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Rev. Dr. William J. Netting, Pastor Emeritus

April 14, 2024

10:00 AM

THE LORD'S DAY
Order of Worship

Third Sunday of Easter
April 14, 2024

The Family of Believers Comes Together
Responding to Christ's Call

(Please silence your cell phones)

(This worship service is being recorded from Prelude through the Prayer of Dedication)

Prelude

Ringling of Church Bell

The Church in Action

Life in the Church

Lighting of the Christ Candle *(from John 1:5)* – Ben DeRan

The light of the world is also the bread of heaven and the Lord of all: Jesus the Christ! The light shines in the darkness and the darkness did not overtake it!

Call to Worship (Responsively)

Come, let us walk with one another as the disciples did. Let us journey together, feast together, and listen to one another as we share God's story in song and proclamation.

Let us ponder what we have seen and heard; what we know to be true, and what we hope beyond hope is real.

Let us walk, that our minds might be clear, our hearts open, and our spirits renewed.

(- Please stand as you are able)*

Behold, God journeys with us in community; Jesus walks beside us. May the Spirit give us eyes to see the risen and reigning Christ. Here and everywhere, now and always. Let us worship God!

Hymn “I Come with Joy”

Hymnal # 515

***Invitation to Confession**

If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. (*1 John 1:8-9*) So, let us bow our hearts in prayer to the God of resurrection power.

***Prayer of Confession** (Unison)

Gracious Father, you sent your son to die and rise to new life in order that death might be brought to an end and that we might live a new life in Him. Yet we confess that we too often have chosen to remain captive to doubt and fear and ways that lead to death. By our thoughts, words, and actions, we have scorned your love, diminished the lives of others, and defaced your image in us. Father, forgive us for Jesus’ sake, and enable us by His resurrection power to live no longer for ourselves but for Him who died and rose again for us. Amen.

***Assurance of God’s Forgiveness**

(from Romans 4:25)

Jesus was delivered over to death for our sins and raised to life for our justification. Believe this and live!

***Congregational Response**

“Gloria Patri”

Hymnal #581

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.

Psalm Reading

Psalm 34:1 - 10

P. 508

(- Please stand as you are able)*

Anthem “Look Who Gathers at Christ’s Table!”

Chancel Choir

Time with Young Disciples and Noisy Offering

***Hymn** “Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing” Hymnal #475

Old Testament Reading Exodus 13:1 – 10 P. 59

New Testament Reading Acts 2:42 - 47 P. 120

This is the promise of God to our ancestors and to us.
Thanks be to God.

Message “Living in Community: Feast and Listen Together”

Affirmation of Faith (Unison) (*The Apostles’ Creed*)

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth;
And in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy
Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was
crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose
again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand
of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick
and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion
of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body, and the life
everlasting. Amen.**

Invitation to the Offering

Give thanks to God for God is good. Let us, with generous hearts, give
our time, talents, treasures, and tithes to the glory of God and in praise of God’s
resurrection power.

Offertory

(* - Please stand as you are able)

***Doxology**

***Prayer of Dedication**

God of the empty tomb, your grace astounds us, your generosity fills us to overflowing. Accept these treasures and tithes as signs of our gratitude and bless our ministries on Christ's behalf. May we love as Christ loved. May we serve as Christ served. May we listen to you and to one another as we are filled with your Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Prayers of the People

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

***Hymn**

“The Church's One Foundation”

Hymnal #321

Parting Greeting

Brief Bio of the Rev. Charlie Gross, LtCol (Ret)

Charlie Gross grew up in East Petersburg, PA and now lives there again. He married his high school sweetheart, Lisa in 1973 and they have 3 grown children and 6 grandchildren. Charlie went to Grove City College, Webster University, Goldey Beacom College, and Lancaster Theological Seminary. He was a Titan II Missile Combat Crew Commander in the U.S. Air Force, then attended pilot training and flew C-130s for 20 years. He retired in 1999 as a Lt Col in the Delaware Air National Guard. He entered the ministry in 1999 and served as the Associate Executive Presbyterian and Acting Executive Presbyterian for the Presbytery of Donegal. In 2011 he was called to pastor the West Grove Presbyterian Church. He retired in August 2019. Charlie loves travel, photography, journaling, and spending time with his family. He started a podcast in April 2020 titled, “Encouraging Words by Charlie Gross.” Links are available at charliegross.com

--Wednesday, 10:00 AM **Mason-Dixon Ministerium** meeting at Pine Grove Presbyterian Church; 6:30 PM **Study and Prayer**; 7:30 PM **Choir Rehearsal**

--Thursday, 6:00 PM **Pub Theology** at Falling Branch Brewery.

Please mark your calendars: The **Church's Spring Clean Up** will be held on Saturday, April 27, 2024 starting at 8:00 a.m. The rain date for this event will be May 4, 2024 at 8:00 a.m. More information to follow. All volunteers and help are appreciated.

