

TAKOMA PARK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

April 7, 2024

2nd Sunday of Easter

Live streamed at 11:00 a.m.



HOLY COMMUNION

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A Church for all people.

THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

(*) Indicates those who are able, please stand.
Please join in speaking and singing parts in **bold** or **unison**.

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Preparation for Worship

"We are not alone: saints and angels invisible, yet in splendor, surround us; Jesus the healer is with us. Your Holy Spirit, O God, leads us to yearn for our own completeness, for the well-being of others, and for a better life. Fill us with the expectation of goodness; and should any here feel burdened by guilt or inadequacy, let the grace of Jesus be made real in all its liberating power."

-The Iona Community-

GATHER IN GOD'S PRESENCE

Let the Prelude's music open you to God's presence as we begin worship.

Prelude

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Flor Peters

Welcome

Opening Prayer (unison)

from Psalm 150; John 20:22,27,31

God of the Resurrection, you open the tomb and invite us to sing and dance and live in the new life you give us. In Jesus Christ, whose wounds are not erased but glorified in resurrection, touch our wounds that they may be transformed into channels of healing for others.

Holy Spirit, breathe into us the power to forgive so that all may have new life. In the name of Jesus we pray. Amen.

Call to Worship

Responsively

from Psalm 150

Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Celebrate God in this sacred space!

Celebrate God in all places under heaven!

Give praise for God's mighty deeds!

Give praise for God's resurrecting power!

Praise God with a fanfare of trumpets!

Praise God with the harp and the cello!

Praise God with tambourines and dancing!

Praise God with flutes and guitars!

Praise God with cymbals and drums!

Let everything with life and breath praise God!

John 20:19-27

***Hymn 503 Lord, We Have Come at Your Own Invitation**

Prayer of Confession

Dear friends, when we keep our fears and faults locked up inside us, it is hard to be healed and receive new life. So let us open ourselves to God in confession, trusting in the Lord Jesus' desire to give us peace.

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.** Let us pray:

**God of the empty tomb and our empty hearts,
when we are afraid to speak our faith in the world,
forgive us and help us find our voice.**

**When we are afraid to forgive and to love again,
forgive us and give us the power to forgive.**

**When we are afraid to stand up to misguided authority,
join with the weak to make us all strong.**

**When we are confined by our hurts, touch us with your wounded hands
and set us free.**

**When we are locked behind our doubts and fears,
pass through our barricades, open our hearts, and give us peace.**

Thanks be to God! Amen.

Silent Prayer

Assurance of Pardon

John 20:21-22, 31

Jesus Christ comes with healing light into our locked places and shadowy hurts, resurrecting our spirits and breathing into us new life. As God's own forgiven people, go to bring peace, forgiveness, and new life to the world in the name of Jesus Christ.

Thanks be to God! Amen.

***Praise 582 Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me**

Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,
And to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,
And to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

***Sharing the Peace of Christ**

The peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.**
(Worshippers on Zoom may unmute themselves and share the peace.)

LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

Prayer of Illumination 458

Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path. (2x)

First Scripture Reading

1 John 1:1-2:2

Anthem **Awake, My Heart, and Render** Jane M. Marshall

Time with the children

Rev. Carolyn Tilley

Second Scripture Reading

John 20:19-31

Sermon

Doubt

Rev. Carolyn Tilley

Hymn 286

Breathe on Me, Breath of God

RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Prayers of the People

Rev. Carolyn Tilley

*Prayers will be read from the Prayer Book and the Chat Box,
Then the congregation will be invited to share their prayers.*

Prayer Response: Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayers.**

The Lord's Prayer (unison)

O Holy Trinity of Love,

Holy are you and holy is your name.

May your shalom come and your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.

Give us our daily bread, and forgive our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.

Walk with us through times of trial and save us from evil.

For the Beloved Community, the power, and the glory
are yours now and forever. Amen.

The Offering Invitation

*The offering plate reminds us of the many contributions we all
make to our church and God's realm. Please pass it to your
neighbor and offer thanks for each other's gifts.*

The Offertory **Air from, Water Music** George Frideric Handel

*Doxology 607

Old HUNDREDTH

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;

Praise Christ all people here below;

Praise Holy Spirit evermore;

Creator, Christ and Holy Ghost;

Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.

***Prayer of Dedication (unison)**

Just as your life-giving power passed through the locked doors of the disciples, may these gifts find a way into the lives of those living in fear, doubt and need, give them the reassurance that they are loved. We pray in the name of the Risen One. Amen.

HOLY COMMUNION

Christ welcomes us to receive this meal

Hymn 701 (2x)

Sanctuary

Lord prepare me to be a sanctuary,
pure and holy, tried and true.
With thanksgiving, I'll be a living sanctuary for you.

The Invitation

Friends, this is the joyful feast for the people of God!
People will come from east and west, and from north and south, and sit at table in the reign of God.
How good and pleasant it is when people dwell in unity.
O taste and see that the Lord is good.
Happy are all who find refuge in God.
This is the Lord's Table. Come, for all is made ready.

The Prayer of Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

You are holy, O God of majesty, and it is indeed right to offer our praise . . .

. . . Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with the celestial choirs and with all the faithful in every time and place who forever sign to the glory of your name.

Sung Sanctus 552

LAND OF REST

Holy, holy, holy, Lord,
God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are filled with your glory,
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes
In the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest,
hosanna in the highest.

Prayer of Blessing (unison)

**Breathe your spirit upon us
And upon this bread and wine.
May they become for us your body
Vibrant with your life.
Healing, renewing, and making us whole.
And as the bread and wine which we now eat and drink are
changed into us,
May we be changed again into you, bone of your bone, flesh of
your flesh,
Loving and just in the world and all its creation.**

The Sharing of the Bread and Cup

The gifts of God for the people of God. Thanks be to God!

