

# **THE ORDER OF WORSHIP SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

May 21, 2017

10:30 a.m.

## GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

Prelude

The Life and Work of the Church

Welcome, friends and members

Please sign back page of bulletin

Nursery care available in Education Building

Restrooms found in Education Building

Prayer requests for offering plate

Fellowship Hour following worship

Announcements – please use microphone

\*A Time of Greeting

Steeple Bell

Choral Introit

## **Call to Worship:**

God of mystery, power and grace,  
come among us that we may know your presence here.

**Come that we may be strengthened  
in our desire to worship and praise you.**

Reveal yourself to us, God of justice and peace,  
that we may be challenged in our service.

**Come near, that we may perceive you in new ways,  
that our faith may be deepened.**

## **\*Hymn: #32 “I Sing the Mighty Power of God”**

\*Prayer of Adoration

\*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.**

Call to Confession

## **Prayer of Confession**

**O God, you reveal yourself to us in countless ways, seeking over and over to have us know you more fully. And yet we are distracted and miss your movement in our lives. You seek to draw us into a future which is a new creation of justice and peace, and we resist, made anxious by the demands it places upon our own lives. Give us fresh vision to perceive your realm among us and the courage to work boldly for its completion.**

*(silent prayers)*

Assurance of Pardon

### **\*Sung Response: #582**

**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.**

**World without end, without end. Amen.**

**World without end, without end. Amen.**

**World without end, without end. Amen.**

**As it was in the beginning,**

**is now and ever shall be. Amen.**

## PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

### Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament Lesson: Isaiah 43:16-21

Page: OT 672

Anthem:

“If Ye Love Me”

Philip Wilby

The Choir

*If ye love me, keep my commandments, and I will pray the Father, and He shall give you another Comforter, That He may abide with you forever; E'en the Spirit, of Truth. And ye know Him, for He dwelleth with you, and shall be in you. I will not leave you comfortless. I will come to you.*

### A Scripture Conversation

Gospel Lesson: Luke 24:13-35

Page: NT 90

Sermon: “*Look. Listen. Do You Not Perceive It?*”

**\*Hymn: #450 “Be Thou My Vision”**

**\*Affirmation of Faith: Confession of Belhar**

**We believe that Christ's work of reconciliation is made manifest in the church as the community of believers who have been reconciled with God and with one another.**

**We believe that unity is, therefore,  
both a gift and an obligation  
for the church of Jesus Christ.**

**We believe that, through the working of God's Spirit,  
it is a binding force, yet also a reality  
which must be earnestly pursued and sought:  
one which the people of God  
must continually be built up to attain.**

## GIVE THANKS TO GOD

Offerings of Tithes and Gifts

Offertory

Reception of Offerings by Ushers

\*Presentation

**\*Doxology: #606**

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
praise God, all creatures here below;  
praise God above, ye heavenly host;  
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

\*Prayer of Thanks

Pastoral Prayers

## GO IN GOD'S NAME

**\*Hymn:** “God, Bless Your Church with Strength” (tune #268)

**God, bless Your church with strength!**

**Wherever we may be,**

**Upbuild Your servants as we work**

**In common ministry.**

**Urge us from fledgling faith**

**To venture and to soar**

**Through open skies, to sing the praise**

**Of Christ whom we adore.**

**God, bless Your church with life!**

**May all our branches thrive,**

**Unblemished, wholesome, bearing fruit,**

**Abundantly alive.**

**From You, one holy vine,**

**In freedom may we grow;**

**Sustain us in our mission, Lord,**

**Your love and peace to show.**

**God, bless Your church with hope!**

**Despite chaotic days,**

**May we in chaos shine to light**

**A pathway through life's maze.**

**May justice be our aim,**

**And kindness ours to share,**

**In humbleness O may we walk,**

**Assured our God is there!**

\*Charge and Benediction

Choral Benediction

Steeple Bell

Postlude

*You may recycle your bulletins in the basket at the back of the Meeting House.*

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## **Our Preacher This Morning**

We welcome to the leadership of worship this morning the Rev. Nona Holy, campus minister at Lumos/University of Delaware campus ministry. Rev. Holy comes to us by way of a childhood in Texas, education at Trinity University and McCormick Seminary, and early years in ministry in Cleveland OH. She gives leadership to several projects in New Castle Presbytery related to emerging ministries and developing young adult leaders in the church. The rest of her waking hours are dedicated to being Chris and Jonathan's mama, Andy's spouse, a friend, a reader and a chocolate eater.



## Opportunities for Infants and Children

A Nursery Care Program for infants through age 3 is available in Room 207 after the Scripture Conversation. If your child needs to leave before that, please see an usher. Children 4 through 10 may also exit after the Scripture Conversation for **Someplace Else** (a lesson and activities in the CE Building, Rooms 201 and 203).

*Please see an usher for a child safety registration form.* Children of any age are always welcome in worship.

### Worship Assistance

Please see an usher to receive hearing assistance, a large print bulletin or bible, or a personal seat cushion.

