have faith.

We believe in welcoming all races, religions, and ages;
Excluding anyone is an act of evil.
We believe any act of evil, no matter how strong, will be forgiven.
We believe worship, prayer, and confession
are good ways to practice and strengthen our faith. Amen.

Prayers of the People Alexandra Spadafino

Liturgist: *The Lord be with you.*
People: **And also with you.**

The Lord's Prayer (*in unison*)
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 trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever.
Amen.

Call for the Offering..... Haynes Lynch

Offertory: Consolation, Op. 100 No. 13.....Burgmuller
Youth Handbell Choir

† Doxology No. 95
Youth Handbell Choir

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.
Amen.

Reception of New Members

Liturgist: *Brothers and Sisters in Christ,*
these persons are now entrusted to your love and care.
Do all in your power to increase their faith,
confirm their hope, and perfect them in love.

People: **We give thanks for all that God has already given**
you, and we welcome you in Christian love.
As members together with you in the body of
Christ and in this congregation of The United
Methodist Church, we renew our covenant to
participate faithfully in the ministries of the
church by our prayers, our presence, our gifts,
our service, and our witness, that in everything
God may be glorified through Jesus Christ.

SENDING FORTH

† Closing Hymn No. 428: For the Healing of the Nations..... Cwm Rhondda

† Benediction..... Elizabeth Saum

Voluntary: God of Grace and God of Glory Paul Manz

† *The congregation is invited to stand.*

Head Usher: Barbara Cragg

The altar flowers are given today to the glory of God
and in loving memory of
Elizabeth Murrey and George S. Dibrell,
Elizabeth Dibrell and Alden H. Smith, George Dibrell Smith,
Alden H. Smith, Jr., and Judith Gray Walton Smith,
by their family.

A rose on the altar is to celebrate the birth of Wren Michael Hatch
to parents Duane and Anna Hatch, and big brother Asher.

Walker Hammond Reynolds,
William Allen Reynolds and Jennifer Upshaw Reynolds,
was presented for baptism today in the early service.

Jill Enloe McCain and Ruth Benson McCain,
daughters of Kaylor Allen McCain and Sarah Montgomery McCain,
were presented for baptism today in the early service.

Thanks are given to the youth of West End UMC for preparing today's liturgy.

Greeters and Ushers: Drew Rowland, Jillian Horton, Olivia Pickens, Rachel Ballenger, Elena Cline, Eva Whalen, Saylor Tettleton, Maggie Morgan, and Katherine Morgan.

Thanks to Marc and Ruth Ann Rowland for their work
with this morning's youth ushers.

Music Participants: Youth Vocal Ensemble. Minister of Music, Matthew Phelps and Caitlin Dowling, directors. Youth Handbell Choir. Amy Smith, director. Matthew Phelps and Caitlin Dowling are organists this morning.

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John 20:19-31

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe." A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe." Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

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