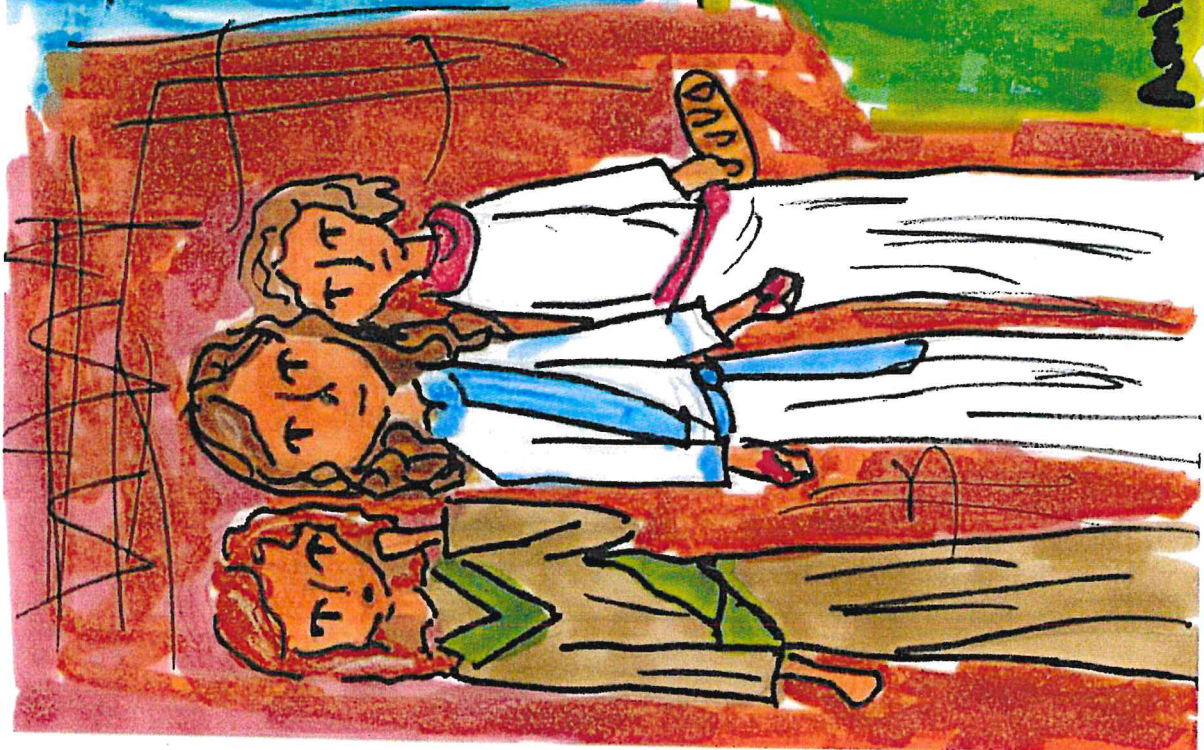


Gettysburg Presbyterian Church



Luke 24: 36b-48
ACTS 8: 12-19
Psalms 4

Amber Skoerzen

IN THE JOY OF GOD'S LOVE, WELCOME TO WORSHIP

April 14, 2024

8:30 a.m.

We Gather Together

Welcome & Announcements

Diane Weikert

Prelude

Adult Bell Choir

Joyous Spirit – V. Stephenson

Call to Worship

Marilyn McQuaide

Sing praise to our Easter God

Who changed sadness into joy;

Who took the tears of night

And dried them in the morning light

Who rolled away the stone of despair

And placed hope forever in the air;

Who visits us beside our seashore

Teaching us always to love and adore.

We Praise God

***Hymn of Praise**

No. 487

When Morning Gilds the Skies

***Prayer of Confession**

Jim Biggar

**“Holy God, we hear your words, trust your promises,
and still shy away from acting with boldness, witnessing
with confidence, speaking with kindness. We pass by the
homeless, shrug our shoulders at another killing. We
keep our faith hidden, our prayers personal, and our
voices quiet.**

Empowering God, fill us with joy in believing and with confidence in living so we may bear your light to all, especially those who are troubled or haunted by fear. Let nothing keep us from walking as faithful servants in your name. (Continue in silent prayer)

***Assurance of Pardon** (*Psalm 103:17*)

Even when we fail, even when we are not perfect, God still loves us. God still calls us by name and places His spirit upon us.

We are known and loved and forgiven. Amen.

***Response**

No. 579

Gloria Patri

***Passing of the Peace**

The Peace of Christ be with you.
And also, with you.

