

Easter/ Resurrection of the Lord

April 16, 2017

GATHERING

Prelude: "Russian Easter" Rimsky-Korsakoff

Invocation

Announcements

*Call to Worship

Leader: Let us rejoice, for the tomb is empty!

People: As Christ is alive, let us be alive.

Leader: Let us rejoice, for the Lord goes before us!

People: Let us walk with joy the way of the Lord.

Leader: Let us cry out with joy! Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People: The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia, alleluia!

Hymn: #236 "The Strife Is O'er"

Prayer of Confession (**Unison**)

God of grace, on this day, you raised our Lord to life. In doing so, you called us to rise as well. It is your will that we be a new creation, full of life, generous in love, trusting you. But we hesitate, Lord. We linger in our tombs, afraid of the light of this new day. Instead of surrendering to joy, we hold onto fear and all the hurt and desire that form fear. Take our hands, Lord. Lift us up with you. Free us for life. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

*Gloria Patri (p. 579)

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

Anthem: "Mary at the Tomb" Bradley Ellingboe
Chancel Choir

Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer

First Scripture Reading: Jeremiah 31:1-6

*Hymn: #233 "The Day of Resurrection!"

Children's Sermon

Second Scripture Reading: Matthew 28:1-10

Sermon: **Dying to Fear, Rising to Joy**

New Beginnings

Anthem: "My Redeemer's Love" Lloyd Larson
Chancel Choir

Peace

Anthem: "Alleluia #1" arr. Hopson
Chancel Choir
(see insert)

Joy

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

The Sacrament of Baptism:

Valentina Elaine Dyer, daughter of Robert J. Jr. & Elaine Dyer

*The Nicene Creed (p. 14)(Traditional)

Offering of Tithes and Gifts

Please sign and pass the Friendship Book

Offertory: "I Know That My Redeemer Lives" Raymond Haan

*Doxology (p. 592)

*Hymn: #232 "Jesus Christ Is Risen Today"

*Benediction

Choral Benediction – Chancel Choir

Passing the Peace of Christ

Postlude "Christ, The Lord, Is Risen Today" Robert Thygerson
The End of Worship
The Beginning of Service

*Those who wish may stand

Rev. Robert W. Birch, Minister

Mrs. Dianne Yuninger, Organist/Choir Director

VISITORS AND MEMBERS: WELCOME! During the offertory the Friendship Book will be passed from the end of the pew. Please sign it and indicate other information as appropriate. Pass the book back down the pew and notice the names of the other worshippers. Greet one another warmly after the service.

WORSHIP HOUR INFORMATION:

It is an ancient Scottish custom for the pulpit Bible to be brought into the sanctuary and placed by a layperson before the service begins.

IN THE NURSERY (babies through 4 yrs.): Katherine Boas & Valerie Ruhl
Next Sunday, April 23 – Shirley & Lori Smith

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER & HELPER

Today – Easter Break - Next Sunday, April 23 – Lois & Darwin Eshleman

PRAYERS OF THE CONGREGATION:

PRAYER FAMILY THIS WEEK: Sean, Maureen, Alyssa & Garrett Carney

TODAY: EASTER

- 6:30 a.m. Easter Dawn Service Old Leacock
- 8:00 a.m. Breakfast at Paradise
- 9:30 a.m. Service of Worship

MONDAY:

- 9:30 a.m. Prayer Shawl Ministries
- 7:00 p.m. Session/Trustee Meeting

WEDNESDAY:

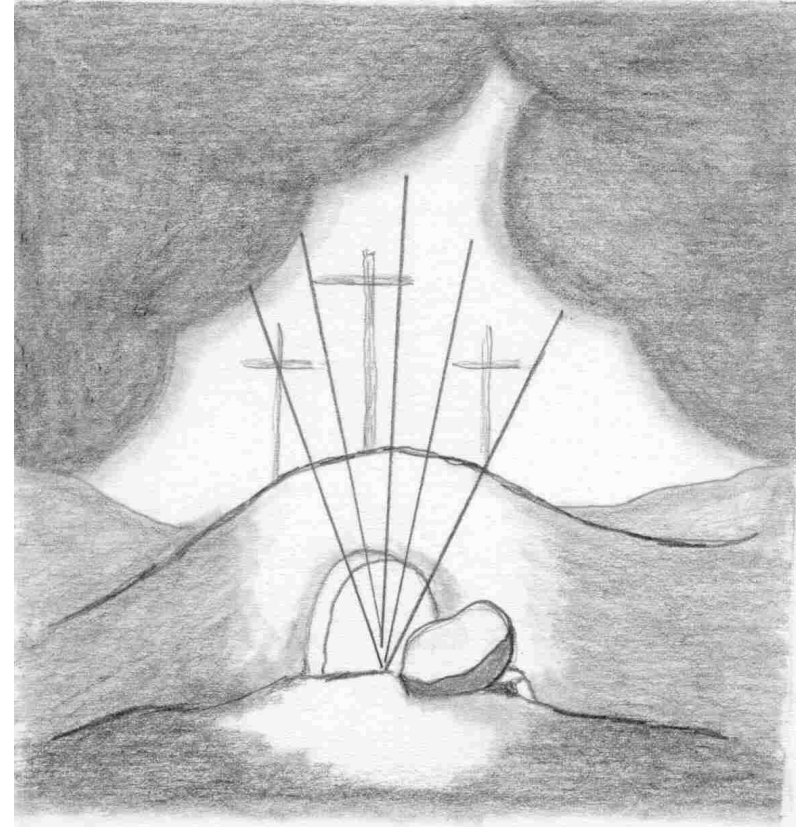
- 6:30 p.m. Bell Choir Rehearsal
- 7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Your **One Great Hour of Sharing Offering** is due today. There are envelopes in the pews that you may use for this, or you may also use a plain white envelope and simply mark it for One Great Hour of Sharing.

Clothing Drive

There are only 3 more Sundays left to donate your good, clean used clothing so we can deliver it to the Lancaster clothing bank. The Lancaster County Council of Churches will then distribute it as needed. This clothing drive will end on April 30th.

Our next **Community Meal** is Thursday, April 27th from 5:30-6:30 in our Smith Fellowship Hall. Please check out the sign-up sheets in the narthex for either food donations or times you can help.



EASTER SERVICE

LEACOCK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

APRIL 16, 2017

*“Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified.
He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said.”
Matthew 28: 5-6*