



The First Presbyterian Church Delhi, New York

April 17, 2022

10:30 a.m.

Easter Sunday

"Be glad and rejoice forever in what I am creating!" Isaiah 65:18

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

Prelude

Welcome and Church Life Notes

Introit – Bell Choir

"When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"

***Call to Worship**

The stone has been rolled away. The grave clothes are lying in a heap. The body is gone.

Mary's weeping is halted by the man's questions: Why are you crying? Who is it you are looking for?

Let us proclaim with Mary:

We have seen the risen Lord! Christ is Risen! Christ is Risen Indeed! Hallelujah! Amen.

***Hymn**

"Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!"

#248

Christ is risen! Shout Hosanna! Celebrate this day of days!

Christ is risen! Hush in wonder: all creation is amazed.

In the desert all-surrounding, see, a spreading tree has grown.

Healing leaves of grace abounding bring a taste of love unknown.

Christ is risen! Raise your spirits from the caverns of despair.

Walk with gladness in the morning. See what love can do and dare.

Drink the wine of resurrection, not a servant, but a friend.

Jesus is our strong companion. Joy and peace shall never end.

Christ is risen! Earth and heaven nevermore shall be the same.

Break the bread of new creation where the world is still in pain.

Tell its grim, demonic chorus: "Christ is risen! Get you gone!"

God the First and Last is with us. Sing Hosanna everyone!

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Almighty God, in raising Jesus from the grave, you shattered the power of sin and death. We confess that we remain captive to doubt and fear, bound by the ways that lead to death. We overlook the poor and the hungry, and pass by those who mourn; we are deaf to the cries of the oppressed, and indifferent to calls for peace; we despise the weak, and abuse the earth you made.

Forgive us, God of mercy. Help us to trust your power to change our lives and make us new, that we may know the joy of life abundant given in Jesus Christ, the risen Lord. Amen.

(A moment for silent personal prayer of confession)

Assurance of Pardon

This is the day of salvation. Let us rejoice in Christ's conquering the grave for our sake!

Shout his praises! Sing of his love! We are made new in Jesus Christ. Amen.

*Choral Response

"Gloria Patri"

#581

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen, amen.*

*Sharing the Peace

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

Anthem – Choir

"Blessed Be the Name"

Fettke

Prayer for Illumination

O risen Christ, open us to the power of your resurrection as we hear it proclaimed anew this day, that we too might rise to new life in you. Amen.

Old Testament Reading – Isaiah 65:17-25

For I am about to create new heaven and a new earth; the former things shall not be remembered or come to mind. But be glad and rejoice forever in what I am creating; for I am about to create Jerusalem as a joy and its people as a delight. I will rejoice in Jerusalem, and delight in my people; no more shall the sound of weeping be heard in it, or the cry of distress. No more shall there be in it an infant that lives but a few days, or an old person who does not live out a lifetime; for one who dies at a hundred years will be considered a youth, and one who falls short of a hundred will be considered accursed. They shall build houses and inhabit them, they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit. They shall not build and another inhabit; they shall not plant and another eat; for like the days of a tree shall the days of my people be, and my chosen shall long enjoy the work of their hands.

They shall not labor in vain, or bear children for calamity; for they shall be offspring blessed by the Lord and their descendants as well. Before they call I will answer, while they are yet speaking I will hear. The wolf and the lamb shall feed together; the lion shall eat straw like the ox; but the serpent—its food shall be dust! They shall not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain, says the Lord.

Epistle Reading – 1 Corinthians 15:19-26

If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied. But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died. For since death came through a human being, the resurrection of the dead has also come through a human being; for as all die in Adam, so all will be made alive in Christ. But each in his own order: Christ the first fruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. Then comes the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, after he has destroyed every ruler and every authority and power. For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading – Luke 24:1-12

But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they came to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they went in, they did not find the body. While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, "Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen. Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, that the Son of Man must be handed

over to sinners, and be crucified, and on the third day rise again.” Then they remembered his words, and returning from the tomb, they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest. Now it was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told this to the apostles. But these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. But Peter got up and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; then he went home, amazed at what had happened.