Children's Sermon

Mary Flinner

(Exit for Children's Church, Ages 3 – Grade 3)

Time of Prayer

The Lord's Prayer (We say "debts")

Cathy Gardner
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***Hymn of Preparation**

No. 356

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

We Hear God's Word

Scripture

1 Corinthians 13:1-7, 13
1 John 4: 7-12

Anne Gallon
(p. 934)
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Message

*"God's Unconditional Love" ***

Anne Gallon

We Respond to God's Word

*Affirmation of Faith

John Graziano

I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
the Creator of heaven and earth,
And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived of the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day He arose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven and sitteth at the right hand of
God the Father Almighty, from whence He shall come to
judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting.
Amen

Offering of Tithes & Gifts to God

They'll Know We Are Christians – Scholtes/arr. Ingram
Adult Bell Choir
Cello, Maria Kirk

*Response

No. 592

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

*Prayer of Dedication

Whitney Coombs

*Hymn of Celebration

No. 525

Here, I Am Lord

*Benediction

Mary Flinner

*Postlude

Glory to God on High - Blake

(*Please stand in body or spirit)

**Message reference: Google "House Calls Podcast" to find
Surgeon General Dr. Vivek Murthy's messages

Please be sure that all cell phones are turned off or on the “silent” mode – thank you!

If you are new to GPC, we hope you will return next Sunday! We invite you to fill out a visitor card in the pew rack and put it in the offering plate to receive a follow-up contact later this week and learn more about Gettysburg Presbyterian Church.

Please sign the red friendship pad found at the end of the pew and pass it along the row. Then, pass it back, that others may know with whom they are worshipping this day.

Giving Options: In addition to placing your gift in the offering plates, you may give through the on-line portal (www.gettysburgpresbyterian.org) or you may text “GIVE” to 717-977-5561. Thank you for your generous support of this ministry.

Nursery is offered for ages 0 – 3 years old with the live stream at 8:30 & 11 a.m., found in Heritage Hall behind the sanctuary. Nursery is also available during Sunday School.

We thank Amber Skoczen (9th grader) for blessing us with her artwork on the bulletin cover this morning.

Flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God in loving memory of Caroline Maue and Frances Maue by their children and grandchildren.

Habitat for Humanity will be having a Blitz Build at 41 Craftway Dr. in Littlestown on April 18 – 20 from 8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. (The Build will continue Saturdays ONLY beginning April 27th until completed)

Anyone who is willing to help with the Build please sign up in Fellowship Hall. Also, GPC is responsible for helping with providing the snack on April 19th. Please contact Benjy Conover if able to help.

Chair Yoga – Chair Yoga will be held Tuesday, April 16th from 10:00 – 11:00 a.m. in the MacAskill Room due to PW Rummage Sale set up.

**A Great Time for a RUMMAGE SALE!!
SET YOUR DATE FOR APRIL 19TH & 20TH**

The Presbyterian Women's Spring Rummage, Bake, and Food Sale will begin on Friday, April 19th from 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. and Saturday from 8:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

We will begin taking all your lovely treasures April 15th beginning at 10:00 a.m. Please bring clean and usable clothing and shoes, purses, luggage, jewelry, household items, small kitchen appliances, cookware, glass sets, china, bath towels, bed linens, books, records, toys, games, tools, small furniture, plants, outdoor, etc. **For larger furniture, please contact Debbie Farnsworth.** We will NOT be able to pick up any furniture. **PLEASE ONLY BRING ITEMS IN WORKING ORDER.** There will be a table for antiques and collectibles.

BAKE SALE: Cookies (2 large or 3 small cookies in baggies), cakes, pies, breads, bars, and fudge. Please deliver to church on Thursday. No cupcakes please!

DONATIONS ACCEPTED MONDAY 4/15 UNTIL 12:00 THURSDAY 4/18. NO DONATION WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER 12 NOON ON THE 18TH.

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED - MEN, WOMEN, AND YOUTH all week to help set up, sort and price (Tues. - Thurs.) and on sale day to help bag, provide customer service, work checkout. Saturday help is needed to clean up, 12 - 'til done. We have extended times to late afternoon/early evening to accommodate school and work.

SIGN up table will be in the Fellowship Hall for the Sale and Bake Sale. For any questions call Debbie Farnsworth at 717-451-6851 or email debra_farnsworth@yahoo.com.

