

**THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF CHESTNUT HILL
PHILADELPHIA**

The Jesus unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition
was in short an outsider who lived in solidarity with the poor
and despised, at odds with respectable religious authorities,
and was executed by the state as a potential rebel.

~ William C. Placher and David Willis-Watkins
Belonging to God

**ORDER OF WORSHIP
THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER**

April 18, 2021

10:00 a.m.

INTROIT

Robert Lehman
(b. 1960)

O Lord, open thou our lips and our mouth shall show forth thy praise.
O God, make speed to save us: O Lord, make haste to help us.
Glory 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.
Praise ye the Lord. The Lord's name be praised.

CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 4)

Leader: Be gracious to me, O God, and hear my prayer.
People: Hear us when we call to you.
Leader: We put our trust in God, whose face shines upon us.
People: God has put gladness in our hearts.
Leader: I will both lie down and sleep in peace;
People: for you alone, O Lord, make me lie down in safety.

PRAYER OF ADORATION

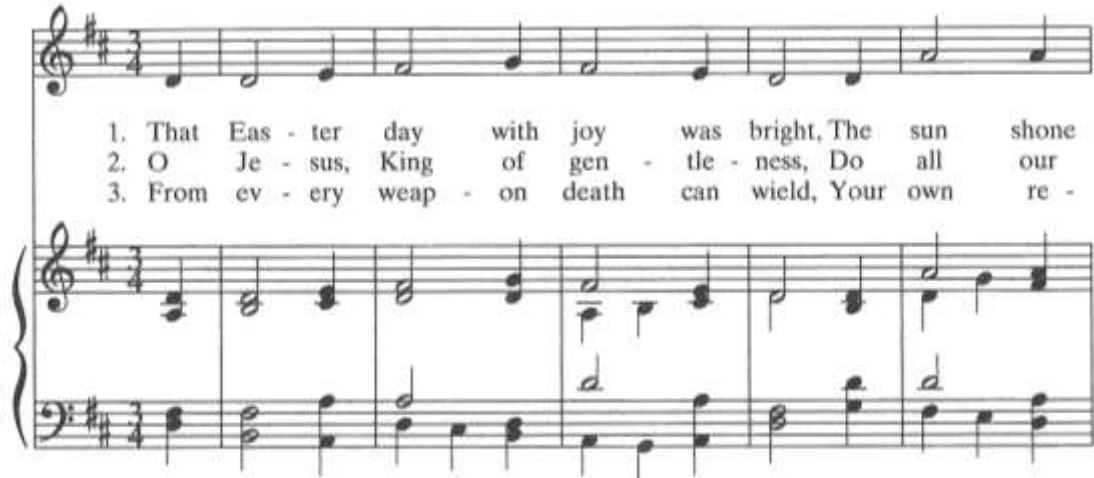
HYMN

That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright

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Latin hymn, 5th century
Trans. John Mason Neale, 1852; alt.

Trier ms., 15th century
Adapt. Michael Praetorius, 1609
Harm. George Ratcliffe Woodward, 1910



1. That Eas - ter day with joy was bright, The sun shone
2. O Je - sus, King of gen - tle - ness, Do all our
3. From ev - ery weap - on death can wield, Your own re -



out with fair - er light, When, to their long - ing eyes re -
in - most hearts pos - sess, And we to You will ev - er
deemed for - ev - er shield; O Lord of all, with us a -



stored, The a - pos - tles saw their ris - en Lord.
raise The trib - ute of our grate - ful praise.
bide In this our joy - ful Eas - ter - tide.

WELCOME

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (unison)

Eternal God, the good news of Easter is so wondrous, so magnificent, that we struggle to comprehend. Give our hearts the wisdom to receive that which our heads cannot fully understand. Send your Spirit to fill us with your resurrection promise. This we pray in Christ's holy and good name. Amen.

