



*From where we are to where you need us,
O Lamb of God and Risen Lord,
lead on!*

Easter Sunday, April 16, 2017
Leesburg Presbyterian Church

Easter Sunday

9:30 and 11:00 a.m.

When the church bell is rung, let us be silent for worship.

**Please stand if able*

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: Christ is risen!

All: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Choir: *Worthy is the Lamb that was slain, and hath redeemed us to God by his blood, to receive power, and riches, and wisdom, and strength, and honor, and glory, and blessing.*

One: Sing for joy, O heavens, and exult, O earth. Break forth, O mountains, into singing!

All: Christ is risen. Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Choir: *Blessing, and honor, glory and power be unto him, who sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb, for ever and ever.*

***HYMN # 232**

“Jesus Christ Is Risen Today”

WELCOME OF GOD’S EASTER PEOPLE

If you are sitting at the end of a pew, please start the friendship register by signing it and passing it to your neighbor.

Wherever you may be in the journey of faith, Leesburg Presbyterian Church welcomes you. We are a community where persons from different faith backgrounds and understandings find unity in the wide embrace of Christ's love and call to service. If you are passing through, we extend God's blessing to you as you continue on your way. If you are seeking a home, we invite you to join us in the adventure of serving Jesus Christ in a challenging world.

PRAYER

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF BROKENNESS/CONFESSION

Almighty God, we come to You carrying heavy burdens. We see death and destruction in the world, and hopelessness weighs on us. We hear of violence on our streets and helplessness holds us back. We feel sorrow and regret in our own lives, and despair closes us in. Break open the doors of life. Tear down the walls of death. Help us to trust in the hope - and to know the joy - of the empty tomb. In the name of the Risen Christ, we pray. *(time for silent confession)*

BLESSING OF FORGIVENESS

**Christ is alive! Let Christians sing.
The cross stands empty to the sky.
Let streets and homes with praises ring.
Love, drowned in earth, shall never die.**

**Women and men, in age and youth,
can feel the Spirit, hear the call,
and find the way, the life, the truth,
revealed in Jesus, freed for all.**

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN *There is no Godly Play/children’s worship today. The acolytes will help parents escort their young children (kindergartens and below) to childcare. First graders and above should remain with their parents.*

THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Psalm 118: 1-2; 14-24 Pew Bible, p. 439

ANTHEM *O Sons and Daughters* arr. Mark Schweizer

THE GOSPEL LESSON Matthew 27:55 - 28:10 Pew Bible, pp. 25-26

SERMON Rev. Deborah Dodson Parsons

***HYMN #236** “The Strife is O’er”

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH — THE APOSTLES’ CREED**

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND 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.

THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Heut' triumphieret Gottes Sohn

J. S. Bach

Today in triumph God's Son from the grave hath victory won.

Alleluia!

***RESPONSE** The Doxology (*congregation singing*)

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

praise him, all creatures here below;

praise him above, ye heavenly host;

praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

***OFFERTORY PRAYER**

Holy One, bless these offerings in this one great hour of sharing in your church. Transform them into healing for the wounded, hope for the disheartened, courage for the frightened, and faith for the embittered.

In the name of Jesus Christ, your faithful witness and our Risen Lord! Amen!

***HYMN # 240**

“Alleluia, Alleluia, Give Thanks”

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

From where we are, to where you need us,

All: Jesus, now lead on.

From the security of what we know,

to the adventure of what you will reveal,

All: Jesus, now lead on.

To refashion the fabric of this world until it resembles the shape of your kingdom,

All: Jesus, now lead on.

Because good things have been prepared for those who love God,

All: Jesus, now lead on.

POSTLUDE

Toccata brevis

Dan Gawthrop

TODAY'S SERVICE MUSIC

Prelude (8:00) – Gelobt sei Gott

English born composer and organist Healey Willan (1880-1968) emigrated to Toronto in 1913 to become organist at its largest Anglican church and professor at the Royal Conservatory of Music, where he was head of the theory department. Earning the moniker “Dean of Canadian Composers,” Willan was the chief contributor to that nation’s body of twentieth-century sacred music. Our prelude is a jubilant setting of the Easter hymn, “Good Christians All, Rejoice and Sing” (#239 in our pew hymnals), whose melody had been sung since 1609.

Call to Worship (9:30 and 11:00) – Worthy Is the Lamb

Messiah was undeniably G. F. Handel’s greatest hit, allowing him to die a very rich man. Popular since its premiere in Dublin on April 13, 1742, it remains the world’s most famous oratorio. “Worthy Is the Lamb” (Revelation 5:12-14) is the final chorus of the entire work, usually sung by exhausted singers some three hours after the initial downbeat. Today we begin our service with a reading of this masterpiece by our choir – fresh and full of vitality. This arrangement segues directly into our opening hymn.

Anthem – O Sons and Daughters

Based on the medieval Latin hymn text “O filii et filiae” (1474) paired with a French secular song tune, this Easter hymn was sung only by Catholics until John Mason Neale crafted an English translation in 1852. This anthem arrangement by North Carolina resident Mark Schweizer (b. 1956) incorporates a driving drum accompaniment under spare vocal harmonies, all to suggest what French ears might have heard in the fifteenth century. #235 in our pew hymnals.

Offertory – Heut’ triumphieret Gottes Sohn

The great master composer and organist J. S. Bach (1685-1750) brought German Baroque sacred music to its peak. This organ piece was meant to introduce the Easter hymn, “Today God’s Son Triumphs,” an obscure text and tune seldom sung today. This jubilant setting conveys the majesty and grandeur of the text.

