

## Order of Worship

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April 8, 2018 — Second Sunday of Easter

\*Please stand ... in body or in spirit, as you are comfortable.

**Bold words are spoken in unison**

***Bold Italics are words sung in unison***

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***Doubt isn't the opposite of faith; it is an element of faith.***

**~ Paul Tillich**

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **WE BEGIN OUR WORSHIP**

MUSIC FOR MEDITATION AND REFLECTION

*O My Soul, Be Glad and Joyful*

Karg-Elert

*Jason Aquila, Organist*

ENTRANCE OF LIGHT OF CHRIST, a symbol of Jesus' presence

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: The tomb was found empty!

**Many: What does this mean?**

One: Jesus has risen!

**Many: What does this mean?**

One: Jesus comes to us, saying "Peace be with you!"

**Many: What does this mean?**

One: O ye of little faith, do not doubt, but believe!

**Many: What does this mean?**

**All: Come, let us walk the journey of faith,  
acknowledging our doubts but holding on to hope,  
for Christ is Risen!**

\*WE SING TOGETHER

No. 253

*Yours Is the Glory, Resurrected One!*

\*WE PRAY TOGETHER

Let us pray together:

## **Please Keep the Following People in Your Prayers**

David Greenwell (brother of Donna Greenwell)

Lois Schultz

Lyda Dacek (friend of Marcia Powles)

Mary Kanzeg

Paula Deal

The family of Pearl Wood

Bob Ebert (friend of many)

Anita Spaeta (cousin of Diane and Dave Kvasnicka)

Marisol Stokes (one of our cleaning persons)

John Derrick (friend of the Mealys)

Konnie Wenneman

John Michelich

Pamela Bloomingdale (niece of Konnie Wenneman)

Bob Patzwahl

Carol Adams

Marge Hall

Paullette Taylor (friend of Jane Huml)

Nola Branch

Chuck Hughes

Chuck Zaugg

Jim Gartner (son of Ruth Gartner)

Gail Rattray and son Brian (relatives of Sandy Evans)

Andy Bischof

Steve Kneale (son of Jane Huml)

Katie Gartner (granddaughter of Ruth Gartner)

Joyce Droescher

Jane Huml

Duncan Simpson (grandson of Carole Adams)

Julie Simpson (daughter of Carole Adams)

Megan Moran

Jeremy Steinbrick (grandson of Andy & Jan Bischof)

Jon Fields (friend of Chuck & Carol Mealy)

## THIS WEEK AT REDEEMER

### Today, April 8

Men's Bible Study, 8:45 a.m.  
Worship 10:30 a.m.

### Monday, April 9

Yoga, 11:15 a.m.

### Tuesday, April 10

Quilters 9 a.m.-2 p.m.  
Fellowship Hall

### Wednesday, April 11

Carillon Bell Choir, 7 p.m.  
Chancel Choir, 8 p.m.

### Saturday, April 14

Massage Class 10 a.m.

### Sunday, April 15

Third Sunday of Easter  
Worship, 10:30 a.m.

### SPECIAL THANKS THIS MORNING:

**Liturgist:** Diane Kvasnicka

**Acolytes:** Aaron and Zach Barnes

**COFFEE HOUR** Help! A new sign-up sheet for hosting Coffee Hour has been posted for April, May & June. Please lend a hand to keep our fellowship time an on-going event.

**ADOPT A PLOT** Empty nesters, avid gardeners, or just everyday folks who want to see the church look inviting to potential guests: consider adopting a small plot of landscaping to care for during spring and summer. Great spiritual rewards will come from a modest investment of time. Stay tuned. See Bonnie Hawver with questions.

**THURSDAY EVENING GATHERING** Join us April 19 at 5 p.m. at the Berea Union Depot Tavern, 30 Depot Street, in Berea. Sign up in the Gathering Room for this festive evening!

**YOGA CLASS** Yoga classes meet Mondays at 11:15 a.m.

**SAVE THE DATE: CONGREGATIONAL MEETING MAY 6** right after worship to vote on the Constitution and Bylaws.

**PASTOR BOB RICHARDSON MEETINGS** The final opportunity to meet with the Rev. Bob Richardson is Sunday, April 8, from 3-6 p.m. Contact Bob to schedule a time: brich948@gmail.com; (234) 706-5322 or cell at (484) 597-0173.

**Life-raising God,  
We pause to give you thanks for the witnesses you send us.  
We come to know anew your gift of faith to us through their eyes, which saw you standing with them and through their hands, which touched your risen body. Fill us, we pray, with the awesome certainty their senses told them — your risen Child is real. Give us the assurance not of sense, but of faith and imagination, and send us into the world to speak new life to others. Amen.**

\*WE SING PRAISE TO GOD

***Glory to the Creator, the Christ, the Holy Spirit,  
Three in One; as it was in the beginning,  
is now and ever shall be,  
world without end. Amen. Amen.***

### WE LISTEN FOR OUR STILL-SPEAKING GOD

MESSAGE FOR YOUNG CHRISTIANS

*Margaret Borrelli, Minister of Faith Formation*

*(Following these moments, our children recess to their Sunday Morning Program. Our nursery is available for infants, and there is a lounge opposite the sanctuary where the service may be heard. You may wish to join in blessing the children as they go by singing:)*

***Go now in peace; go now in peace.  
May the love of God surround you  
ev'-ry-where, ev'-ry-where you ... may ... go.***

MESSAGE FROM OUR CHANCEL CHOIR

*Give Me a Grateful Heart*

Martin

*Carol Peddie, Director*

MESSAGE FROM OUR SCRIPTURE

*Psalm 133 (p. 563), 1 John 1:1-2:2 (The Inclusive Bible)*

Our God is still speaking:

**Thanks be to God.**

MESSAGE FROM THE GOSPEL

John 20:19-31 (p. 989)

MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR

*An Optical Illusion*

Pastor R. Brooke Baker

Interim Pastor for Worship & Pastoral Care

**WE RESPOND TO OUR STILL-SPEAKING GOD**

THE PASTOR'S PRAYER

WE PRAY TOGETHER THE PRAYER JESUS TAUGHT US

**Our Father (God), 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.**

WE OFFER OUR LIVES AND GIFTS IN GRATITUDE TO GOD

Invitation and Offering

Resurrected God, we are called to live as Easter people, which means we willingly and generously share our gifts with you. Let us demonstrate this in our morning offering to help spread the Good News within the church and with the church universal. Amen.

Offertory Music

*Gregorian Voluntary No. 78*

Gigout

*Jason Aquila, Organist*

\*WE SING OUR SONG OF PRAISE

No. 780

***Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God, all creatures here below;  
Praise God for all that love has done:  
Creator, Christ, and Spirit, One.***

\*WE DEDICATE OUR LIVES AND GIFTS

Let us pray together:

**Holy God,**

**These gifts represent but a small amount of the joy you give to us. Help us to use these gifts that they might bring your joy to others. We ask you to add your blessing upon not only these gifts, but the gifts of our time and our talent. We pray this in the name of the risen One, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

\*WE SING TOGETHER

No. 252

*Savior, Like A Shepherd Lead Us*

THE PASTOR OFFERS FINAL WORDS AND A BLESSING

CHORAL RESPONSE

MUSIC FOR MEDITATION AND REFLECTION

*Air in G*

Händel

*Jason Aquila, Organist*

DEPART TO BE THE LOVE OF GOD IN THE WORLD

(Call to Worship from **rev-o-lution.org**; Prayer of Invocation from *An Improbable Gift of Blessing* by Maren C. Tirabassi and Joan Jordan Grant)

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