

Order of Worship for the Lord's Day

The Fourth Sunday of Easter

Eleven o'clock

April 21, 2024

THE CHURCH GATHERS

Prayer for Meditation from *A New Zealand Book of Prayer*
Eternal Spirit, Earth-Maker, Pain-bearer, Life-giver, source of all that is and that shall be, Father and Mother of us all, Loving God, in whom is heaven: The hallowing of your name shall echo through the universe! The way of your justice be followed by the peoples of the earth! Your heavenly will be done by all created beings! Your commonwealth of peace and freedom sustain our hope and come on earth. For you reign in the glory of the power that is love, now and forever. Amen.

Prelude Awake, Awake to Love and Work Joseph M. Martin
(tune: MORNING SONG)
Awake, awake to love and work! The lark is in the sky;
the fields are wet with diamond dew;
the worlds awake to cry their blessings on the Lord of life, as He goes meekly by.

Welcome and Announcements Kate Fiedler
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.
And also with you.

Introit *Alleluia. Christus surrexit.* Felicio Anerio
Alleluia. Christ is risen.

*Call to Worship Paul Nalla
Scripture tells us that "creation waits with eager longing for the children of God to be revealed."

Creation is waiting for us.

To open our eyes to the devastation in our world.

Creation is waiting for us.

To put the needs of the most vulnerable above the greed of the powerful.

Creation is waiting for us.

To move from doing what is easy to doing what is necessary and right.

Creation is waiting for us.

To prioritize the needs of community over the convenience of self.

Creation is waiting for us.

To remove the pollution from our seas, land, air, bodies, and hearts.

Creation is waiting for us.

In all these things and more, creation waits for us to assume our roles as its servants and protectors.

With God's help, we will answer creation's call.

Let us worship God, Creator of all.

*Hymn 484 Out of Deep, Unordered Water RUSTINGTON
1 Out of deep, unordered water God created light and land,
world of bird and beast and, later, in God's image, woman, man.
There is water in the river bringing life to tree and plant.
Let creation praise its giver: there is water in the font.
2 Water on the human forehead, birthmark of the love of God,
is the sign of death and rising; through the seas there runs a road.
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3 Standing round the font reminds us of the Hebrews' climb ashore.
Life is hallowed by the knowledge God has been this way before.

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THE CHURCH CELEBRATES BAPTISM

Sacrament of Baptism Blair Elizabeth Donahue
Statement on Baptism Kate Fiedler
Questions to the Parents and Congregation
Prayer
Baptism
Charge

*Affirmation of Faith from *A Brief Statement of Faith*
In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one true God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve. With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.

*Grateful Response Jesus Loves Me! Hymn 188
**Jesus loves me! This I know, for the Bible tells me so.
Little ones to him belong. They are weak, but he is strong.
Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!
The Bible tells me so.**

**Jesus loves me! This I know, as he loved so long ago,
taking children on his knee, saying, "Let them come to me."
Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!
The Bible tells me so.**

*Passing of the Peace
The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.
And also with you.

Children may join Ms. Hannab and Rev. Paul at the door near the font.

THE CHURCH LISTENS FOR GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Lesson Psalm 23 Pew Bible, p. 435
This is the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Anthem 23rd Psalm Bobby McFerrin
The Lord is my Shepherd, I have all I need,
She makes me lie down in green meadows
Beside the still waters she will lead.
She restores my soul, She rights my wrongs,
She leads me in a path of good things,
And fills my heart with songs.
Even though I walk through the dark and dreary land,
There is nothing that can shake me,
She has said She won't forsake me, I'm in Her hand.
She sets a table before me, in the presence of my foes,

She anoints my head with oil and my cup overflows.
Surely goodness and kindness will follow me all the days of my life,
And I will live in her house for ever and ever.
Glory be to our Mother and Daughter and to the holy of holies,
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,
World without end. Amen.
--Psalm 23, adapted by the composer

Scripture Lesson Revelation 14:14-20 Pew Bible, p. 1003
Then I looked, and there was a white cloud, and seated on the cloud was one like the Son of Man, with a golden crown on his head, and a sharp sickle in his hand! Another angel came out of the temple, calling with a loud voice to the one who sat on the cloud, "Use your sickle and reap, for the hour to reap has come, because the harvest of the earth is fully ripe." So the one who sat on the cloud swung his sickle over the earth, and the earth was reaped. Then another angel came out of the temple in heaven, and he too had a sharp sickle. Then another angel came out from the altar, the angel who has authority over fire, and he called with a loud voice to him who had the sharp sickle, "Use your sharp sickle and gather the clusters of the vine of the earth, for its grapes are ripe." So the angel swung his sickle over the earth and gathered the vintage of the earth, and he threw it into the great wine press of the wrath of God. And the wine press was trodden outside the city, and blood flowed from the wine press, as high as a horse's bridle, for a distance of about two hundred miles.

