

LEESBURG PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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April 23, 2017

*Standing on the past . . .
Reaching for the future*

Presbyterian Church (U.S.A)

**Please stand if able*

THE GREETING OF GOD'S PEOPLE AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

RINGING OF THE CHURCH BELL

PRELUDE

Jesus, meine Zuversicht

J. G. Walther

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Blessed be the God of our Savior, Jesus Christ!

God has given us a new birth in the living hope of the resurrection.

God has given us an inheritance that is imperishable and unfading.

In this we rejoice, even when we suffer trials.

For although we have not seen Jesus, we love him;

And although we have not seen him, we believe in him.

Let this place resound with joy. Let us worship God!

*HYMN # 248

“Christ is Risen, Shout Hosanna”

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In your mercy, forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. *(silence is kept for personal confession)*

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

*RESPONSE # 245

“Christ the Lord is Risen Today!” (v.4)

Hail the Lord of earth and heaven! Alleluia!

Praise to you by both be given, Alleluia!

Every knee to you shall bow, Alleluia!

Risen Christ, triumphant now. Alleluia!

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

Children will remain seated with their parents to participate in the Sacrament of Baptism, and will be dismissed to childcare or Godly Play after the baptism.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM (11:00 am) Snowden and Jeffrey Faulconer present their son, Brooks Douglas, to receive the sacrament of baptism. (See next page for the liturgy)

THE SCRIPTURE LESSON

Psalm 23

Pew Bible, p. 390

SOLO

Adonai Ro'i (Psalm 23)

Gerald Cohen
Mozelle Stanton, soprano

SERMON

Rev. Deborah Dodson Parsons

***HYMN # 488**

"I Was There to Hear Your Borne Cry"

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND 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.

CALL FOR OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Christ ist erstanden

J. S. Bach

***DOXOLOGY**

***PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

Generous God, in you our hearts are glad, our souls rejoice, and our bodies rest. Bless and multiply our offerings and pledges that they may bring joy of your presence more deeply into the world. Amen.

***HYMN # 803**

"My Shepherd Will Supply My Need"

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

Christ lag in Todesbanden

J. S. Bach

A rosebud has been placed in the sanctuary in celebration of the birth of William Beckwith Johnson, son of Kate and Brian Johnson

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM

INTRODUCTION

PRESENTATION

COME, BE BAPTIZED (congregation sings refrain)

Come, be baptized in the name of the Father.

Come, be baptized in the name of the Son.

Come, be baptized in the name of the Spirit.

Come, be baptized in love.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH OF THE WHOLE CONGREGATION

Do you believe in God, the Father Almighty

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,

Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary,

Suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried;

He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again;

He ascended into heaven, He is seated at the right hand of the Father,

And he will come to judge the living and the dead.

Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,

The communion of saints, The forgiveness of sins,

The resurrection of the body, And the life everlasting. Amen.

THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER

THE BAPTISM

WELCOME—"JESUS LOVES ME"

THE COMMUNITY'S PRAYER FOR THE NEWLY BAPTIZED AND PARENTS

God of wonder and grace we thank you for your love revealed this day as we have come together making covenant promises. We pray for parents Snowden and Jeffrey. Give them wisdom and patience to guide their child in the way of Jesus Christ and the faith of the church. Let their family life be instructed by faith, sustained by prayer and governed by love.

We pray for your child, Brooks. Keep him always in your love. Guide him as he grows in faith. Protect him in all the dangers and temptations of life. Bring him to confess Jesus Christ as his Lord and Savior and be his faithful disciple to his life's end; In the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

BLESSING

TODAY'S SERVICE MUSIC

Prelude: Jesus, meine Zuversicht

Those of us of the Lutheran persuasion (such as your organist) are sticklers for strict observance of the Liturgical calendar. For most Protestants Easter is over when the last chocolate bunny and marshmallow chicks have been eaten, but the church's Easter season continues until Pentecost, on June 4 this year. Today all three organ voluntaries are based on Lutheran Easter hymns. Our prelude was penned by Bach's cousin, friend and contemporary, the German organist and composer Johann Gottfried Walther (1684-1748). Literal translation: *Jesus – my hope and savior – lives on!* Both text (Luise Henriette, Electress of Brandenburg) and tune (Johann Crüger) were written in 1653.

