

Bower Hill Community Church (Presbyterian USA)
Easter Day ~ Resurrection of the Lord ~ 17 April 2022 ~ Order for Worship

Preparation for Worship:

"Our Lord has written the promise of resurrection not in books alone, but in every leaf in springtime."
~Martin Luther

Prelude Sonata 1 in F, Movement 3, Baldessari; *The Trumpet Shall Sound*, Handel
Micah Wilkinson, Principal Trumpet of Pittsburgh Symphony; Art Thomas, baritone

Choral Introit *This Is the Day*

Call to Worship:

Leader: The Lord is risen! Alleluia!

People: Alleluia! The Lord is risen indeed!

Prayer of Adoration

Glory to you, O God: you have won victory over death, raising Jesus from the grave and giving us eternal life. Glory to you, O Christ: for us and for our salvation you overcame death and opened the gate to everlasting life. Glory to you, O Holy Spirit: you lead us into the truth. Glory to you, O Blessed Trinity, now and forever. Amen.

***Hymn 123** *Jesus Christ Is Risen Today*

Litany for Easter

Leader: This is the day that the Lord has made. Let us be glad and rejoice in it.

People: Alleluia! The Lord is risen indeed!

Leader: This is the good news that we have received, in which we stand, and by which we are saved:

People: Alleluia! The Lord is risen indeed!

Leader: That Christ died for our sins, and was buried, and rose again on the third day.

People: Alleluia! The Lord is risen indeed!

Leader: He appeared to Peter, and to the twelve, and to many faithful witnesses.

People: Alleluia! The Lord is risen indeed!

Leader: At last he came to us, that we might come to believe and proclaim this good news to the world.

People: Alleluia! The Lord is risen indeed!

Leader: O God, you gave your only Son to suffer death on the cross for our redemption, and by his glorious resurrection you delivered us from the power of death. Grant us so to die daily to sin, that we may live with him in the joy of his resurrection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Call to Prayer

Come. Let anyone who wishes take the water of life as a gift. Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sin.

Prayer of Confession

Almighty God, in raising Jesus from the grave, you shattered the power of sin and death. We confess that we remain captive to doubt and fear, bound by the ways that lead to death. We overlook the poor and the hungry, and pass by those who mourn; we are deaf to the cries of the oppressed, and indifferent to calls for peace; we despise the weak, and abuse the earth you made. Forgive us, God of mercy. Help us to trust in your power to change our lives and make us new, that we may know the joy of life abundant, given in Jesus Christ, the risen Lord. Amen. [Silent prayers]

Words of Assurance

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with all the saints. Friends, hear and believe the good news of the gospel of Jesus Christ: in him we are forgiven. Amen.

***The Gloria Patri** *Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.*

***The Peace** *Please practice **contact-free** passing of the peace!*

Leader: The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Let us greet one another with the peace of Christ.

Time with the Children

Prayer for Illumination

Living God, with joy we celebrate the presence of your risen Word. Enliven our hearts by your Holy Spirit so that we may proclaim the good news of eternal and abundant life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

First Scripture Reading

Acts 10:34-43

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Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

The Psalter: Hymn 229

*From All That Dwell Below the Skies
Please remain seated for the singing of the Psalms.*

Psalms 117

Gospel Reading

John 20:1-18

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Gospel Response

Glory to You, Lord Christ

Sermon

"Do Not Hold Onto Me"

Rev. Dr. Brian Snyder

Congregational Response

*Christ Is Risen, Shout Hosanna! Verse 3
Christ is risen! Earth and heaven nevermore shall be the same.
Break the bread of new creation where the world is still in pain.
Tell its grim, demonic chorus: "Christ is risen! Get you gone!"
God the first and last is with us. Sing Hosanna everyone!*

Invitation to Offering

Offering and Choral Anthem

The Stone is Rolled Away

Victor Johnson

*Response: The Doxology

*Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow Old Hundredth
Praise God from whom all blessings flow! Praise God all creatures here below!
Praise God above, ye heavenly host! Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost! Amen.*

*Prayer of Dedication

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

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 give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The Sanctus *Holy, Holy, Holy Lord* Sung by choir and congregation
Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might! Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.

Communion Music *Prayer of St. Gregory* Alan Hovhaness; Micah Wilkinson, trumpet

All are invited to take part in the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper. Approach the minister by way of the center aisle and return to your seat by way of the side aisle. Gluten free bread is available on request. You may deposit your cup in the basket on the windowsill. If you remain seated, a server will offer you communion in your pew. Receiving the Sacrament is your choice. If you prefer not to receive it today, simply let the server know.

**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.**

Welcome and Next Steps

***Closing Hymn 118** *The Day of Resurrection*

*Charge and Benediction

***Choral Response** *Sevenfold Amen*

Postlude *Toccata from Organ Symphony VI* Charles Marie Widor
Feel free to exit during the postlude, mindful of those who wish to remain and listen.

** Please stand as you are able.*

Prayers are requested for:
Bower Hill Church Members

Joan Bridges, Jeff Carper
Jean Dunfee, Georgia Gallo
Linda James, Dottie Post
Mike Reimer, Donna Williams

Ongoing Prayers for Health Concerns
Other family, friends, loved ones, etc.

Philip Engel, due to health concerns.

Don Farr, brother of Lynne Wohleber, who was admitted to the hospital.

Jack Horgan, friend of Matt Arner.

Sean Margot, Navy Seal and Scott Martin, Navy Helicopter Pilot,
deployed in January on a ship with an unknown location.