Postlude – Toccata Brevis

American composer and organist Daniel Gawthrop (b. 1949) has written both sacred and secular works that have sold millions of copies, an astonishing achievement for a contemporary composer. Before moving to Tennessee, he resided in northern Virginia (Arlington and Winchester) to serve as classical radio anchor and composer in residence for the Fairfax Symphony Orchestra. This festive organ composition is in the style of a classic French toccata, with the melody in the pedal.

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

8:00 a.m.

Liturgists: James Cubie
Ushers: Babe & Kevin McGuire

9:30 a.m.

James Cubie
Kathy & Brad Brown

11:00 a.m.

James Cubie
Joan & Bud Elliott

Children in Worship

Because the safety of our young children matters deeply to all of us, we encourage families with little ones to choose a seat other than the front row of the balcony.

NURSERY CARE is provided from 8:15am to 12:15pm for infants through 3 year olds. Miss Pat and Miss Juli are our professional caregivers. Children can be dropped off in the Nursery, located at the east end of the first floor of the Education Wing. We ask that only parents drop off their children.

GODLY PLAY is offered from 11:20am to 12:00pm, for children age 4 to 3rd grade. Children are dismissed to Godly Play immediately after the *Time with the Children*. Godly Play provides age appropriate worship for children, which helps them deepen their understanding of God through storytelling, hands-on activities, and prayer. Our acolytes will escort children to Godly Play.

At the 8:30am and 11:00 am services, we ask children who are in 4th grade and above to remain in the sanctuary to participate in worship.

Children in Church School

Church School is offered between our two services of worship from 9:45am to 10:45am for children age 3 to 5th grade. Church School takes place in the Education Wing, and is led by members and parents, who serve our children and their families in this vital ministry. We have three classes: Preschool meets downstairs in Rm. 4, Kindergarten-2nd grade meet upstairs in Rm. 3, and 3rd-5th grade meet upstairs in Rm. 2.

To Our Visitors Whether you have visited with us before or are visiting today for the first time, we hope you experience the open-hearted hospitality of the Living Christ in our community of faith as we gather in his name for Sabbath worship. Because it is our desire to get to know you better and to be able to communicate with you about our life and ministry, we appreciate you filling out the attendance register. One becomes a member of a Presbyterian church in one of three ways: 1) Profession of Faith, 2) Re-affirmation of Faith, 3) by Letter of Transfer from a previous church.

Prayer Chain Prayer requests are confidentially and conscientiously lifted to God by members of the Prayer Chain every day. Please email prayer@lpcva.org if you have a special need or concern you wish to share through a praying church.

Youth Group Our Youth Group is for 7th-12th graders. Each Sunday night at 5:30 pm we have games, food, a short study or devotion, and end with a time of prayer. If you are new to Youth Group and would like a calendar of Youth Group events, please contact Pastor James: revjames@lpcva.org. Wes Rhodes, Courtney Jackson, Josh and Abbi Thiel and Pastor James are the adult leadership, and our meals are provided by Youth Group parents.

Sunday, April 16, 2017

OPPORTUNITIES FOR THIS WEEK

Sunday - Worship at 8:00, 9:30 & 11:00 am

There will be no Godly Play offered today so that our Godly Play leaders can enjoy Easter worship with their families. Children age 4 and below are welcome in the Nursery (in the basement of the Education wing), where our two, paid Child Care Workers - Miss Pat & Miss Julie- are on hand.

Easter Breakfast 9:00 am —11:15 am. Hop on in!

No Youth Group Today

Monday, April 17 - Office Closed

Tuesday, April 18 - Session 7:00 pm

Friday, April 21 - Book Club 9:30 am

**ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING
TODAY**

Join us in a new kind of fast —
to share our bread, to fight injustice, and to care for the afflicted.

By giving, you are supporting ministries
working in direct response to the ways God has called us to share.

LPC EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE

Leesburg Presbyterian Church provides educational assistance to college students who are active in LPC. Assistance levels up to \$600 are available and are approved based on the merits of their applications, which include a statement of faith. Applications are available in the church office, or on the church website at www.leesburgpresbyterian.org.

Applications must be returned via email to endowment@lpcva.org no later than June 30, 2017 in order to be considered for the 2017-2018 school year.

Members of the Endowment Committee may be contacted if you have any questions:

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CONGREGATIONAL MEETING—SUNDAY, APRIL 30

IMMEDIATELY BEFORE THE 11:00 AM SERVICE

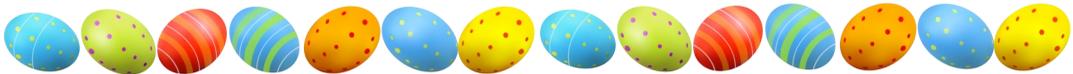
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**Hop Upstairs to Fellowship Hall
for our Easter Breakfast
9:00 am -11:15 am**

Enjoy fruit, breakfast breads,
sweet rolls, deviled eggs, chicken
salad, oatmeal, ham biscuits and more!

Hosted by the Deacons of
Leesburg Presbyterian Church



ELDERS

2017

Wayne Helge
Kim Hovda
Sheryl Tompkins
Randy Jackson

2018

Jim Barnes
Nancy Burgess
Lynn Colavita
Mark Withrow

2019

John Burnside
Chris Kopp
Linda Mitchell
Holly Rhodes

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Christian Hoff
William Marsh
Susan Sutter
Sandy Gasperini

Karen Hickman
Shirley Pearson
Kathi Stone
Sonja Withrow

Rene Febles
John Niccolls
Heidi Renner
Rebecca Caprio

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