

 *Open doors, open hearts, a welcome for all just as you are!*

**H😊ly Hum😊r Sunday April 16, 2023 11:00**

**PRELUDE**

**WELC😊ME** Rev. Janet DeAqua

**CALL T😊 W😊RSHIP**

Joy is loose, in the wiggles of children,

**in the whispers of youth and the smiles of adults.**

Let us praise God for this glorious day.

**Let our praise break forth in serious AND silly ways.**

May our laughter be deep and our faith be joyful,

**for we are God’s people and Christ is risen! Alleluia!**

**\*HYMN Tune #119** (words on insert) Hark! The Herald Angel Said

**\*PRAYER 😊F C😊NFESSI😊N**

Gracious God, guide us to turn from our sin and to turn toward you. When our faith is too somber, fill us with Easter's laughter; When we find ourselves downcast, fill us with your healing joy; When we doubt our own goodness, fill us with your abundant love poured into us through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Amen. *(Please pause for a moment of silent prayer…)*

**\*W😊RDS 😊F ASSURANCE**

God’s love for us is overflowing, and God’s grace in Jesus Christ is a free gift.

**We are forgiven! Thanks be to God! Yippee!!**

**\*S😊NG 😊F RESP😊NSE #591** *Hall, Halle, Hallelujah!*

**TIME WITH 😊UR CHILDREN**

**PASSING 😊F THE PEAS**

Children: The Peace of Christ be with you.

**Congregation: And also with you.**

**PRAYER F😊R ILLUMINATI😊N**

**SCRIPTURE READING**

**SERM😊N**

**\*AFFIRMATI😊N 😊F** **FAITH**

We believe with the Bible that “there is a time to weep and a time to laugh.” We believe with Chrysostom that “laughter has been implanted in our souls.” We believe with Luther that “You have as much laughter as you have faith.” We believe with Calvin that “we are nowhere forbidden to laugh.” We believe with Keirkegaard that “Humor is intrinsic to Christianity.” We affirm the joy of our faith in our risen Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

**\*HYMN #250**  In the Bulb There Is a Flower

**PAST😊RAL 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, the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

**THE 😊FFERING** *Today we receive the monthly special offering for the CRO*

 **Offertory**

**\*Doxology #606**

**\*Offertory Prayer**

God of laughter and joy, with the offering of our gifts, help us to spread light and love in the name of Christ, our risen Savior. Amen.

**\*HYMN #248** Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna! V. 2 & 3

**\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTI😊N**

**\*RESP😊NSE #539** *We will Go Out with Joy* V. 1, sung twice

**\*P😊STLUDE**

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\*Please rise in body or in spirit

**A warm welcome to all this morning!** If you are visiting a special welcome to you! We hope you find the worship service to be a blessing. We invite you to fill out the visitor card located in the pew racks and place it in the offering plate. We would love to get better acquainted, and we invite your participation in the worship, fellowship and mission of this church. If you wish to connect with the pastor please email Janet at jdewater@fpcmountholly.com

**Children are always welcome in worship, wiggles, giggles and all!** We value their presence with us as we worship God, knowing that this is how they experience the loving community of Christ and how they learn to worship. We have a **“Worship and Play”** room available downstairs for children, and the service is streamed down there as well.

**The Offering** The offering to support our ministry and mission is

Gratefully received during the offertory, or your contributions can be

made by using the provided QR code or the Paypal option available

on the church website fpcmountholly.com Thank you.

**Lunch and Levity Today** Please plan to stay after worship for a FUN lunch (word is they are serving Patsy and Henry Piggs in a blanket!) and FUN table games for ALL AGES!



**Fun Facts**

1. You can’t wash your eyes with soap.
2. You can’t count your hair.

 3. You can’t breathe through your nose with your tongue out.

 4. You just tried Number 3.

 6. When you tried Number 3, you realized it’s possible, only you looked like a dog.

 7. You’re smiling right now because you were fooled.

 8. You skipped Number 5.

 9. You just checked to see if there was a Number 5.

10. You feel a little foolish at having been duped. (Source Unknown, printed in CPR for the Soul)

**CHRISTIAN FORMATION**

Sunday School Opportunities:

**Children and Youth** meet from 10:00 – 10:45 in the Fellowship Hall and Activity Room in the Christian Education/Office Building.

**The Sojourner Class** meets from 10:00 – 10:45 in the lounge on the lower sanctuary level and is currently reading and discussing the book: *Heaven is for Real.*

**The Friendship Class** meets from 9:45 – 10:45 in the classroom on the lower sanctuary level and follows *The Present Word* Bible Study curriculum.

**All are welcome to join any class, any time!**

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