### Prayer List:

To place a name on the confidential Prayer Chain, contact Susan Flook, 302-328-7346 [suzieflook@hotmail.com](mailto:suzieflook@hotmail.com)

### *Continuing Care Homes:*

#### *Vic Clark*

The Lorelton  
2200 W 4th St, Apt 328  
Wilmington, DE 19805  
(302) 419-7037 (cell)

#### *Dot Campbell*

The Summit  
5850 Limestone Rd.  
Hockessin, DE 19707  
(302) 635-2059

#### *Jean Swanson*

Sunrise - Apt. 238  
1555 W Horizon Ridge Pkwy  
Henderson, NV 89012  
(302) 824-8030 (cell)

#### *William Wilson*

Brandywine Nursing Ctr.  
505 Greenbank Road, Rm C6B  
Wilmington, DE 19808

#### *Barbara Beaumont*

The Watermark at Logan Sq  
2 Franklin Town Blvd.  
Room 526  
Philadelphia, PA 19103  
(215) 575-9697

### *At Home:*

#### *Esther Lindell*

1 Shaw Alley  
New Castle, DE 19720

#### *Mary Pratt*

113 E. Main St., Unit 311  
Newark, DE 19711  
(302) 328-7273

#### *Barbara Quillen*

Cokesbury HealthCare  
726 Loveville Road  
Hockessin, DE 19707

#### *Don Reese*

112 W. 7<sup>th</sup> Street  
New Castle, DE 19720  
(302) 322-2773

The Flowers are given to the glory of God.

*James & Mary Lou Cottrell*

**In Memory of Mary Lou's brother Bob**

**In Honor of James' brother Fred**



Special Gifts Memorial Case:

*Matilda Lambson Van Trump*

*1874-1963*

*Emily V Fleming*

*1895-1988*

This morning, our Ushers are:

Lindy & Sandy Ballance

Flowers: Brenda Walters

Someplace Else: Bruce Raker & Diana Reilly

Nursery: Lyn Briggs & Susan Townsend

Fellowship Hour: Susan Townsend & Linda Twyford

Worship Leader: Conchita Showell

## **Congregational Meeting – June 4**

The annual meeting of the congregation of New Castle Presbyterian Church will be held on Sunday, June 4 following morning worship. The Nominating Committee will present their report and officers will be elected. Other business may also be considered at this meeting. All active members are encouraged to be present.

## **Church Picnic - June 11**

Our annual Church Picnic will take place on June 11 immediately following the 10:30am worship service. Please join us to enjoy the food and fellowship! Church officers will provide hamburgers, hot dogs, and buns. Everyone else, please contribute a picnic salad, dessert, or side dish to share. There will be activities for children. Elders and Deacons will be calling for a count of who will attend, or you may sign up on the list in the C. E. building. Hope to see you there!

### **May Birthdays and Anniversaries**

Monty Gerhart, 5/1  
Mark Rappold, 5/1  
Kaitlyn Raker, 5/2  
Ringo Keka, 5/2  
Christopher Raker, 5/5  
Chad Atherton, 5/7  
Mickey Singleton, 5/8  
Rob Barry, 5/9  
Brad Werkheiser, 5/11  
Karen Spring, 5/12  
Bruce Raker, 5/14  
Kay Gordon, 5/15  
Lindy Ballance, 5/17



Karen Dobson, 5/18  
Steve Martin, 5/20  
Corky Viola, 5/23  
Megan Graham, 5/23  
Harper Zarker, 5/23  
Ellie Gerhart, 5/24  
Barbara Whisman, 5/25  
Bruce Gordon, 5/26  
Joan Appleby, 5/27  
Earl Reed, 5/29  
Liam Collins, 5/30  
Dylan Reilly, 5/31

Megan Graham & Will Turnbull, 5/26  
Dean & Lynn MacEwen, 5/29



## *This Week's Schedule*

<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>5/21</b>	<b>10:30am</b>	<b>Worship &amp; Someplace Else</b> The Rev. Nona Holy preaching
		<b>11:30am</b>	<b>Fellowship Hour</b>
		<b>12:00pm</b>	<b>Colonial Chimers</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>5/24</b>	<b>7:30pm</b>	<b>Choir</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>5/25</b>	<b>7:30pm</b>	<b>Celebration Ringers</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>5/26</b>		<b>OFFICE CLOSED</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>5/27</b>	<b>8:00am</b>	<b>Tai Chi</b>
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>5/28</b>	<b>10:30am</b>	<b>Worship &amp; Someplace Else</b> The Rev. Edwin Estevez preaching
		<b>11:30am</b>	<b>Fellowship Hour</b>
		<b>12:00pm</b>	<b>Colonial Chimers</b>

*The Rev. Tom Euston is on call for pastoral emergencies. Tom served this church as a seminary student intern during 2011-12 and knows many of us well. He is now the pastor of Rock Presbyterian Church in Fair Hill, MD. Please call the church office with any need (328-3279), or call Tom directly (521-6277).*

*Kris will be on vacation, Friday, May 26.*