

The Service for the Lord's Day
3rd Sunday of Easter/Earth Day

11:00 a.m.

April 23, 2023

Organ Prelude

Prelude

Camil Van Hulse

Prelude

Alleluia
Alex and Cyndy Mamalian

Welcome & Prayer

**Call to Worship*

We hear the voice of Jesus:

All: our hearts burn within us.

We lift our voices to God

All: and call on the name of the Lord!

Let the world confirm the rumor:

All: Christ is risen, God is here! Alleluia!

**Hymn 231*

Christ Has Risen While Earth Slumbers

SUO GAN

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

O God, your fertile earth is slowly being stripped of its riches

All: open our eyes to see.

O God, your living waters are slowly being choked with chemicals,

All: open our eyes to see

O God, your clear air is slowly being filled with pollutants,

All: Open our eyes to see.

O God, we wonder once again, what it is we should do and you once again respond, “repent and return to me.” Yet, we have not changed our ways. We fall so easily into old, familiar habits. We cling to our own ways that are not your ways, and we take for granted the grace you have afforded us over and over again. Forgive us. So move us by the wonder of creation that we repent and care more deeply. Show us the way forward on the path you know is right for your cosmos, your creatures, and your creation, we pray through Christ. Amen

Declaration of Forgiveness

Beloved, through Christ we have come to trust in God, who raised Jesus from the dead and gave him glory, so that our faith and hope are set on God.

Leader: Hear and believe the good news that comes from God.

ALL: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

**Hymn 587*

Alleluia!

CELTIC ALLELUIA

Passing the Peace

The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

Time with the Children

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading

Luke 24:13-35

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

“Things Are Happening!”

Rev. Emily Berman D’Andrea

**Hymn 370*

This is My Father’s World

TERRA BEATA

**Affirmation of Faith*

From The Iona Community

We believe in Jesus Christ, Son of the One God, Maker and Sustainer of earth, sea, and sky. Born of Mary’s womb, faithful to the God of Abraham and Sarah, Jesus healed the sick, served the poor, and proclaimed heaven on earth. Condemned by the religious, crucified by the state, he died but transformed even death and rose to life everlasting. He blessed the disciples with his Holy Spirit and sent them forth, east and west, north and south. We commit ourselves to Jesus, to one another as brothers and sisters and to his mission in and for the world in the grace of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Sanctuary Choir

Stay With Us

Walter Pelz

Prayers of the People and 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

Please join me as we dedicate our gifts, tithes and offerings to God in responsive prayer

This we know, the earth does not belong to us,

ALL: We belong to the earth

This we know, all things are connected.

ALL: Like the blood that unites one family.

This we know, we did not weave the web of life,

ALL: We are merely a strand in it.

This we know, whatever we do to the web,

ALL: We do to ourselves.

Let us give thanks for the beauty of the earth,

ALL: Let us give thanks that all things hold together in Christ. Amen

**Hymn 14*

For the Beauty of the Earth

DIX

Benediction

Postlude

Toccata in Seven

John Rutter

We celebrate the following birthdays:

4/23 - Isabella Alarie

4/24 - Jung Lawrence, Sherry Johnson, Preston Kuhn

4/25 - Pam Mazza, John Jordan

4/26 - Gabi Henderson

4/27 - Camille Kendall, Nelia Andberg, Braden Woodside

4/28 - Rob Wescott

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; Jeanie Bissey; Martha Brame; John Clouse; Peggy Coco, sister-in-law of Penny Boyd; Nelda Coligan; Julie Crater; Tad DeMarco, family friend of the Hougens; Naomi & Bob Gerwin, sister and brother-in-law of Marcia Boogaard; Dave Gorman, son of Nancy Tietjen & brother of Beth Rudnic; Doug Henderson; Camille Kendall; Bill and Pat King, on their move to be near their daughter in Columbus, Ohio; Bill Malone; Nettie Propps; Millie Rowan; Paddy Simpson; Del Smith; Marnel Williams; Bonita Wolford, of Gilbert, West Virginia.*

Prayers for all who are in the path of war in Ukraine and that a peaceful solution to the war between Russia and Ukraine would be made real.

Prayers for all who've been devastated by the earthquake in Turkey and Syria.

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.



Potomac
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

For the purpose of making changes
to the Endowment Committee
Incorporating Resolution

**Potomac Presbyterian Church
Congregational Meeting
April 30, after 11am Worship**

This Week at Potomac Presbyterian Church

MONDAY 4/24	12:00pm Faith, Hope, and Lunch 2:00pm Handbell Choir 7:00pm Session Meeting
TUESDAY 4/25	1:00pm Staff Meeting 7:00pm Sanctuary Choir
WEDNESDAY 4/26	10:00am Bible Study 1:00pm Potomac Area Interfaith Communities
THURSDAY 4/27	4:00pm Faith, Hope, and Coffee (zoom)
FRIDAY 4/28	Office Closed (regular Schedule)

The staff and officers of Potomac Presbyterian Church welcome you to worship today:

The Rev. Emily Berman D'Andrea	Pastor, Head of Staff	Emily.dandrea@potomacpresbyterian.org
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Angela Achee	Sunday School Teacher	
Preston Kuhn, Ryan Kunst	Youth Interns	
Fela Huayta	Custodian	
Greg Robertson	Section Leader	
Jenny Robertson	Section Leader	

The Session Moderator, Rev. Emily Berman D'Andrea Chidi Obasi, Clerk of Session

Class of 2023

Steve Dorman, *Property**
Leslie Kerr, *Finance**
Jung Lawrence, *Christian Ed **
John Sohl, *Personnel**

Class of 2024

Jon Davies, *Worship**
Bob Karch, *Christian Ed*
Louise Plumb, *Memorial Garden/Personnel*
Tracy Talbot, *Mission*

Class of 2025

Chris Cyrway, *Property*
Tom Hougen, *Mission*
Beatrice Laryea, *Worship*
Chris Smith, *Finance/Endowment*

The Deacons, Penny Boyd, Moderator

Class of 2023

Penny Boyd, *Fellowship*
Jackie Cronin, *Fellowship*
Wendy Kuhn, *Congregational Care*
Bob Stow, *Congregational Care**

Class of 2024

Allan Kamara, *Congregational Care*
Ainsley MacLean, *Congregational Care*
Brad McAuliffe, *Fellowship**
Sharon Shively, *Fellowship*

Class of 2025

Daniel Chombo, *Congregational Care*
Melissa Grigorian, *Congregational Care*
Suzi Henderson, *Fellowship*
Robert Whittlesey, *Fellowship*

* Committee Chair ** Committee Co-Chairs

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**We are an active Christian community devoted to worship that
stirs the soul, education that engages the mind, and service that
sends us into the world.**

**The church office is open from 9:00am to 4:00pm, Monday
through Thursday.**