Anthem: Adonai Ro'i (The Lord Is My Shepherd)

Gerald Cohen (b. 1960) grew up in New York City. He holds degrees from Yale and Columbia Universities and is a faculty member of the Cantors Institute of the Jewish Theological Seminary. As well, he has held a residency at the Virginia Center for the Creative Arts (Amherst). This musical setting of Psalm 23 was written in 1995 for the funeral service of a congregant. Soprano Mozelle Stanton is a dance instructor in Vienna, VA, and has sung with the choir of the Northern Virginia Hebrew Congregation (Reston) for many decades. She will sing Psalm 23 in the original Hebrew (the language of the Psalms of David), which most of our congregants have never before heard.

Transliteration of Hebrew text:

Adonai ro'i lo echsar, binot deshe yarbitzeini, al mei m'nuchot y'nahaleini.

Nafshi y'shoveiv, yancheini b'mag'lei tzedek l'maan sh'mo.

Gam ki eilech b'gei mavet, lo ira ki atah imadi,

Shivt'cha umishantecha heimah y'nacha muni.

Taaroch l'fanai shulchan neged tzor'rai, dishanta vashemen, kosi r'vayah.

Ach tov vacheshed yird'funi kol y'mei chayai, v'shavi b'veit Adonai l'orech yamim.

Offertory: Christ ist erstanden

This ancient Easter hymn -- *Christ Is Risen!* -- dates back to a twelfth century chant melody (Dorian mode) and Latin text that were published in German (1533) during the Reformation. Although each of the three phrases ends in a simple Alleluia!, even present-day Lutherans struggle to sing this one. It was written centuries before the practice of congregational hymn singing, so best left to the monks. J. S. Bach (1685-1750) wrote these three harmonizations to introduce each phrase for congregational song. Each concluding *Alleluia!* consists of four repeated notes, one for each syllable of the word "Al-le-lu-ia."

Postlude: Christ lag in Todesbanden

This Easter hymn (1524) is actually in our pew hymnals at #237. Martin Luther wrote the text and tune, which J. S. Bach arranged in four-part harmony in 1707. Our postlude is a chorale prelude meant to be played by the organist as an introduction before congregational singing. Bach was the absolute master of this musical form. The tune is in the soprano voice, but the three lower parts are written in an uninterrupted string of majestic sixteenth notes. Literal translation: *Christ lay in the bands of death, given for our sins; but He is risen again and brings us new life!*

WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS

ASSISTING:

8:30 am

11:00 am

Liturgists:

Steve Potter

Mark Withrow

Ushers:

Trish & Jeff Fraker

Rene Febles & David Parsons

Flowers:

Given by Esther Herbert in celebration of her grandson's baptism

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 Sunday 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 23, 2017
OPPORTUNITIES FOR THIS WEEK

Worship 8:30 & 11:00 am
Sunday School 9:45 am
Middle School/Senior High Dinners 5:30 pm

Next Sunday, April 30
Congregational Meeting
Immediately Before the 11am Service

The Loudoun Chorale will present a concert "Can The Circle Be Unbroken?" on Saturday, April 29th at 7:30 pm at St. Andrew Presbyterian Church in Purcellville, and on Sunday, April 30th at 4:00 pm at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church in Leesburg. A reception follows the concert in Leesburg.

Missing serving plates, trays or storage containers? Please check upstairs on the stage in Fellowship Hall and claim what is yours. After May 21, all unclaimed items will be donated to a local thrift shop.



"Love Your Neighbor Feed Your Neighbor" food collection will be held on **May 7th**. Be a part of this Loudoun County-wide multi-faith food drive! Look for the flyer in the April 30 bulletin. LPC's collection will be distributed to our regular "Loaves and Fishes" recipient: Loudoun Hunger Relief (formally Loudoun Interfaith Relief).

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: **Pam Poisson** ppoisson@awea.org, **Hong McGill** ha.mcgill@gmail.com, **Brad Brown** bradleybrown2@gmail.com,

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Put away whatever you are doing and come to



Ladies Night Out!

May 25 - 6:00 -8:30 pm
Susan Sutter's House
17360 Count Turf Place

Join other women for an evening of fellowship and fun.

\$5 donation is encouraged to help cover the cost of food and drinks.

Please **RSVP** so we can order the correct amount. RSVP at **office@lpcva.org**

We hope to see you there!!!!