Sermon *The New Grapes of Wrath* Cindy Corell

Prayer of Commitment

THE CHURCH RESPONDS IN FAITH

*Hymn 714 God of the Fertile Fields ITALIAN HYMN
1 God of the fertile fields, shaper of earth that yields
our daily bread: forth from your bounteous hand
come gifts your love has planned, that all in every land be clothed and fed.
2 We would be stewards true, holding in trust from you
all that you give; help us in love to share,
teach us like you to care for people everywhere, that all may live.
3 As grows the hidden seed to fruit that serves our need,
so your reign grows. Let all our toil be used,
no gift of yours abused, no humble task refused your love bestows.
4 God of the countryside, dear to the Christ who died
to make us one: we pledge our lives anew
in faithful love to you. Guide all we say and do. Your will be done.

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer (*debts/debtors*) Roger Gench
The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Offering of Our Lives
As expressions of faith and commitment, the congregation is invited to bring their pledges and offerings to the baskets found at the front of the sanctuary.

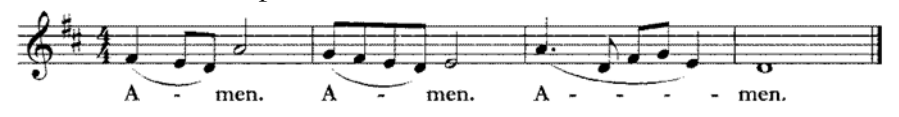
Offertory Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation WESTMINSTER ABBEY
(The text may be found at Hymn 394.)

*Doxology tune: LASST UNS ERFREUEN
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.
Praise God, all creatures high and low. Alleluia, alleluia!
Praise God, in Jesus fully known: Creator, Word, and Spirit one.
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn 36 AR HYD Y NOS
 For the Fruit of All Creation
 1 For the fruit of all creation, thanks be to God.
 For the gifts to every nation, thanks be to God.
 For the plowing, sowing, reaping, silent growth while we are sleeping,
 future needs in earth's safekeeping, thanks be to God.
 2 In the just reward of labor, God's will be done.
 In the help we give our neighbor, God's will be done.
 In our worldwide task of caring for the hungry and despairing,
 in the harvests we are sharing, God's will be done.
 3 For the harvests of the Spirit, thanks be to God.
 For the good we all inherit, thanks be to God.
 For the wonders that astound us, for the truths that still confound us,
 most of all that love has found us, thanks be to God.

*Benediction and Response



Postlude Benedetto Marcello
 The Heavens Declare the Glory of God
 (from *Psalms 19*)

*The flowers are given by Wayne Ford to the glory of God
 and in loving memory of A. Cabell Ford, Sr., and Elizabeth Emrick Ford*

In Our Prayers

Bell Tolling for Richmond City Gun Violence Victims: Our bells continue to toll each Monday in remembrance for the gun violence victims in the city of Richmond. As of April 14, there have been 11 victims. Please keep the family and friends in your prayers.

Pray for Churches and Religious Institutions of Metropolitan Richmond: For seminaries, bible colleges, and schools training persons for vocations in ministry; for the students, faculty, and staff of these institutions.

In thanksgiving for the baptism of Blair Elizabeth Donahue, daughter of Meredith and Charlie Donahue, and granddaughter of Mary Sue and Tom Donahue.

Announcements & Opportunities

Your children are always welcome! Children ages infant to three years old, are welcome in the nursery from 9:15 a.m. until 12:15 p.m. Children four years old through second grade, may be in the nursery from 10:45 a.m. until 12:15 p.m. during worship. Children in the third grade and older are encouraged to sit with their families during worship.

Liturgy Notes: The Call to Worship is provided by Creation Justice Ministries, in their 2024 Earth Day resource packet.