Adult Sunday School - Does it ever seem that there are a lot of reasons NOT to believe in Jesus and His message? Many people you encounter have a whole list of arguments they can trot out to "prove" why Christianity isn't real. But we know that it is! And that belief in Jesus is foundational to our lives now and throughout eternity. Come to the second part of the *Tactics* series to find out how to nicely dismantle arguments against Christianity and help others to see the flaws in their thinking. Led by Susan Kolmer, this adult Sunday School class will be in the MacAskill Room April 28th and May 5th.

Trivia Contest at GPC!

Date: April 26, 2024,
Time: 6:00 to 8:00 PM
Location: Fellowship Hall

Join us for an evening of **fun, fellowship, and brain-teasing questions** Hosted by our own Kyle Clark and Penny Messenger, our church trivia contest is back, and everyone is invited. Whether you're a seasoned trivia buff or a first timer, this event promises excitement and friendly competition.

What to Expect:

- **Teams:** Form your own team (up to 8 members) or join one on the spot.
- **Categories:** Categories and questions for ages 5 and up
- **Refreshments:** Pizza will be provided by the Congregational Life Team; we ask you to bring a side or snacks for the table.
- **Childcare** (ages 0-3yrs. old) will be provided in the Nursery to encourage parents with young children to attend.
- **Prizes:** Fabulous prizes await the winning team! (Well bragging rights anyway)

Be sure to sign up in Fellowship Hall to secure your spot! This is also a great opportunity to invite friends to join us as well. Let's celebrate community, challenge our minds, and have a blast together. See you there!

Worship & Music Concert for The Scofield School in Kenya-

Join us for a time of beautiful music and fellowship on May 5th from 2-4pm at GPC! Jim and Melody Scofield will lead a program featuring familiar contemporary praise and worship songs, traditional hymns, and original music that speaks of their love for service and mission. Jim and Melody are members of First Presbyterian Church of York, are members of the Baltimore Choral Arts Society and perform with the award-winning Unforgettable Big Band based in York. 100% of the free-will offering from this concert will be given to The Scofield School in Suna, Kenya to support the work of Ben and Emily Okello and the students at the school. Join us for an afternoon of music with a mission. We hope to see you there!

Calendar

Today	4/14		Laity Sunday
		9:15-11:00	WORKCAMP BREAKFAST
		9:45 a.m.	NO SUNDAY SCHOOL
		11:00 a.m.	Contemporary Worship
		12:30 p.m.	Deacons Meeting
		4:30 p.m.	Youth Club
		1:00 p.m.	Child Protection Training
		4:00 p.m.	Session
		5:30 p.m.	Youth Club/MidSHIP Dinner
		6:00 p.m.	MidSHIP
Mon.- Thurs.	4/15 – 4/18	10:00 a.m. start time	RUMMAGE SALE SET UP
Mon.	4/15	1:00 p.m.	Elizabeth Circle
Tues.	4/16	10:00 a.m.	Chair Yoga (held in Mac Room due to Rummage Sale)
		12:00 p.m.	AL-ANON
Wed.	4/17	5:30 p.m.	Mediation Services
		5:45 p.m.	Alpha Band Practice
		6:00 p.m.	Adult Bell Choir
		7:00 p.m.	Adult Choir Practice
Thurs.	4/18	9:30 a.m.	Esther Circle
		10:00 a.m.	Staff Meeting
		12:00 p.m.	Rummage Sale drop off deadline
Fri.	4/19	8:30-5:00	RUMMAGE SALE
Sat.	4/20	8:30-12:00	RUMMAGE SALE
Sun.	4/21	8:30 a.m.	Traditional Worship
		9:45 a.m.	Sunday School & Fellowship Hour
		11:00 a.m.	Contemporary Worship
		12:30 – 3:30	Youth Club/MidSHIP/SHIP Hiking
		12:15 p.m.	Family Class Appreciation Brunch

When Morning Gilds the Skies

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German hymn, c. 1800

Trans. Edward Caswall, 1853, 1858; alt.

Joseph Barnby, 1868

1. When morn - ing gilds the skies, My heart a - wak - ing cries:
 2. Does sad - ness fill my mind? A sol - ace here I find:
 3. Let earth's wide cir - cle round In joy - ful notes re - sound:
 4. Be this, while life is mine, My can - ti - cle di - vine:

May Je - sus Christ be praised! A - like at work and prayer
 May Je - sus Christ be praised! Or fades my earth - ly bliss?
 May Je - sus Christ be praised! Let air and sea and sky
 May Je - sus Christ be praised! Be this the e - ter - nal song

To Je - sus I re - pair: May Je - sus Christ be praised!
 My com - fort still is this: May Je - sus Christ be praised!
 From depth to height re - ply: May Je - sus Christ be praised!
 Through all the a - ges long: May Je - sus Christ be praised!