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Benediction

Choral Benediction “Dona Nobis Pacem”

Postlude

*Various portions of our worship liturgy regularly come from - “Call to Worship: Lectionary Aids 2022, Year C,” & “Rev-o-lution Resources” by Rev. Mindi Welton-Mitchell and The Rev. Teri McDowell Ott., The Presbyterian Outlook.

Thank You ~ to Ben DeRan and Peter Barndt for serving as our Worship assistants this morning. Also, thank you Nancy Jones, Organist and Ian Fallon, Pianist for the wonderful music today ~all of our Worship is to the Glory of God!

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From the Deacons...

The Deacons are organizing a Meal Train page for Stu and Heidi Richardson and their family living with them. The Richardsons have been facing long-term health issues for some time, and a weekly meal would be helpful and much appreciated by them. Please use the link below to sign up if you would like to bless them by participating. If you have questions or need help delivering a meal, please contact Mary Beverly Gallagher at (410) 937-2500, or dartfrog999@gmail.com.

<https://www.mealtrain.com/trains/R44V7L>

For those without access to a computer, please contact Koren Buehler at (410) 937-9172 to sign up. Maybe consider teaming up with someone else to make it easier!

****National Suicide Prevention Hotline –
1-800-273-8255** or Dial 988**

Please reach out if you or someone you know needs help.



Our Tithes and Offerings

You can now give to Highland electronically through our secure e-Giving option provided through the Presbyterian Mission Exchange. You can set up a giving profile (which will save your giving information if you wish) to either give a one-time gift or to make regular giving easy.

Click “Give Now” above (also posted on Highland’s website) or you can scan the QR code at the bottom with your smart phone to set up your profile and begin giving electronically today!

As always, you may make your contribution to the Church via check. If you are giving to a certain fund, please designate on your check and/or giving envelope the amount given to each fund.

*Thank you for your prayers & continued financial support of
Highland Church!*



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Prayer List

+ Denotes New Addition

THANKSGIVING FOR:

Eclipse joy and unity
More weather balance
Mild U.S. Earthquake
April Birthdays

INTERCESSIONS FOR:

+ Safe travels—Meutes and Claudia
+Jason Scarff (Stacey Scarff)
+Susan Thompson (David Thompson)
Family of Richard Sherrill (Adrienne)
Family of Larry Davis (John Durand)
Aimee O’Neill & family (Claudia)
Family of Katrina Murphy-Choi (cousins)

LONG -TERM PRAYERS NEEDED:

+Michael Yarrington (Amos family)
+Linda Zirkle (Patrinicolas)
+Bobbi Jo Ayres (Debbie Ayres)
Dana Meute (Meutes)
Dave DeRan (Craig)
Lisa Deganhardt (Nancy Carver)
Jeannie Rainey (Donna Noble)
Andy Gallagher (Mary Beverly)
Deb Degan (Martha D.)
Paul (Ian)
Charlie and JoAnn Oliver
Margaret (sister of Elaine & Sandy)
Gail Hartman (Lucy Hollens)
Connie Rutherford (Doss)
Anne Giordano (Nancy M.)

Joe and Bobbi Lynne Skidmore (Craig)
Laurie Faulkner (Nancy Jones)
Frank Thayer & Janet Gilley (Dolly)
Sam Jones (Sarah DeBaugh)
Heidi and Stu Richardson
Ruth Noble (mother-in-law of Donna Noble)
Dorothy Shahan (Julie-Anna Flaherty)
Sharan Deinlein (Mary Thompson)
Jewel Sams (Doss)
Patrick Volker (Claudia)
Aunt Nancy & Uncle Felix (Wilson)
Leroy Gross (Jean Bullen)
Roger Woods (Norma T.)

MINISTRIES:

Presbytery of Baltimore - W. Virginia Adv.
Susquehanna Parish - Bethel Presbyterian
Church-All Leadership, HPC Legacy Bldg. Team
Local - All Outreach Ministries
Missions-Ihanktonwan Mission

OUR MILITARY:

Ryan Richardson, Navy Reserves
Peter Barndt, AD, USN
Cathy Durand Cantu, Coast Guard – AD, Alaska

COMMUNITY, NATION & WORLD

CONCERNS:

Ukraine aid for war
Gaza – food assistance
Israel – right choices
U.S. – earthquakes praise for minimal life lost
Taiwan -- restoration
Unity for progress within U.S. government
Current & long-term Key Bridge/Port restoration

☐☐ **Please email Carolyn Patrinicola with all prayer-related **additions, changes & removals** by Tuesday mornings 10:00 AM to ensure that they will be included in next Sunday’s bulletin. Names under Intercessions will be removed after 3 weeks unless otherwise instructed by email. Email for Carolyn Patrinicola is cwpat64@gmail.com**

