

The Service for the Lord's Day
4th Sunday of Easter/Stephen Ministry Sunday

11:00 a.m.

April 30, 2023

Prelude

Sarabande

Gerald Near

2nd Movement from the Suite for Organ, based on *Jerusalem, My Happy Home*

Welcome & Prayer

***Call to Worship**

Let us gather with glad and generous hearts.

All: For many signs and wonders are being done among us.

Let us worship and share our lives in common.

All: Let us give what we can to all who have needs.

Let us devote ourselves to prayer and to the gospel.

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

***Hymn 721**

Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore

PESCADOR DE HOMBRES

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, in your gracious presence we confess our sin and the sin of this world. Although Christ is among us as our peace, we are a people divided against ourselves as we cling to the values of a broken world. The profit and pleasures we pursue lay waste the land and pollute the seas. The fears and jealousies that we harbor set neighbor against neighbor and nation against nation. We abuse your good gifts of imagination and freedom, of intellect and reason, and have turned them into bonds of oppression. Lord have mercy on us, heal and forgive us we pray through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Declaration of Forgiveness

Do not fear, says the Lord, for I have redeemed you. I have called you by name; you are mine. God is doing a new thing; now it springs forth.

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 Readings

Proverbs 19:21; Isaiah 41:10; Philippians 4:4-9

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

"Who Controls Your Life?"

Bob Stow, Karen Karch, Sherry Johnson, Stephen Leaders

***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

Love IS Come Again

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

***Hymn 69**

I, the Lord of Sea and Sky

HERE I AM (Schutte)

Benediction

Postlude

Chorus of Praise

Rob Roy Peery



We extend the condolences of the congregation to Ed Devinney and the Devinney family, on the death of Ed's father, Edward, on Friday, April 21, in Florida.

We extend the condolences of the congregation to Audra Niskanen and her family upon the death of her mother, Carolyn Gallant Albright, on Sunday, April 16, in North Carolina.

We celebrate the following birthdays:

4/30 - Carolyn McGill

5/2 - Kathryn Haynes

5/6 - Stephanie Hampton

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 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.



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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.

The office is closed on Fridays and Saturdays.

This Week at Potomac Presbyterian Church

MONDAY 5/1	10:00am Christian Education Committee 12:00pm Faith, Hope, and Lunch
TUESDAY 5/2	1:00pm Staff Meeting 7:00pm Sanctuary Choir
WEDNESDAY 5/3	10:00am Bible Study
THURSDAY 5/4	4:00pm Faith, Hope, and Coffee (zoom)
FRIDAY 5/5	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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Jenny Robertson	Section Leader	

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

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

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

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

The Deacons, Penny Boyd, Moderator

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

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Robert Whittlesey, *Fellowship*

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