

OUR CHURCH FAMILY AT WORSHIP

Easter Sunday

April 17, 2022

11:00 A.M.

TIME OF GATHERING: Read through Announcements, Pray over Concerns, Meditate on Celebrations and the wonder and grace of God, and Thanksgiving to God....
Please sign the red pads and pass it onto the next person in your pew.

PRELUDE *Christ the Lord Is Risen Today* Wayne L. Wold

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*HYMN *Christ the Lord Is Risen Today* No. 302 (vs: 1,2,3,4)

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Liturgist: How joyful it is to celebrate the good news of God's love!

People: We are called to be Easter people!

Liturgist: Darkness cannot claim us!

People: Fear cannot bind us!

Liturgist: Christ is risen!

All: Christ is risen, indeed! Amen!

OPENING PRAYER

Living God, long ago, faithful women proclaimed the good news of Jesus' resurrection, and the world was changed forever. Teach us to keep faith with them, that our witness may be as bold, our love as deep, and our faith as true. Through Jesus Christ our Risen Lord. Amen.

SCRIPTURE LESSON *1 Corinthians 15:12-26*

Liturgist: The Word of God for God's people.

People: Thanks be to God.

*RESPONSE *Christ Is the World's Light* No. 188 (vs. 4)

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *1 Corinthians 15 & Colossians 1* No. 888

CHOIR ANTHEM *Glorious, Risen Christ!* Burke/Larson

GOSPEL READING *Luke 24:1-12*
MESSAGE *"No Bones About It"* Pastor Janet Saddel

*HYMN *The Strife Is O'er, the Battle Done* No. 306

AN INVITATION TO PRAY

+Prayer of Confession (unison)

Loving God, we confess that at times we do not share in the joy of the resurrection but are caught in the worries of the world. We confess that we do not always live in the spirit of new life but remain discontent, grumbling and anxious. Forgive us for not sharing in the Good News. Forgive us when we find it more comfortable to worry and complain than to risk the joy and encouragement of new life in Christ. Call us back to your ways, O God, to seek hope and reconciliation, restoration and peace. In the name of the Risen Christ, we pray. Amen.

+Assurance of Pardon

Christ is Risen! The stone is rolled away, the tomb found empty. Mary calls out, "I have seen the Lord!" We have seen Christ, too, in every helping hand, in every heartfelt gift, in every choice to restore life in this world. We are called to this new life, a life of forgiveness and reconciliation. You are forgiven; accept your forgiveness and know that God loves you and desires great joy for your life. Walk forward on this journey of faith, knowing your brothers and sisters are with you. Amen.

+Pastoral Prayer

+Lord's Prayer (trespasses)

+Organ Response

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory *Christ Is Risen, Alleluia* Robert Lau

*Congregational Response *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* No. 95

*HYMN

He Lives

No. 310

*BENEDICTION

Pastor: Remember the Good News that we have received and proclaimed this day-the Good News in which we stand and through which we are being saved.

People: We will remember and hold tightly to the truth we proclaim with joy!

Pastor: Christ died for our sins, just as the scriptures said that he would.

People: But the story doesn't end in death. Christ was raised on the third day, just as it was promised!

Pastor: We are witnesses to this Good News and God commands that we do not keep this news to ourselves!

People: We will testify to all that Christ is Lord!

All: Christ is risen! Christ is risen, indeed! Alleluia! Amen!

*ORGAN RESPONSE

*POSTLUDE

The Strife Is O're, the Battle Won

Charles Callahan

*All stand if possible +All kneel or sit to pray

We thank all those who helped with the service this morning. Liturgist: Joan Sowers
Special thanks to Mike Stauffer for providing the trombone accompaniment for the hymns today.

Mission Statement for the Church of the Good Shepherd

We are committed to:

- ▶ Connecting persons to Jesus Christ
- ▶ Connecting with broken and hurting people
- ▶ Challenging persons to grow and celebrate their relationship with Jesus Christ
- ▶ Equipping persons and partnering with them to serve in God-powered ministry



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TRADITIONAL WORSHIP *Celebration of Faith*



No Bones About It...He's Alive

April 17, 2022

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11:00 A.M.

1500 Quentin Road / Lebanon, PA 17042
church: 717-272-7741 / www.umcogs.org

Sermon Outline: Speaker: Rev. Janet Sattel

"No Bones About it"

1 Corinthians 15:12-26; Luke 24:1-12

"If Christ has not been raised, then your faith is useless." 1 Corinthians 15:17 NLT

Our faith does not end on Good Friday, our story does not end with the grave. It does not end with the tomb, because we believe in the empty tomb, we believe in the resurrection of Jesus.

This is a critical fact of our faith, because if there was no physical resurrection of Jesus, then he was not the Son of God. And if Jesus is not the Son of God, he could not be the perfect sacrifice who takes away the sin of the world. And if Jesus did not take away the sin of the world then we are still dead in our sin and we have no hope.

The women were the first to report the resurrected Jesus. If the disciples made up the story and hid the body of Jesus, then they did a lousy job of lying. The only way that the witness of women would be recorded would be if it were in fact true.

The body of Jesus could not have been stolen by the disciples: the stone weighed two tons. Roman guards affixed on the tomb the Roman seal, a stamp of Roman power and authority. Anyone trying to move the stone from the tomb's entrance would have meant automatic crucifixion upside down.

The resurrected Jesus appeared to more than 500 people at one time - a majority of whom were still alive and could confirm that what Paul wrote was true! [1 Cor 15:6]

The most important, the most pivotal, the single most crucial event in all of human history is the resurrection of Jesus the Christ which broke the power of sin and death. We can experience new life in Christ today - now! - and each and every day of our life here on earth. Your best life is the one lived for Christ.

Calendar for Week of 4/17/2022

SUNDAY Easter Day

6:30 - Sunrise Service

8:30 - Contemporary [Worship Center]

9:45 - Contemporary [Worship Center]

11:00 - Traditional Worship [Sanctuary]

11:00—Confirmation Class [Forge]

MONDAY

Office Closed

4-8—Private [sanctuary]

6:00 - CR Praise band rehearsal [WC]

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

5:30-8:00 - High School Yth [Hall/Forge]

7:00 - Celebrate Recovery

7:00—Traditional Choir [choir rm/sanctuary]

THURSDAY

5:00—Contemporary Design Team

5:30—Traditional Design Team

5:30 - CR study rm 23

6:00 - CR step study rm 21

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

9:00 - Contemporary Worship Rehearsal

9-5 - Gretna Glen Service Day [GG]

12-5 - CR Mental Health Training [Lounge]

SUNDAY

8:30 - Contemporary [Worship Center]

9:45 - Contemporary [Worship Center]

9:45 - Sunday School

11:00 - Traditional Worship [Sanctuary]

11:00—Confirmation Class [Forge]

11:00 - Parenting SS Class [Lounge]

11:00 - ASP meeting [Hall]

4:30 - Private [Hall]

6-8 - Middle School Youth [Hall]