



First Presbyterian Church

New Haven, Connecticut

2nd Sunday of Easter

April 8, 2018

10:45 a.m.

PREPARING FOR THE WORD

Prelude *Toccata and Pastorale* Schroeder

Introit *Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!* Rowan

Call to Worship

This is the Good News: the grave is empty; Christ is risen.

Hallelujah!

This is the Good News: the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness cannot put it out.

Hallelujah!

This is the Good News: Christ is our peace, the indestructible peace we now share with each other and the world.

Hallelujah! Come, let us worship God!

*Hymn 239 *Good Christians All, Rejoice and Sing!* GELOBT SEI GOTT

Call to Reconciliation

Silence is kept.

Prayer of Confession

God of new life, if at times we deny you, forgive us. When the risks of discipleship are high, and we are nowhere to be found:

Forgive us, O God, and help us to show up.

When we wash our hands of responsibility and declare the world is hopeless:

Forgive us, O God, and help us to re-engage.

When we cast our lot with powerful oppressors and refuse to see those suffering around us:

Forgive us, O God, and reorient us towards our neighbors' need.

When fear keeps us from witnessing to your truth, or prejudice keeps us from believing it:

Forgive us, O God, and strengthen us with your grace.

In the bright light of the resurrection of Jesus, O God,

Raise us in your love so that, with joy, we may witness to your awesome deeds.

In the name of Jesus Christ, the risen One, we pray.

Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

..... bestows pardon and peace. Friends, believe the good news:

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Thanks be to God!

*Song of Praise 240

Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks

ALLELUIA NO.1

Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord.

Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to his name.

Jesus is the Lord of all the earth.

He is the King of creation.

Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord.

Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to his name.

*The Peace

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

(Before sitting, please greet those around you with words of Christ's peace.)

Words of Welcome

Please sign the black friendship pad and pass to others in your pew.
Children are welcome to participate in the Children in Worship program.

Minute for Mission

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Response

Day of Delight Beauty Unbounded

IN DIR IST FREUDE

*Affirmation of Faith

from Brief Statement of Faith

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. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal.

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 Creator, the Redeemer and the Sustainer. Amen.

HEARING THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

The Offering

Offertory Anthem

Joy Is Come

Carter

First Lesson

Acts 4: 32-35 (p. 122)

*Doxology

OLD HUNDREDTH

Psalms 133

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
Praise God all creatures here below,
Praise God above, ye heavenly host,
Creator, Christ and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

Second Lesson

John 20: 19-31 (pp. 115)

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

God of abundance, use these and all of our gifts, and ready us for ministry. As Christ burst forth from the tomb, may new life burst forth from us and show itself in acts of love and healing to a hurting world. Amen.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

Sermon

Where We Are

The Rev. J. C. Cadwallader

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.

*Hymn 254

That Easter Day with Joy was Bright

PUER NOBIS NASCITUR

*Hymn 817 *We Walk By Faith and Not by Sight* DUNLAP'S CREEK

*Benediction

Postlude *Day of Delight* Manz

*Those who prefer to do so may remain seated.



Welcome to the First Presbyterian Church of New Haven. We are glad you are here. We seek to be a warm and welcoming community of Christian people. If you are new to this congregation, please introduce yourself to others sitting around you, and to the pastor, so that we may welcome you personally. During the Words of Welcome, add your name to the Friendship Pad. Please plan to stay for the Friendship Hour following the service.

Participating in worship leadership this morning are:

Liturgist: Jim Duncan

Ushers: Elizabeth Gill, Lauriann Burt

Friendship Hour Hosts: Paula Burhard, Mary Webber

Nursery care is provided each morning in the Owens Community Building nursery. Infants and children are also welcome in the service and encouraged to participate fully in worship. A rocking chair is available nearby in the Copeland Room, and bulletins for ages 3-6 and 7-12 are found at the entrance.

The Reverend J.C. Cadwallader may be reached at her email: PastorJC@fpcnh.org or the church phone (203) 562-5664. Mondays are her day off.

Congregational Dialogue TODAY, following worship in the Sanctuary. Please join us and help explore how we can answer Jesus' call to be a community of faith in action.

Next Saturday, 4/14 @ 5:00 - 7:30pm Movie and Potluck: Bring a dish to share and a willingness to learn. We'll watch *Racing to Zero*. The film is "a documentary tracking San Francisco's waste stream diversion tactics after the city pledged to achieve zero waste by 2020." CLOC will provide the cookies.

