**April 07, 2024**

**2nd Sunday of Easter**

**Holy Communion Sunday**

**“Resurrection Ripple Effects”**

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**Welcome & Prayer**

**Announcements**

 *Please stand*

**Chorus of Welcome** *“The Family of God”*

I’m so glad I’m a part of the family of God—I’ve been washed in the fountain, cleansed by His blood!

Joint heirs with Jesus as we travel this sod; for I’m part of the family, the family of God.

**Call to Worship**1 John 1:1-2:2

L: We declare to you what was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life--

**P: this life was revealed, and we have seen it and testify to it, and declare to you the eternal life that was with the Father and was revealed to us--**

L: we declare to you what we have seen and heard so that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ.

**P: We are writing these things so that our joy may be complete.**

**Worship Song “**Are You Washed In The Blood”

Have you been to Jesus for the cleansing power? Are you washed in the blood of the Lamb?

Are you fully trusting in His grace this hour? Are you washed in the blood of the Lamb?

Refrain: Are you washed…in the blood…In the soul cleansing blood of the Lamb?

Are your garments spotless? Are they white as snow? Are you washed in the blood of the Lamb?

Are you walking daily by the Savior's side? Are you washed in the blood of the Lamb?

Do you rest each moment in the Crucified? Are you washed in the blood of the Lamb? (Refrain)

When the Bridegroom cometh will your robes be white? Are you washed in the blood of the Lamb?

Will your soul be ready for the mansions bright, And be washed in the blood of the Lamb? (Refrain)

Lay aside the garments that are stained with sin, And be washed in the blood of the Lamb;

There's a fountain flowing for the soul unclean, O be washed in the blood of the Lamb!

**Opening Prayer**

**Jesus we ask that you would help us live a resurrection life. We do not belong to this world. We belong to the kingdom, we belong to eternal life. So help us live our life like our treasure is in you. Help us to share our property radically. Help us to no longer make distinction between “me” and “others”. Help us to think of every human as “we”. Help us to bring about the kingdom of heaven, and your will, on earth as it is in heaven. Thank you Jesus. Amen.**

Please be seated

**Children’s Message**

**Joys & Concern…..*Gathered Prayer***

**Gifts and Offerings**

**The Offertory** *“See What A Morning”*

*Please stand*

**The Doxology** *“Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow”* # 94

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!

Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!

Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

**The Offertory Prayer**

**Hymn**  *“Thine Be the Glory” # 308*

 Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son; endless is the victory Thou o’er death hast won. Angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away, kept the folded grave clothes where Thy body lay.

Refrain: Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son; endless is the victory Thou o’er death hast won.

 Lo! Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb; lovingly He greets us, scatters fear and gloom. Let the church with gladness hymns of triumph sing, for our Lord now liveth; death hath lost its sting. Refrain

 No more we doubt Thee, glorious Prince of life! Life is naught without Thee; aid us in our strife. Make us more than conquerors, through thy deathless love; bring us safe through Jordan to Thy home above.

 Refrain

*Please Be Seated*

**Scripture Lesson Acts 4:32-35**

Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all.

There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold.

**Sermon “***Resurrection Ripple Effects”*

*Please stand*

**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 Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary,

 suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried;

 the third day He rose from the dead; He ascended into heaven,

 and sitteth at 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 Spirit, the holy catholic church,

 the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,

 the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

*Interlude: Be Present At Our Table Lord*

**Service of Holy Communion**

The Lord be with you…………………...…**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts……………………...…..**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God….**It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

...And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven

 we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**HOLY, HOLY, HOLY LORD, GOD OF POWER AND MIGHT, HEAVEN**

 **AND EARTH ARE FULL OF YOUR GLORY, HOSANNA IN THE**

 **HIGHEST. BLESSED IS HE WHO COMES IN THE NAME OF THE**

 **LORD. HOSANNA IN THE HIGHEST.**

*Please be seated*

...And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ,

 we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice,

 in union with Christ’s offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

 **CHRIST HAS DIED; CHRIST IS RISEN, CHRIST WILL COME AGAIN.**

...Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church,

 all glory and honor is yours, almighty God, now and forever. **AMEN.**

***Singing of the Lord’s Prayer -*** *Our Father, which 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*

*BREAKING THE BREAD………………………………….GIVING THE BREAD AND CUP*

Communion Hymns: “*Remembrance of Me”*

*Please Stand*

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

**Jesus you did not consider your life on earth to be the thing that you needed to protect at all costs. Jesus you gave up your life, because you knew your real life is with God, is in eternity, is in resurrection with us. As we remember your broken body and your spilled blood, help us to be delivered from our attachments in this world. Jesus help us to trust and pray and wait on God for everything we need and for everything we desire. Help us to give up our life in this world instead of trying to leverage it. Help us to keep our focus on the resurrection and act like your kingdom and our king are already and always before us. Thank you Jesus. In your name we pray. Amen**