Leader: The Gospel of Christ.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

“Easter Reflection”

Rev. Dr. Lisa Ruth Mays

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*Hymn

“The Day of Resurrection”

#233

*The day of resurrection! Earth, tell it out abroad, the Passover of gladness,
the Passover of God. From death to life eternal, from sin’s dominion free,
our Christ has brought us over with hymns of victory.*

*Let hearts be purged of evil that we may see aright the Lord in rays eternal
of resurrection light, and listening to his accents, may hear, so calm and plain,
his own “All hail!” and hearing, may raise the victor strain.*

*Now let the heavens be joyful; let earth its song begin; the round world keep high triumph
and all that is therein. Let all things seen and unseen their notes of gladness blend,
for Christ the Lord has risen, our joy that has no end.*

Presentation of Gifts & Offerings

Call to the Offering

Offerings may be made online at <https://fpcdelhi.org/content/offering> or by USPS mail service.

Offertory – Bell Choir

“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”

arr. by Krug

*Choral Response

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

#606

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

*Prayer of Dedication

We offer our gifts to you, O Lord. Receive our thanks and praise in the name of the Risen Lord, our Savior. Amen.

Prayer Hymn

“Sanctuary”

#701

*Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary, pure and holy, tried and true.
With thanksgiving, I’ll be a living sanctuary for you.*

Prayers of the People and The Lord’s Prayer

... “forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors”

*A Litany for Resurrection Morning

Hold your head high, Christ has risen! Death has been conquered. Christ has restored us to new life. All that is broken has been made whole. “Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?”

Hold your head high, Christ has risen! From a triumphant Palm Sunday to a dark Friday, passing through sorrow, through death, to life and joy, we arrive at Easter. We know that joy and sorrow, life and death are bound together.

By the power of God, the cross could not defeat Christ. The tomb could not hold him.

Hold your head high, Christ has risen!

Carry forward God's healing. Carry it to a world where truth and justice triumph over evil and oppression.

We have been called out of death and into new life! Rejoice! Life bursts through death. Jesus Christ is alive for evermore! Alleluia!

***Hymn**

"Christ the Lord is Risen Today"

#245

*"Christ the Lord is risen today!" Alleluia! All creation, join to say: Alleluia!
Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia! Sing, O heavens, and earth reply, Alleluia!*

*Love's redeeming work is done, Alleluia! Fought the fight, the battle won, Alleluia!
Death in vain forbids him rise, Alleluia! Christ has opened paradise. Alleluia!*

*Lives again our glorious King, Alleluia! Where, O death, is now your sting? Alleluia!
Jesus died, our souls to save, Alleluia! Where your victory, O grave? Alleluia!*

*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!*

***Benediction**

***The Sending**

"Because He Lives"

Gaither

Because He lives, I can face tomorrow.

Because He lives, all fear is gone.

Because I know He holds the future

and life is worth a living just because He lives.

***Ascription of Praise** (Jude 24-25)

Hayes

Postlude

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Thought for the Day: "Lent is spring training. Easter is opening day!" —seen on a church sign

Leading us in worship this morning:

Rev. Dr. Lisa Ruth Mays, Minister

Billy Meredith, Music Director

Kathy Martin, Liturgist



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of Delhi, New York

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Christ is risen! Alleluia! Welcome, one and all, to this Resurrection Sunday worship celebration!

(Prayer) Dear Jesus, my teacher and friend, as you greeted Mary, thank you for speaking my name and calling me into abundant life.

Your **tithes and offerings** may be made online via PayPal, click the donate button at <https://fpcdelhi.org/content/offering>, or by regular USPS mail (4 Clinton Street, Delhi, NY 13753).

One Great Hour of Sharing is our **mission focus** for April. It makes a difference in our world by supporting Presbyterian outreach programs. The outreach programs include the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance program which works alongside communities as they recover and find hope after devastation of natural and human caused disasters. Another is the Presbyterian Hunger Program which takes action to alleviate hunger, care for the creation and systemic causes of poverty so that all may be fed. The third is the Self-Development of People which invests in communities responding to their experiences of oppression, poverty and injustice. Please consider supporting this worthy cause.

Devotional booklets (Upper Room and Daily Bread) are available outside the office and in the new narthex. Please take one for your daily devotions!

The last Sunday in every month is a BOUNTIFUL GIVING SUNDAY. The Delhi Food Pantry is accepting **non-perishable food items**. You can also donate via <https://fpcdelhi.org/content/offering> or give cash or check donations designated for the food bank. Please make checks out to First Presbyterian Church. Checks may also be mailed via regular mail to the church at 4 Clinton Street, Delhi NY 13753.