We welcome back mission co-worker, Cindy Corell, as she prepares to depart for the Dominican Republic. We give thanks for the love and energy Cindy has dedicated to communities and friends and Haiti, and we will pray for her time in the D.R. as she seeks to serve our neighbors there.

Fellowship Time in the Dining Room following worship today. Guests are encouraged to join members for a time of conversation and fellowship.

Fair Trade Coffee and Tea Sales today in the Dining Room following worship. Each bag sold supports farmers working through co-ops around the world. \$9.00 per bag for coffee; \$5.00 per box for tea. Buy it for yourself, as gifts, or for the shower ministry.

Today: There will be a concert by the Chamber Music Society of Central Virginia at 4:00 p.m., in the Chapel. On-street parking is available as well as in the parking deck for a nominal fee.

April Church School for All Ages

- Adults at 9:30 a.m.**
- ◆ The Forum Class: *Fracture: Mental and Behavioral Health in the Wake of the Pandemic* (a series of resurrection stories for Eastertide)
 April 28: Awareness: Removing Stigma through Education and Conversation
 - ◆ Faith & Literature Class (Pastor's Classroom and Zoom) *Pigeon Feathers and Other Stories* by John Updike

Children at 9:30 a.m.: Music Time with Ms. Laura followed by Church School

Youth at 9:30 a.m.: Waffles, Connections, and Bible Study (Youth Suite)



If you are visiting, or seeking a church home, we invite you to explore all that happens in life and ministry in this church. Speak to one of the pastors for more information and be sure to sign the Friendship Register, which is found in the pew. We also invite you to leave us your address, phone number, and/or email that we might contact you.



How to give: In addition to checks, you may use the church's website (www.2presrichmond.org) at the GIVE tab; the church's app: 2ndpresrva; or by scanning the QR code to the left.

Calendar for the Week

<p>Today, April 21 9:30 am Church School for all ages 10:00 am Choir rehearsal 11:00 am Worship 12:15 pm Fellowship Time 4:00 pm CMSCVA concert</p> <p>Monday, April 22 10:30 am Walk-In Ministry 12:00 pm AA 1:00 pm Lectio Divina (Zoom)</p> <p>Tuesday, April 23 9:00 am Shower Ministry</p>	<p>Wednesday, April 24 6:00 pm Handbell rehearsal 7:15 pm Choir rehearsal</p> <p>Thursday, April 25 12:00 pm Women's Bible Study</p> <p>Sunday, April 28 9:30 am Church School for all ages 10:00 am Choir rehearsal 11:00 am Worship 1:00 pm Payne memorial service followed by reception</p>
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We welcome all whom God calls into life, worship, work, and leadership of this church without regard to gender, cultural heritage, skin color, socio-economic status, gender identity, sexual orientation, or other life circumstances.

CHURCH STAFF	
<i>Ministers: All the members of the congregation</i>	
<p><i>Interim Pastor:</i> Fred Holbrook <i>Associate Pastor:</i> Kate Fiedler <i>Christian Faith, Life & Arts:</i> Hannah Garrity <i>Children's Minister & Director of Urban Engagement:</i> Paul Nalla <i>Director of Music:</i> Jeffrey Riehl <i>Organist:</i> Kathy Toole <i>Handbell Director:</i> Chuck Todd <i>Building Administrator:</i> Gene Roland <i>Office Manager:</i> Dorothy DeJong <i>Administrative Assistant:</i> Willa Jacob <i>Production Director:</i> Bo Jacob</p>	<p><i>Pastoral Care Minister:</i> Mary Jane Winter <i>Theologian-in-Residence:</i> Roger Gench <i>Commissioned Pastor for Mission & Advocacy:</i> Marvin Daniel <i>Pastor Emeritus:</i> Ben Sparks <i>Seminary Intern:</i> Annabelle Beavers <i>Walk-In Coordinator:</i> Elva Mapp <i>Sexton:</i> Kerry Randolph <i>Security:</i> Cliff Anderson <i>Mission Co-Workers:</i> Karla Koll, San Jose, Costa Rica; Cindy Corell, Haiti; Betsey & Eric Moe, CEDEPCA, Guatemala</p>
<i>Our missionaries are partially supported by the regular benevolent giving of our church.</i>	