Copeland Room Refresh: The Communications Committee has been pondering the questions: What does our space say about who we are? What is the first impression we want to make on visitors? How can we best use our space to build community? We are a vibrant community of faith that welcomes all to the ministries of loving God and loving our neighbor. We want our Copeland Room, our entry-room, to reflect this church's openness and energy. Therefore, it's being re-imagined! You will notice that some of the furniture and bulletin boards are re-arranged - eventually, they will be replaced and re-designed. For now, we're still imagining how the room can both welcome visitors, and provide space for conversation and connection. Communication Committee Members include Rona Johnston, Andrew Forsyth, Lynn Autry, Mary Hunt, Jen Herbst and Martha Smith. They would like to know what you think!

Adult Ed Next Sunday, April 15 @ 9:30 a.m. - Sergio Ramirez from Junta for Progressive Action will present updates on the immigrant and dreamers' uncertain situation with the ever changing Federal policies; and how First Presbyterian Church can help.

Sunday Church Parking: Please remember that our small church lot is reserved on Sunday morning for those with limited mobility. For everyone else, there is plenty of parking on Whitney Avenue, Huntington Street, the front lawn (weather permitting) or the Worthington Hooker School lot across the street.

Volunteers needed! Signup sheets for ushering and Friendship Hour are on clipboards in Copeland Room. If you're unsure about how to do the task, there are instructions under the signup sheet (and we email them to you with a reminder the week before.)

Food Donations for Needy: Pick up an extra item at the grocery store to help fill the green wheelbarrow in the Copeland Room. At the end of each month the food is delivered to Christian Community Action's emergency food pantry. These are the items most in demand at CCA's food pantry: Top: white (not brown) rice, cereal, canned fruit (fresh fruit on last Sunday of the month), peanut butter and jams/jellies. Secondary: macaroni & cheese, pasta (not whole wheat), tomato sauces, canned/dry beans, ground/instant coffee, sugar, oils for cooking, cake mixes. Note that they do NOT need canned *green* vegetables.

In nothing be anxious; but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. (Philippians 4:6)

When you pray, offer prayers for ...
 Our country and its leaders.
 Church members and friends who seek God's healing grace, including Ken Haynam, at Benchmark Senior Living in Hamden.
 Jeff Miller, David Miller's brother, who is recovering from surgery.
 Molly Myers, a friend of the Latham family.
 Jean Struble, Joan Wells' sister-in-law, who is ill.
 Those who mourn or are victims of gun violence.
 The young people who seek change.
 Nelson Pinos Gonzalez and Sujitno Sajuti, our immigrant neighbors who are in local sanctuary churches.
 People who are homeless.
 James Smit and Patrick Copeland, who are serving in the armed forces.
 Those who are unable to worship with us on a regular basis.
 Prayers for other people and situations in need of our supplications.

	This Week	
Sunday, April 8	9:30 a.m.	Sunday School
	9:30 a.m.	Choir Rehearsal
	10:45 a.m.	Worship
	11:45 a.m.	Congregational Dialogue
	12:10 p.m.	Friendship Hour
Tuesday, April 10	6:30 p.m.	Worship Committee
	7:15 p.m.	Mission Committee
Wednesday, April 11	2:00 p.m.	Bible Study
	5:00 p.m.	Property Committee
	7:00 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal
Thursday, April 12	9:30 a.m.	Staff Meeting
Saturday, April 14	9:30 a.m.	Women's AA
	5:00 p.m.	Movie and Potluck
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The Session of First Presbyterian Church

Class of 2018	Gary Cline Phillip Phiri	John Dinkler Robert Williams
Class of 2019	Lucy Ambach Fiona Scott Morton	Rona Johnston Mary Porterfield
Class of 2020	Sue Balakrishnan Jennifer Herbst	Jennifer Ballew Timothy McConnell
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Treasurer	Mike Spicer	

First Presbyterian Church of New Haven is a More Light Congregation and part of Presbyterian Promise. Both organizations are dedicated to the full inclusion of lesbian, gay, transgender, bisexual and questioning individuals.

The Staff of First Presbyterian Church

Pastor:	The Reverend J. C. Cadwallader
Music Director:	Patrick McCreless
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Nursery Care Provider:	Emily Landino

The church office welcomes your announcements and prayer requests for the bulletin. Please send the copy to firstpresbyterianchurch@gmail.com by Tuesday before noon to be included in the Sunday Bulletin.

Please remember that parking is available at the Hooker School on Sunday mornings when lawn or street parking is unavailable.

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