The Acclamation

Let us praise the Lord.
**Christ has died. Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.
In Christ shall all be made alive.
Blessing and honor and glory and power be to our God forever and
ever. Amen**

Prayer after Communion (unison)

O God who feeds us, guide us to extend this table of welcome into our neighborhoods and world so that all who hunger and thirst for justice might be fed. We offer our thanks for the sustenance you keep giving for the journey.

In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

WE ARE SENT INTO THE WORLD

Announcements of the Community's Life

***Sending Hymn 761 Called as Partners in Christ's Service**

***Benediction**

Postlude

Cortege

Flor Peeters

Community worship ends: discipleship and service begin anew

Participants in this morning's service

Rev. Carolyn Tilley

Wendy Turman, Liturgist

Takoma Park Presbyterian Church Choir

Dr. James Bingham, Organ

Jay Clouse, Zoom Technician

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Schedule for upcoming events

** Zoom events

Monday, April 8, 7:30 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal
Tuesday, April 9, 12:00 p.m.	Virtual Coffee Hour**
Tuesday, April 9, 7:30 p.m.	Session Meeting (<i>hybrid</i>)
Wednesday, April 10, 8:15 p.m.	Presbyterians for Police Transformation**
Thursday, April 11, 7:30 p.m.	Committed Racial Mindfulness Meeting**
Saturday, April 13, 10:30 a.m.	Woman's Bible Study**
Sunday, April 14, 9:30 a.m.	Sunday School class on Reparations (<i>hybrid</i>)
Sunday, April 14, 11:00 a.m.	Worship Service (<i>hybrid</i>)

+Whoever you are and wherever you are on life's journey, **you are welcome to our worship.** We are pleased you are with us today.

+**Please continually pray for peace** - - in our homes, in our lives, our neighborhoods, the nation and the world.

+The second Sunday of each month **TPPC volunteers glean** leftover produce from the Takoma Park Farmers Market, then take it over to the homeless shelter--Shepherd's Table on Georgia Ave. We welcome volunteers to help us with this worthy endeavor.

For more information, please contact Kurt Kershow. Cell phone 301-385-1083; e-mail [**Kershow@gmail.com**](mailto:Kershow@gmail.com)

+Thanks and appreciation to **George and Jennifer Martin** for providing Coffee Hour refreshments today.

+On Saturday, April 20, at 2:00 p.m, there will be a **Memorial Service** here at TPPC, to celebrate the life of David Olson.

The service will be available on Zoom at <https://tinyurl.com/OlsonMemorialService>

+Adult Sunday School Continues

Please join us for the last book study of Reparations: A Christian Call to Repentance and Repair by Duke Kwon and Gregory Thompson.

This is a hybrid class which meets in the church parlor and on Zoom, April 14th. Classes begin at 9:30 a.m. and will be facilitated by Mary Pat Brennan and John Peacock.

Here is the zoom link: <https://tinyurl.com/TPPCSundayBibleStudy>

+Thank you for your continued support of TPPC.

As a reminder, there are several ways to give to TPPC. Information on giving, including giving online, can be found at

<https://www.takomaparkpc.org/give>.

Checks may be mailed to Takoma Park Presbyterian Church, 310 Tulip Avenue, Takoma Park, MD 20912.

If you have any questions, please contact finance@takomaparkpc.org.

+Choral Post-Easter Service

The Takoma Park Presbyterian Church Choir and Friends will present a service of celebration on Sunday, April 14, at 11:00 a.m. This service will feature sacred music from largely British composers of the 20th Century.

The *Five Mystical Songs* of Ralph Vaughan William, the most substantial musical part of the service will feature baritone Trevor Scheunemann, who enjoys an international operatic career, including performances in leading roles with such houses as: The Metropolitan Opera, Washington National Opera, Opera de Monte Carlo, and San Francisco Opera among many others. Mr. Scheunemann is a graduate of Washington Adventist University, Takoma Park, and a distinguished alumnus of the world-renowned Domingo-Cafritz Artist Program at Washington National Opera.

The *Five Mystical Songs* were written for baritone solo, choir and orchestra; however, this performance will feature the composer's orchestral reduction for string quintet and piano. The words are taken from four poems ("Easter" divided into two parts) by George Herbert (1593 - 1633), a metaphysical Welsh poet, orator, and priest of the Church of England; and were selected by Vaughan Williams from the poet's 1633 collection, *The Temple: Sacred Poems*.

Other musical presentations will include *O Clap Your Hands*, by Ralph Vaughan Williams and *Gloria in excelsis "Coronation"* by Charles Villiers Stanford, composed for the coronation of George V in Westminster Abbey, on June 22, 1911. Both anthems will be accompanied by a brass septet.

The service promises to be a joyful post-Easter musical celebration, reflecting the joy of the resurrection and by it, the promise of eternal salvation. Please plan on attending and bring a friend, so that this joyful festivity can infuse this season of renewal.

STAFF

“Ministers: all the people of the church.”

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	Rev. Carolyn Tilley
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SESSION

Clerk of Session – Kurt Lawson

Class of 2024

Phil Boyer
Jean Dickey
Rebecca Woodings
Alphonso Williams

Class of 2025

Samuel Kalibala
Karol Keane
Thomas Showalter
Karen Lange

Class of 2026

Kathy Belyeu
Kurt Lawson
Roger Griffis
George Martin

DEACONS

Moderator of Deacons – Lisa Kiely

Class of 2024

Brian Forbin
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Class of 2025

Ethan Bailey
Carol Christensen
Martha Kiger

Class of 2026

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