**Hymn “Where Charity And Love Prevail”**

Where charity and love prevail, there God is ever found;

Brought here together by Christ's love, by love are we thus bound

With grateful joy and holy fear God's charity we learn;

let us with heart and mind and soul now love God in return

Forgive we now each other's faults, as we our faults confess;

and let us love each other well in Christian holiness

Let strife among us be unknown, let all contention cease;

Be God's the glory that we seek, Be ours God's holy peace

Let us recall that in our midst dwells God's begotten son;

as members of his body joined, we are in Christ made one

No race nor creed can love exclude, if honored be God's name;

Our family embraces all whose Father is the same

**Benediction**

**Choral Benediction *“****Blest Be The Tie That Binds”*  Verse 1 # 557

Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love;

The fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.

**Lectionary Scripture Readings**

Reading the Bible gives us an opportunity to learn more about ourselves. We were made by God; it, therefore, stands to reason that if we want to know who we are we should go to Him. The Bible contains the key to knowing who God is. Only when we know Him will we truly know ourselves.

**Third Sunday of Easter - April 14, 2024**

Luke 24:36b-48 - Acts 3:12-19 - Psalm 4 - 1 John 3:1-7

**Joys & Concerns: Keep those prayers going and thank God for His answers! To add a prayer request or share a joy, *please call the church and leave a message. (215) 745-7115.***

Praying for others is not just a blessing, it’s also an essential part of the Christian life. It is a commandment to share our burdens with one another. Prayer for one another is one way to do this. Praying for others strengthens the bond we have with them and strengthens our relationship with God.

**Prayer Requests from March 31, 2024**

Naiima Jaboti has received an acceptance letter to Unnv of Penn

Marina Jah - Thankful for family & friends that surprised her with a birthday party

Doreen Baker's grandson is healing from an accident

For the family of Deanna Darigo - Deanna, a member of Frankford Memorial UMC died on March 30th.

Traveling mercies for Enid as she travels next month for work.

Prayers for loss of life at The Francis Scott Key bridge collaspe

Prayers and thanks for Sue Snyder and Sue Creevey and their work for our church, and for Pastor Brendan.

Prayers for Allyson Jenkins health concerns

**Continuing Prayers for:**

Eva Baumgartel Dorothy Buzzard Martha & Wondor Korto Scott Meyer

Cass Quigley Marva

**For families, especially:**

Betty Sauerwald & family The Stefanescu & Mc Manus Families Jiselle & Family

Zilpha and James Browne Jean Bernard and family The Spotts Family

Pastor Brendan Van Gorder & family

**For an end to violence, for peace** **and stability**

Philadelphia, especially our community - Sierra Leone, Africa

Haiti - Israel and Hamas - Ukraine and Russia

**Please praise and pray for our youth – they are the future of our church!**

 **CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

**Sunday, April 14th Praise Team Practice After Worship**

**Sunday, April 21st Youth Sunday** Celebrating Earth Day - Worship 10:30 AM

**Sunday, April 21st** **Church-wide meeting after worship 12 Noon – 2:00 PM**

 **Kickoff Church Listening and Visioning Session**

 Coffee hour refreshments provided, you are invited to bring a lunch for yourself.

 12:00-12:30 Spiritual Gifts Assessment:

 Get input on what your God-Given talents are

 12:30 - 1:00 Visioning Different Ministries based on our talents

 1:00 - 1:30 Presentation on what already exists in the neighborhood

 1:30 - 2:00 Listening Campaign Strategizing

 How we will meet, invite, and include our neighbors

**Sunday, April 28th “Down The Aisle, Now & Then”**

 1:30 – 3:30 PM Admission $ 10.00

 **A wedding fashion show fundraiser -** All are welcome to attend.

 Wedding fashion will include styles from 1880 to 2024

 Refreshments will be served after the show.

 Please contact Sue Snyder for tickets 215-771-4442