



# ROCK LAKE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

*Easter Sunday*

*"He Is Risen, He is Risen Indeed"*

*April 12, 2020*

## *Gathering*

THE CHIMES CALL US TO WORSHIP

PRELUDE

"Jesus Christ Is Risen Today"

Arr. Stephen Bulla

THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

OPENING HYMN

"Jesus Christ Is Risen Today"

Tune: EASTER HYMN

**Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia!  
Our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!  
Who did once upon the cross, Alleluia!  
Suffer to redeem our loss, Alleluia!**

**Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia!  
Unto Christ, our heavenly King, Alleluia!  
Who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia!  
Sinners to redeem and save, Alleluia!**

**Sing we to our God above, Alleluia!  
Praise eternal as God's love, Alleluia!  
Praise our God, ye heavenly host, Alleluia!  
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!**

*Stanzas 1,2, Lyra Davidica, 1708. Stanza 3, Charles Wesley, 1740. Public Domain*

CALL TO WORSHIP

Christ is risen!

**Christ is risen indeed!**

This is the day that the Lord has made;

**Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

Let us worship God!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

CALL TO CONFESSION

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Brilliant God, we are blinded by your majesty. We have taken for granted the amazing wonder of life, without seeing you as the source of all things. We resist the changes we know we should make when we receive new life. Rescue us from all of our hurtful and destructive habits. Forgive our broken promises, heal our broken relationships, lift our broken spirits, so we may share in the resurrection of Christ.**

*(A time for personal confession)*      Let All God's people say: **Amen**

## ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

### *Listening to the Word*

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

### PSALM

Psalm 118: 1-2, 19-29 (NSRV)

<sup>1</sup> O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;  
his steadfast love endures forever!

<sup>2</sup> Let Israel say,  
"His steadfast love endures forever."

<sup>4</sup> The LORD is my strength and my might;  
he has become my salvation.

<sup>15</sup> There are glad songs of victory in the tents of the righteous:  
"The right hand of the LORD does valiantly;

<sup>16</sup> the right hand of the LORD is exalted;  
the right hand of the LORD does valiantly."

<sup>17</sup> I shall not die, but I shall live,  
and recount the deeds of the LORD.

<sup>18</sup> The LORD has punished me severely,  
but he did not give me over to death.

<sup>19</sup> Open to me the gates of righteousness,  
that I may enter through them  
and give thanks to the LORD.

<sup>20</sup> This is the gate of the LORD;  
the righteous shall enter through it.

<sup>21</sup> I thank you that you have answered me  
and have become my salvation.

<sup>22</sup> The stone that the builders rejected  
has become the chief cornerstone.

<sup>23</sup> This is the LORD's doing;  
it is marvelous in our eyes.

<sup>24</sup> This is the day that the LORD has made;  
let us rejoice and be glad in it.

*This is the Word of the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God.**

SOLO

“Because”

Shawna Belt Edwards

GOSPEL

John 20: 1-18 (NRSV)

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. <sup>2</sup> So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, “They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.” <sup>3</sup> Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. <sup>4</sup> The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. <sup>5</sup> He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. <sup>6</sup> Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, <sup>7</sup> and the cloth that had been on Jesus’ head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. <sup>8</sup> Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; <sup>9</sup> for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. <sup>10</sup> Then the disciples returned to their homes. <sup>11</sup> But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; <sup>12</sup> and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. <sup>13</sup> They said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping?” She said to them, “They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him.” <sup>14</sup> When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. <sup>15</sup> Jesus said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?” Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, “Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.” <sup>16</sup> Jesus said to her, “Mary!” She turned and said to him in Hebrew, “Rabbouni!” (which means Teacher) <sup>17</sup> Jesus said to her, “Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, ‘I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.’” <sup>18</sup> Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, “I have seen the Lord”; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

*This is the Word of the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

“What is there to fear?”

Jim Musgrave

## ***Responding to God***

### AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Adapted from *A Brief Statement of Faith, PCUSA*

In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve.

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God.

We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father.

We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life.

In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, Come, Lord Jesus! With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.

### HYMN

“Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks”

Tune: ALLELUJA NO. 1

*Refrain:* **Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord.  
Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to his name.**

**Jesus is Lord of all the earth. He is the king of creation. *(Refrain)***

**Spread the good news o'er all the earth: Jesus has died and has risen.  
*(Refrain)***

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### PASTORAL PRAYER

## ***Going Forth to Serve***

### INVITATION

### BENEDICTION

### HYMN

“The Day of Resurrection!”

