

The Service for the Lord's Day
6th Sunday of Easter

11:00 a.m.

May 9, 2021

Prelude

Alleluia No. 1

Jeffrey Honoré

Welcome

ADORATION

Call to Worship

We gather to worship as people of Easter,

ALL: people who know Life is stronger than death.

We gather to worship as children of God,

ALL: children loved and claimed by the risen Lord.

We gather to worship as the body of Christ,

ALL: the church called out for service in the world.

Easter people, Christ is risen!

ALL: Christ is risen indeed!

Hymn 435

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

IN BABILONE

CONFESSION

Call to Confession

1 John 1:8-9

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But when we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sin as we pray together:

Prayer of Confession

Holy and merciful God, in your presence we confess our failure to be what you created us to be. You alone know how often we have sinned in wandering from your ways, in wasting your gifts, in forgetting your love. By your loving mercy, help us to live in your light and abide in your ways, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior.

Declaration of Forgiveness

The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting. Hear and believe the good news that comes from God:

ALL: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

Hymn 609

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

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PROCLAMATION

Time with the Children

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Readings

1 John 5:1-6
John 15:9-17

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Pro Presenter Sermon Slide Transition

Sermon

“The Birthing of Love”

The Rev. Emily Berman D’Andrea

RESPONSE

Hymn 231

Christ Has Risen While Earth Slumbers

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Affirmation of Faith

Philippians 2:5-11

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

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.

Community Life and Offering

Prayer of Dedication

Eternal God, creator of the world and giver of all good, we thank you for the earth, our home, and for the gift of life. We praise you for your love in Jesus Christ, who came to heal this broken world, who died rejected on the cross, and rose triumphant from the dead. Because he lives, we live to praise you, our God forever and ever. Amen

Hymn 703

Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me

ST. CATHERINE

Benediction

Postlude

2 settings of “Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”

J. G. Walther
Hans Micheelsen

We extend the condolences of the congregation to The Rev. Kerry Stoltzfus and his family on the death of his mother, Jane Stoltzfus Morgan. She died peacefully in Florida in hospice on Sunday May 2 at age 100. Cards may be sent to Kerry at 17113 Friends House Road, Sandy Spring, MD 20860.

We celebrate the following birthdays:

5/9 - Bobby Trenkamp

5/10 - Joe Curry, John McCutcheon, Kerry Stoltzfus

5/11 - Grace Sheppard

5/13 - Mark Shalaby, Madison Smith

5/14 - Colin Dowd

If we are missing your birthday, please contact Jeanne Grillo at admin@potomacpresbyterian.org.

We continue to keep in our prayers: *Members of the Armed Forces and their families; Ruth Andrew, mother of Tom Andrew; Louise Berman, aunt of Pastor Emily; Bob Conley; Bryan Conley, son of Bob and Miriam Conley; Gail Connor, aunt of Beth Sherfy; Josephine DiGioia, friend of Louise Plumb; Elliot Friedman, husband of Betsey Rudnic Friedman; Naomi & Bob Gerwin, sister and brother-in-law of Marcia Boogaard; Dave Gorman, son of Nancy Tietjen & brother of Beth Rudnic; Greg Grigorian; Atef Griess, brother of Magda Shalaby; Hartzog family; George Hornsby, friend of Pat McMillen; Velma Killion; George Lawrence; Gloria Leber; Tyler Painter, nephew of Jon and Heather Davies; Bob Plumb; Karen Ruan; Nettie Propps; Cam Sanders, nephew of Marcia Boogaard; Millie Rowan; Alex Shalaby; and Aleta Towle, cousin of Sally O'Neal.*

Marye Cotton has been hospitalized, please hold her in your prayers. Bill has requested no phone calls, only prayers and cards (11816 Winterset Terrace, Potomac, Maryland 20854; wmrcot@verizon.net; maryecotton@verizon.net).

We pray for health and wholeness for all suffering from COVID-19 and for all medical professionals and researchers seeking a cure, providing care, and helping to alleviate the strain.

We pray for individuals unemployed, those who have experienced with reductions in their work due hours, pay or responsibilities and those seeking new work due to Covid.

If you would like to be added to the prayer list, please contact Pastor Emily at emily.dandrea@potomacpresbyterian.org or call the church office at 301-299-6007.

Names will remain on the prayer list for six weeks, unless otherwise requested.