



First Presbyterian Church

New Haven, Connecticut

3rd Sunday of Easter

April 15, 2018

10:45 a.m.

PREPARING FOR THE WORD

Prelude *Christ Lay in Death's Dark Bonds* Pachelbel

Introit *Because You Live, O Christ* Dutch Carol

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 248 *Christ is Risen! Shout Hosanna!* HYMN TO JOY

Call to Reconciliation

Silence is kept.

Prayer of Confession

God of Love and Justice, we long for peace within and peace without. We long for harmony, serenity, and for struggle to be no more. But, too often we experience your grace, then act defeated. We beg your forgiveness, then repeat our errors. We seek your salvation, then act like we save ourselves. Too often we are not willing to take the risks and make the sacrifices that love requires. Look upon us with kindness and grace. Rule in our hearts and in all the world. Show us how to walk in your paths, through the mercy of Jesus. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

..... We are forgiven and forgivable. 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 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 Junta for Progressive Action
Sergio Ramirez

Response *Day of Delight Beauty Unbounded* IN DIR IST FREUDE

HEARING THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

First Lesson 1 John 3: 1-7 (p. 240)

Hymn 776 *O God, Be Gracious* Psalm 4
(remain seated)

Second Lesson Luke 24: 36b-48 (pp. 91)

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Sermon *Being with Peace* The Rev. J. C. Cadwallader

*Hymn 231 *Christ Has Risen While Earth Slumbers* SUO GAN

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*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.

The Offering
Offertory Anthem *He Shall Reign* Courtney

*Doxology

OLD HUNDREDTH

**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.**

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

Loving God, as a covenant people, we seek to witness to your will and way. Help us to know more clearly what you would have us do with the wealth entrusted to our care. Through Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.

The Prayers of the People

The Lord's 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 and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

*Hymn 703 *Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me* ST CATHERINE

*Benediction

Postlude *Christ Is Arisen* Bach

*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: Candice Gray

Ushers: Charles McEnally,

Friendship Hour Hosts: Elizabeth Gill, Lauriann Burt

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.

Third Thursday Potluck, April 19 @ 6:30 p.m. All are invited to come to dinner at the Manse! Pastor JC and Heather will provide a main dish. You bring a side, dessert or beverage to share! The Manse is the yellow brick building next door to the Owens Building on Whitney Ave.

The CT Poor People's Campaign is offering a New Haven area training session on Saturday, April 21st from 3 to 6 p.m. at the New Haven People's Center (37 Howe Street.) Bishop John Selders from Hartford will lead this organizing event, designed to gather people from the great diversity of our region, in a shared effort to name and address the many systematic injustices we confront. Speak to Ralph Jones for more information.

Adult Ed Next Sunday, April 22 @ 9:30 a.m. - Earth Day Adult Education. Barbara Beitch and Richard Yanowitz, representatives from the Climate Reality Program, will be teaching our Earth Day Adult Education next Sunday. Their discussion will cover climate-related information that is new and intriguing, current and potential ways of "fixing" climate change, what you might do as an individual and advice on how to talk with climate change deniers.

Bible Study continues to meet Wednesdays at 2 p.m. The group is currently working their way through Paul's letter to the Galatians. Contact Ralph Jones if you want to join.

Copeland Room Refresh: The Communications Committee has been pondering how our Copeland Room, our entry-room, reflects this church's openness and energy. 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!

Goody Bags-Part 1 next Sunday: It's that time again! Students will be gearing up for the end of school. We like to make their study time a little easier by providing yummy snacks for them to enjoy! Next Sunday, April 22; we'll be collecting goodies to send to 7 college students from our church family. Those will be going into boxes and shipped out to them at school. The following Sunday, April 29, we'll prepare Goody Bags for 20 of our local students to take home that day. Please bring your goodies to the Copeland Room where Jean McCloskey and her crew will assemble them.

Walk Against Hunger, Sunday April 29th – Lighthouse Park New Haven: Join Team First Presbyterian for a hunger free Connecticut! Your participation on the First Pres team will help us feed families who rely on the network of more than 650 local food-assistance programs served by the Connecticut Food Bank. To join for further information, just go to www.ctfoodbank.org/walk and click on Support a Team or Walker. Search for Team First Presbyterian and click on the team name. From there you can sign up to walk or make a donation to our team. For further information contact Jane Hindenlang .

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.

Stuart Fritts, who is recovering from a fall.

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 15	9:30 a.m.	Sunday School
	9:30 a.m.	Choir Rehearsal
	10:45 a.m.	Worship
	12:00 p.m.	Friendship Hour
Tuesday, April 17	7:15 p.m.	Session
Wednesday, April 18	2:00 p.m.	Bible Study
	7:00 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal
	7:00 p.m.	Survivors of Homicide
Thursday, April 19	9:30 a.m.	Staff Meeting
	6:30 p.m.	Third Thursday Potluck
Saturday, April 21	9:30 a.m.	Women's AA
Sunday, April 22	9:30 a.m.	Sunday School
	9:30 a.m.	Choir Rehearsal
	10:45 a.m.	Worship
	12:00 p.m.	Friendship Hour
	5:30 p.m.	Confirmation Dinner

The Session of First Presbyterian Church

Class of 2018	John Dinkler	Phillip Phiri
	Robert Williams	
Class of 2019	Lucy Ambach	Rona Johnston
	Fiona Scott Morton	Mary Porterfield
Class of 2020	Sue Balakrishnan	Jennifer Ballew
	Jennifer Herbst	Timothy McConnell
Clerk	Tim McCloskey	
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
Church Administrator:	Martha Smith
Christian Educator:	Kimberley Fais
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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