Tune: LANCASHIRE

**The day of resurrection! Earth, tell it out abroad,  
The Passover of gladness, the Passover of God.  
From death to life eternal, from sin's dominion free,  
Our Christ has brought us over with hymns of victory.**

**Now let the heavens be joyful; let earth its song begin,  
The round world keep high triumph and all that is therein.  
Let all things seen and unseen their notes of gladness blend,  
For Christ the Lord has risen, our joy that has no end.**

John of Damascus, 8<sup>th</sup> century. Public Domain

#### WORDS OF DISMISSAL

Now, may the love of God the Father, the power and grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the Peace and comfort of God's Holy Spirit be yours – now and forever.  
**Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Amen.**

#### POSTLUDE

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### *Church Notes*

#### HEART AND HAND DONATIONS DURING THE PANDEMIC.

Donations for food only are being accepted Mondays through Thursdays, 10:00 am – 3:00 pm at the alley gate behind the store at 212 D Street, South Charleston 25303. It is best to call ahead if possible at 304-744-6741.

#### BLUESTONE CAMP AND RETREAT

Due to the current state of affairs with COVID-19, Bluestone Guys Weekend Retreat originally scheduled for April 24 – 26 has been postponed.

#### MEMBERS WISHING TO BLESS RLPC'S MINISTRY FINANCIALLY.

With the fact that we are not coming together for worship, many of you who have generously given to the ministry of RLPC may want to continue your gifts to the church. Please drop your gift in the mailbox at the choir room or send it by mail. A prayer of dedication will be included in the Prayers of the People. Thank you for your support of our missions.

### *Nurture Time*

**April 12: Read John 20:1-18** Easter A new word that really defines Mary Magdalene's unconscious response to holding onto Jesus is that she "glomped" him. It is defined as "...the action of one person lovingly and dramatically attacking another with a hug." It's a lot more than a touch, but Jesus tells Mary to let him go. Their relationship would no longer be material in nature, but it would be a spiritual communion. He is reminding Mary and all of us to walk by faith and not by sight.

## **Prayer List**

To add/remove/correct names on the prayer list,  
please call the church office (768-4141) or email [rocklakepreschurch@gmail.com](mailto:rocklakepreschurch@gmail.com)

### **Prayers for Concerns – Our friends and neighbors and their families**

Hilda Alsop's cousin, Bonnie	Lee Ann Goff	Abby Pauley
Leslie	Brad Harkins	Jackie Pauley
Merrily Bailey	Addilyn Hardin	Ruth Pritchard
Niall Bailey	Tre' Hardin	Joy Ratcliff
Sgt. Major Jeff Bibb	Willie Haynes	Sarah Shaver
Day Bishop	Juanita Hefner	Mike Spurgeon
Barb Clark	Jim Johnson	Susan Spurgeon
Dick Clark	Mark King	Bill Wagner
Jo Clark	Cheryl Laws	Ella Grace Washington
Sue DeWald	Cheryl Morgan	

Prayers for our nation and our world through this time of uncertainty due to the Corona virus outbreak. 40,000 deaths a year from gun violence; global climate change; those who are struggling with the aftermath of natural disasters; all those who have lost someone to a drug overdose; all who struggle physically, spiritually, emotionally, financially or in their relationships; freedom and peace throughout the world; refugees and refugee families; all those whose lives are affected by violence wherever it occurs; Friends of Bluestone Camp and conference center's financial challenge.

### **Prayers for our Military**

Brett Baker	Brent Bishop	Evan Chaney
Jeff Barker	Steve Cash	

All who are serving, who have been injured and the families who have lost someone in combat; those who live and serve on the Korean Peninsula and other nations in that region of the world; our troops facing terrorist attacks.

**Prayers for those in Senior Residential Centers** - Cliff Asbury, Kanawha Place; Betty Berry, Edgewood Summit; Sam Ford, Charleston Transitional Care/Eastbrook; Barbara Shriver, Sweetbriar

**Prayers for those at home** - Reva Asbury, Jeanette Bates, Anne Copper, Bonnie Cheely, Anita McCormick, Anita Wehrmann

**Prayer List for Churches** –Harman Presbyterian Church; First Presbyterian Church, South Charleston; Gathaith (Gah-thah-EE'thee); Gura (GOO'rah)

