

Jesus's resurrection was not intended to snatch people away from earth to heaven, but to colonize earth with the life of heaven.

Red Hymnal

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE *"The Strife is O'er"*

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

People, why are you crying? He is no longer dead, He is alive!
Children of God, who are you looking for? Jesus has risen just as he said!
Why do we still mourn? Our Savior has defeated death and claimed the victory over sin!
Come, celebrate, for he is alive!

*INTROIT *"An Easter Alleluia"*

***HYMN "Christ the Lord Is Risen Today"no. 130**

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

+PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful and loving God, your love for us is unconditional, yet our love for you, for others and for ourselves is often marred. We allow prejudice and pride to blind us; our brokenness remains unhealed; we cling to old stories and hurts which impede the work of reconciliation.

On this Easter Morning, with the vision of the empty tomb fresh in our minds, forgive us for failing to trust you, for playing it safe instead of following the daring call of your Spirit, for withholding forgiveness and grace from ourselves and others. Let your love renew us yet again. Let the same power that raised Jesus Christ from the dead rekindle creative life within us and restore right relations among us. **AMEN**

+SILENT PRAYER *(please use this time to confess your own personal sin)*

+KYRIE

+ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: This is love - Jesus laid down his life for us. Hear the Good News and believe: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

People: Alleluia. AMEN!

***GLORIA PATRI.....no. 338**

YOUNG PEOPLE'S MESSAGE

EPISTLE LESSON Acts 10:34-43 pg. 895

CHOIR ANTHEM *"In This Tomb"*

GOSPEL LESSON Matthew 28:1-10 pg. 811

MESSAGE

PASTORAL PRAYER

***THE CREED.....page 23 of red hymnal**

***HYMN "Alleluia! The Strife is O'er"no. 131**

OFFERING/OFFERTORY *"The Old Rugged Cross"*

*OFFERING RESPONSE/THE DOXOLOGY.....no. 356

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION AND LORD'S PRAYER**

***COMMUNION LITURGY.....red hymnal pg. 27-29**

Sanctus: Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of Sabbaoth; Heaven and earth are full, are full of the majesty of your glory. Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the Highest! Blessed is he that cometh in

the name of The Lord, Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the Highest!

***BENEDICTION and "The Halleluia Chorus"**

Hallelujah!.....

For the Lord God Omnipotent reigneth- Hallelujah!.....(5x's)

The kingdom of this world is become. The Kingdom of our Lord

And of His Christ, and of His Christ; and He shall reign fo rever and ever (4x's)

King of Kings- for ever and ever Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

And Lord of Lords for ever and ever Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

King of Kings- for ever and ever Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

And Lord of Lords- for ever and ever Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

King of Kings- for ever and ever Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

And Lord of Lords- King of Kings, and Lord of Lords

And He shall reign 4x's for ever for ever; King of Kings- for ever and ever

And Lord of Lords Hallelujah! Hallelujah! and He shall reign for ever for ever and ever

King of Kings- and Lord of Lords 2x's; and He shall reign for ever and ever

King of Kings- and Lord of Lords; Hallelujah!.....

CHIMES, QUIET MEDITATION (Congregation seated)

POSTLUDE *"Toccata on Christ the Lord is Risen Today"*

(Those who are able please *- stand, +-kneel)

The Altar flowers are given in celebration of their 10th wedding anniversary, by Heidi and John McDonough.

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PRAYER REQUESTS

While we pray for those whose needs we know, let us also pray for those whose needs remain silent.

Doris Fultz	Kathy Schlegel	Kevin Chandler
Christian Gress	Penny Wolfe	George Bailey
Alan LaBelle	Meghann Hertzler	Pauline Firestone

If you bought a Lily, please take it home after worship.

The Peace Church Choir will be singing at the Barnstormers Baseball game on Saturday, June 17th. Game time is 6:30 pm. For more information see John Haldeman or Pat Acebo.

National Day of Prayer Community Breakfast will be held at Weaver's Market Banquet facility on Thursday, May 4, 2017 from 7:00 am to 9:00 am. The cost of the event is \$10.00 and tickets may be purchased from Vicki Garner-Sweigart.

The Wednesday morning work crew is looking for more volunteers to help with the spring work. Please see John Haldeman for more information.

COMING EVENTS

Tuesday, April 18th – Children's Ministry/ VBS planning meeting – 7:00 pm

Wednesday, April 19th – Marketing Meeting – 7:00 pm

Sunday, April 23rd – Health and Welfare Sunday – A representative from Vision Corp will be speaking

Tuesday, April 25th – Program at Ephrata Manor – 6:30 am

Saturday, April 29th – Chicken BBQ – 10:00 am

Thursday, May 5th – National Day of Prayer Breakfast - 7:00 am