

Order of Worship

April 22, 2018 — Fourth 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

Resurrection means that the last thing is never the worst thing.

~ Frederick Buechner

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

WE BEGIN OUR WORSHIP

MUSIC FOR MEDITATION AND REFLECTION

O Perfect Life of Love

Canning

Jason Aquila, Organist

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

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: It is not over! Jesus is with us!

Many: Alleluia!

One: Jesus invites us over and over.

Many: Alleluia!

One: Will we join him and praise him?

Many: We will join him and praise him.

One: Jesus feeds us. Will we join him and praise him?

Many: We will join him and praise him.

All: Thanks be to God for the gift of Jesus. Let us join with him and praise him. Alleluia!

*WE SING TOGETHER

No. 243

Alleluia! Alleluia! Hearts to Heaven

*WE PRAY TOGETHER

Let us pray together:

Generous God,

Giver of all that is good, Creator of all that is beautiful, you have blessed us with abundance, more than enough for everyone to share. Out of this abundance you call us to care

Please Keep the Following People in Your Prayers

Cathy Tomsu

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 (cousin of the Mealys)

Konnie Wenneman

Pamela Bloomingdale (niece of Konnie Wenneman)

Bob Patzwahl

Carol Adams

Marge Hall

Paulette 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 22

EARTH DAY!

Monday, April 23

Yoga, 11:15 a.m.

Consistory 7:15 p.m.

Tuesday, April 24

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

Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, April 25

Carillon Bell Choir, 7 p.m.

Chancel Choir, 8 p.m.

Sunday, April 29

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Pacific Islander and Asian-American Ministries Sunday

SPECIAL THANKS THIS MORNING:

Liturgist: Janet Kramer; **Acolytes:** Andrew and Elizabeth Hille

Flowers and Bulletins: Today's altar flowers are sponsored by the Shanks in celebration of Spring. Today's bulletins are sponsored by the Patzwahls in honor of Kelly and Rocco's wedding April 28.

SAVE THE DATE! The Chancel Choir's spring concert, *Feelin' the Love*, takes place May 20 at 3 p.m. The concert will feature such favorites as *What the World Needs Now is Love*, *It Had to be You*, *Where is Love*, *The Nearness of You*, and many more selections!

SHARON SIGNERS RETURN SATURDAY, MAY 5, 6 P.M.! Please support the Sharon Signers, under the direction of our very own Cory Svette, in their concert featuring music from *Beauty and the Beast*.

COMMUNITY MEAL APRIL 28: Sign up in the Gathering Room to help out with this month's Community Meal.

ADOPT A PLOT Consider adopting a small plot of landscaping during spring and summer. See Bonnie Hawver with questions.

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.

LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES, Thursday, April 26, 12-1 p.m., Brown bag lunch on *Funeral and Burial Alternatives*. Bring your lunch; beverage/dessert provided. **Thursday, May 24, 2018, 12-1 p.m., Brain Fit! Get Those Neurons Firing.** Box lunches and beverages provided. Sign up by May 16.

for each other. Awaken us to the beauty and bounty of your Creation. Encourage us to share generously with all those you love. May we protect the beauty of all that is yours and nurture your bounty for our children and our children's children. 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.*

PASSING OF THE PEACE

WE LISTEN FOR OUR STILL-SPEAKING GOD

MESSAGE FOR YOUNG CHRISTIANS

Nola Foote, Member of the Redeemer PB&J Youth Group
(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

His Love for Me

Mock/Büda

Carol Peddie, Director

CALL TO CONFESSION

Prayer of Confession

God of endless possibility, we confess that we do not always perceive the opportunities you place before us. Caught up in our own hopes, plans, and fantasies, and crushed when they disappoint us, we are slow to see the open pathways you set before us. Open our eyes, that we may accept the new life you offer us, and thus show forth the resurrection of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Words of Assurance

MESSAGE FROM OUR SCRIPTURES

Psalm 30, p. 494 (NRSV)

Our God is still speaking:

Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE FROM THE GOSPEL

John 21:1-19, p. 987 (NRSV)

MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR

Back to it ... but this time in the Easter light

The Rev. Dr. Paul J. Barbins

*WE SING TOGETHER

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The Strife is O'er

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

We give in grateful thanksgiving for all that God has given us. In the upside down world of the gospel, we measure our wealth not by what we have, but by what we can give away. Let us give away generously, in this offering, to bless your church, your people, your creation.

OFFERTORY MUSIC

Voluntary in Gb

Franck

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:

Thank you, God, for the gifts and ministries of your people. Grant that this offering, given in thanksgiving for all the blessings you have given us, will fill empty hearts with love and will proclaim your honor and glory in the name of Christ Jesus to all people. Amen.

*WE SING TOGETHER

No. 250

Listen to Your Savior Call

THE PASTOR OFFERS FINAL WORDS AND A BLESSING

CHORAL RESPONSE

MUSIC FOR MEDITATION AND REFLECTION

Hornpipe

Wesley

Jason Aquila, Organist

DEPART TO BE THE LOVE OF GOD IN THE WORLD

Prayer of Invocation adapted from UCC Worship Ways; Prayer of Confession by Ruth C. Duck from Bread for the Journey; Call to offering and prayer of thanksgiving from UCC Worship Ways.

We are pleased to welcome **the Rev. Dr. Paul J. Barbins** to Church of the Redeemer this morning. A 19-year ordained pastor with the Union of Latvian Baptist Churches in America, he is pastor of the Latvian Baptist Church of Cleveland. Paul has an M.Div. degree from Vanderbilt Divinity School and a D.Min. degree from Pittsburgh Theological Seminary. He is a certified spiritual director through the Ignatian Spirituality Institute at John Carroll University. His wife, Laura, is ordained in the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America. They are the proud parents of four daughters and live in Mentor.

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