THOUGHTS ON GIVING: *"...He went about doing good and healing all those oppressed by the devil, for God was with him."* (Acts 10:38) We can't give what we don't have. Open your heart to receive God's love, mercy and forgiveness. Then, show the same to others. As God's adopted sons and daughters, we are made in his image and likeness. As Pope Benedict XVI says, "we are made for greatness." Let our lives reflect his light to others. Pray to live a grateful and generous life. Strive for greatness! We are made for more! We are made for God!

STEWARDSHIP PRAYER: That we let our lives reflect God's love, mercy and forgiveness.

The **Per Capita** amount for 2022 has been set at \$42.00 per member.

<i>Virtual and Sanctuary Attendance Sunday 4-10-2022</i>	57 - 53 in sanctuary + Approx. 4 virtual
The amount needed each week	\$2,147.35*
The amount given week of 4-10-2022	\$1,792.00
The amount needed year-to-date	\$32,210.25
The amount given YTD as of 4-10-2022	\$29,335.45
Fuel Fund given YTD as of 4-10-2022	\$1,505.00
Kirk Receipts week of 4-3-22 to 4-9-22	\$958.00
Mission giving week of 4-10-2022	\$150.00
Mission giving YTD as of 4-10-2022	\$565.00
Apportionment Needed 2022	\$7,182.00
Apportionment received YTD as of 4-10-2022	\$1,527.58

*The amount needed each week is total expenses minus budgeted savings transfers.

Thank you for everything you are doing to keep yourself and others safe as we worship and fellowship together virtually and in person!

SUNDAY April 17	<i>Easter Sunday</i> 6:30 am Easter Sunrise Service (Old Flats Cemetery) 9:45 am Choir Rehearsal 10:30 am Easter Worship
MONDAY April 18	8:00 am – 12:00 pm Little Inspirations 9:00 am SPARKS 9:00 am Kirk Work Day 6:30 pm MWS Committee Meeting
TUESDAY April 19	8:00 am – 12:00 pm Little Inspirations
WEDNESDAY April 20	8:00 am – 12:00 pm Little Inspirations 5:00 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal 6:00 pm Trustees Meeting
THURSDAY April 21	8:00 am – 12:00 pm Little Inspirations 9:00 am Kirk Work Day
FRIDAY April 22	8:00 am – 12:00 pm Little Inspirations 9:00 am – 2:00 pm Kirk Thrift Store Open
SATURDAY April 23	9:00 am – 2:00 pm Kirk Thrift Store Open 11:00 am Esther Lee Memorial Service
SUNDAY April 24	<i>Bountiful Giving Sunday & Second Sunday of Easter</i> 9:45 am Sunday School 9:45 am Choir Rehearsal 10:30 am Worship



IN MEMORY OF	IN HONOR OF	GIVEN BY
Karl Baier		Jeff & Lucas Baier
Karl Baier and Gert Bell		Betty Jean & Harry Bell
Stoshie Pawlikowski		Betty Jean & Harry Bell
Karl Baier & Robert Mackey, Jr.		Barb, Bob, Garrett, Nathan & Nicole Mackey
Karl Baier		Jeana, Jamie, Karleigh & Michael Roberts
	Janet Maxwell and Our Church Family	The Althaus Family
Milton & Barbara Beveridge (Parents)		Kathy Beveridge
Lillian Andrus (Grandmother)		Kathy Beveridge
Our parents: Louise & Charles Bischoff Olive & Reuel Dewitt		Linda & Jerry Dewitt
Ida & Douglas Hume		Margie Hume
Howard Dickson		Margie Jones
Evelyn Dickson		Margie Jones
Lois Dickson Palin		Margie Jones
Dick Mostert		Tom & Barb Leo
	Margie Hume	Tom & Barb Leo
Daniel J. Soccorso		Rev. Dr. Lisa Ruth Mays
Virginia Brown		Vicki L. Noble
Joseph Rosa		David & Heather Rosa
Bill and Ida Sanderson		David & Heather Rosa
Dottie Wilklow		David & Heather Rosa
My Husband, Joe Rosa		Helen Rosa

IN MEMORY OF	IN HONOR OF	GIVEN BY
Loved Ones		Helen Rosa
Mr. & Mrs. Robert F. Thompson and Mr. & Mrs. Philip Sullivan		Kathleen & Kevin Sullivan
	Our granddaughters: Leona, Aila and Kathryn Sullivan	Kathleen & Kevin Sullivan
Richard Wickham		Marilyn Wickham
Dorothy & Flobert Warren		Wes & Shirley Warren
Ida & Bill Sanderson		Wes & Shirley Warren