Glory Be to the Father

Gloria Patri

Henry W. Greatorex, 1851

Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther, and to the Son, and to the

The first system of music consists of a treble and bass staff. The treble staff has a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat) and a 4/4 time signature. The melody begins with a quarter note G4, followed by quarter notes A4, B-flat4, and C5. The bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment with chords and single notes.

Ho - ly Ghost; As it was in the be - gin - ning, is

The second system continues the melody. The treble staff features a half note G4, followed by quarter notes A4, B-flat4, and C5. The bass staff continues with accompaniment.

now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men, A - men.

The third system concludes the piece. The treble staff ends with a half note G4. The bass staff concludes with a final chord and a double bar line.

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.

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing 356

Robert Robinson, c. 1758

1. Come, Thou Fount of every blessing,
Tune my heart to sing Thy grace;
Streams of mercy, never ceasing,
Call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet,
Sung by flaming tongues above;
Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it,
Mount of God's unchanging love!
2. Here I raise my Ebenezer,
Hither by Thy help I'm come;
And I hope, by Thy good pleasure,
Safely to arrive at home.

Jesus sought me when a stranger,
Wandering from the fold of God;
He, to rescue me from danger,
Interposed His precious blood.

3. O to grace how great a debtor
Daily I'm constrained to be!
Let that grace now, like a fetter,
Bind my wandering heart to Thee:
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it,
Prone to leave the God I love;
Here's my heart, O take and seal it,
Seal it for Thy courts above.

Tune: NETTLETON, opposite.

1 Corinthians 13:1-7,13

The Gift of Love

13 If I speak in the tongues of humans and of angels but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. ² And if I have prophetic powers and understand all mysteries and all knowledge and if I have all faith so as to remove mountains but do not have love, I am nothing. ³ If I give away all my possessions and if I hand over my body so that I may boast^[a] but do not have love, I gain nothing.

⁴ Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant ⁵ or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable; it keeps no record of wrongs; ⁶ it does not rejoice in wrongdoing but rejoices in the truth. ⁷ It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

¹³ And now faith, hope, and love remain, these three, and the greatest of these is love.

1 John 4:7-12

God Is Love

⁷ Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. ⁸ Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. ⁹ God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. ¹⁰ In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. ¹¹ Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. ¹² No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God abides in us, and his love is perfected in us.

SERVICE MUSIC

592 Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

Doxology

OLD HUNDREDTH LM

Thomas Ken, 1695, 1709

Genevan Psalter, 1551

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise *Him, all creatures

here below; Praise *Him above, ye heavenly host;

Praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

* Or "God."

Here I Am, Lord

HERE I AM, LORD 7.7.7.4 D with refrain

Daniel L. Schutte, 1981; alt.

Harm. Michael Pope, Daniel L. Schutte, and John Weissrock, 1983

Daniel L. Schutte, 1981

Piano introduction in G major, 4/4 time. The right hand features a melody of quarter notes: G4, A4, B4, C5, B4, A4, G4. The left hand provides a harmonic accompaniment with chords and moving lines.

First line of the vocal melody in G major, 4/4 time. The melody consists of quarter notes: G4, A4, B4, C5, B4, A4, G4.

1. I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard My peo-ple cry.
2. I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne My peo-ple's pain.
3. I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.

Piano accompaniment for the first line of the vocal melody, corresponding to the lyrics above.

Second line of the vocal melody in G major, 4/4 time. The melody consists of quarter notes: G4, A4, B4, C5, B4, A4, G4.

All who dwell in deep-est sin My hand will save.
 I have wept for love of them, They turn a - way.
 I will set a feast for them, My hand will save.

Piano accompaniment for the second line of the vocal melody, corresponding to the lyrics above.

Third line of the vocal melody in G major, 4/4 time. The melody consists of quarter notes: G4, A4, B4, C5, B4, A4, G4.

I who made the stars of night, I will make their dark-ness bright.
 I will break their hearts of stone, Give them hearts for love a - lone.
 Fin-est bread I will pro-vide Till their hearts be sat - is - fied.

Piano accompaniment for the third line of the vocal melody, corresponding to the lyrics above.

ORDINATION AND CONFIRMATION

Who will bear My light to them? Whom shall I send?
I will speak My word to them. Whom shall I send?
I will give My life to them. Whom shall I send?

Refrain
Unison

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have

heard You call-ing in the night I will

go, Lord, if You lead me. I will hold Your

peo - ple in my heart.

Fine