EPISTLE LESSON

Acts 3:12-19

When Peter saw it, he addressed the people. 'You Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made him walk? The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our ancestors has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. And by faith in his name, his name itself has made this man strong, whom you see and know; and the faith that is through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you. And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out,

Leader: Holy wisdom, holy word.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALTER

Psalm 4

John Joubert
(1927-2019)

Answer me when I call, O God, defender of my cause;
you set me free when I am hard-pressed;
have mercy on me and hear my prayer.

“You mortals, how long will you dishonor my glory;
how long will you worship dumb idols
and run after false gods?”

Know that the Lord does wonders for the faithful;
when I call upon the Lord, he will hear me.

Tremble, then, and do not sin;
speak to your heart in silence upon your bed.

Offer the appointed sacrifices
and put your trust in the Lord.

Many are saying,
“Oh, that we might see better times!”
Lift up the light of your countenance upon us, O Lord.

You have put gladness in my heart,
more than when grain and wine and oil increase.

I lie down in peace; at once I fall asleep;
for only you, Lord, make me dwell in safety.

GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 24:36b-48

While they were talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, ‘Peace be with you.’ They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. He said to them, ‘Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.’ And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, ‘Have you anything here to eat?’ They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate in their presence. Then he said to them, ‘These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.’ Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, ‘Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things.

Leader: Holy wisdom, holy Word.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

This Jesus

John Wilkinson

ANTHEM

William Byrd
(1540-1623)

Sing joyfully to God our strength;
sing loud unto the God of Jacob!
Take the song, bring forth the timbrel,
the pleasant harp, and the viol.
Blow the trumpet in the new moon,
even in the time appointed, and at our feast day.
For this is a statute for Israel,
and a law of the God of Jacob.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

from "A Brief Statement of Faith," 1983
Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)

We trust in Jesus Christ,
fully human, fully God.
Jesus proclaimed the reign of God:
preaching good news to the poor
and release to the captives,
teaching by word and deed
and blessing the children,
healing the sick
and binding up the brokenhearted,
eating with outcasts,
forgiving sinners,
and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.

Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition,
Jesus was crucified,
suffering the depths of human pain
and giving his life for the sins of the world.

God raised this Jesus from the dead,
vindicating his sinless life,
breaking the power of sin and evil,
delivering us from death to life eternal. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE and LORD'S PRAYER (unison)

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.

HYMN

Christ Is Alive!

TRURO LM

Thomas Williams, 1789

Harm. Lowell Mason (1792-1872)

Brian Wren, 1968; rev.

1. Christ is a - live! Let Chris - tians sing. The cross stands
2. Christ is a - live! No long - er bound To dis - tant
3. Not throned a - far, re - mote - ly high, Un - touched, un -
4. In ev - ery in - sult, rift, and war, Where col - or,

emp - ty to the sky. Let streets and homes with
years in Pal - es - tine, But sav - ing, heal - ing,
moved by hu - man pains, But dai - ly, in the
scorn, or wealth di - vide, Christ suf - fers still, yet

prais - es ring. Love, drowned in death, shall nev - er die.
here and now, And touch - ing ev - ery place and time.
midst of life, Our Sav - ior in the God-head reigns.
loves the more, And lives, where ev - en hope has died.

5. Christ is alive, and comes to bring Till earth and sky and ocean ring
Good news to this and every age, With joy, with justice, love, and praise.

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

CLOSING VOLUNTARY *Carillon (That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright)* Richard Purvis
(1913-1994)

WORSHIP LEADERS: Brian Russo, Associate Pastor; Austin Crenshaw Shelley, Associate Pastor; John Wilkinson, Pastor

LITURGIST: Samantha Aitken

MUSIC: Members of the Gallery Choir, Daniel Spratlan, conductor; Ken Lovett, organist

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We celebrate the birth of Bramble Ellis Brunell to Ian Ellis Brunell and Juliana Christine Miller, born on April 13, 2021. We share this great joy along with grandmother Susan Brunell, and thank God for the gift of new life.

THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

APRIL SECOND HOUR OPPORTUNITIES

Joins us each Sunday via Zoom at 11:00 a.m. Link:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88493549743?pwd=THITK2xFODVyYmZxM0ZiTU44QzQwUT09>

April 18

- Second Hour will take a break this week.

April 25

- PCCH Book Club- *Abraham: A Journey to the Heart of Three Faiths*, by Bruce Feiler, Chapters 5, 6, 7. Join us as we continue this important work.

SPRING BIBLE STUDY

Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m. on April 28, May 12 and May 26

Join us for Bible study this Spring. Here is the Zoom link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89619850858?pwd=VmdRcHQ4Wm5nRHZxVjY2V3lTcFR0Zz09>

PCCH KENTUCKY DERBY PARTY

Saturday, May 1, starting at 5:00 p.m. under the tent!

If you can't be in the infield at Churchill Downs, the next-best tradition is the PCCH Kentucky Derby party! This family-friendly event will return Saturday, May 1, starting at 5:00 p.m., at PCCH under the tent. Please don your best Derby outfit and your most outlandish chapeau, bedazzle your mask, and bring a picnic and beverages for you and your family! There will be activities for adults and children alike as we gather for the Run for the Roses, with prizes for the best hats and masks. It's a great opportunity to meet new people and reconnect with old friends as well. Mark your calendar and watch the PCCH email for more details.

SUNDAY AFTERNOON WORSHIP SERVICES

Each Sunday this spring, we will hold an afternoon worship service at 4:00 p.m. in the tent. The service will feature a sermon, prayers and choral music, lasting approximately 45 minutes. With the advent of spring, join fellow church members for this time to gather—please wear a mask and maintain social distancing protocols.

TENT SET-UP VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We are in need of 1-2 people each week to help with light set-up for our weekly 4:00 pm worship service, tables and chairs. Arrival time of around 3:30 p.m. with easy instructions. If you are able to help, please email Evelyn Carpenter at ecarpenter@chestnuthillpres.org. Thank you for your support.

FOOD DONATIONS RECEIVED ON SUNDAY AFTERNOONS

Throughout the course of our Sunday 4:00 p.m. worship services in the tent, we will receive food donations for our mission partners, including Face to Face, PIHN and Germantown Avenue Crisis Ministry. Especially needed are shelf-stable food items. You may also continue Shop Rite gift cards, or simply make a monetary donation. Thank you for your support.

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER WORSHIP ONLINE

As we move through Eastertide, you are invited to continue to experience our Holy Week and Easter services online. Maundy Thursday, several Good Friday events and Easter Sunday are all available at www.chestnuthillpres.org with links at the top of the homepage. Thanks to the many participants who made these services happen.

CHILDREN AND YOUTH

CHURCH SCHOOL

Church School Online – www.chestnuthillpres.org

Sundays at 9:30 a.m. on Vimeo

Our weekly recorded church school videos now include a welcome song, a worship set-up, and a Bible story with Austin, as well as a yoga component with Amy Raphael! The yoga poses reinforce the Bible story the children have heard—just one more way to help these faith stories “stick” in our children’s minds and hearts.

If you haven’t already, please take a moment to follow our Church School Vimeo page. Following us helps others to find our page online (The more followers we have, the more Vimeo will promote our site.), and it will ensure that new videos come to your inbox when they are posted. Here’s the link: <https://vimeo.com/user122846953>

JOYFUL NOISE REHEARSAL

Sundays, 11:00—11:30 a.m. (Under the Tent)

Rehearsal will begin at 11:00 a.m. and will last approximately 30 minutes. Children will work with Julie Snyder on songs, play musical games together, and have some social interaction.

JUNIOR AND SENIOR HIGH YOUTH GROUP

Sunday, April 18, 5:00—6:00 p.m.: Manhunt/Capture the Flag in the parking lot.

THE CHURCH IN COMMUNITY

HOSTS FOR HOSPITALS

HfH is a nonprofit agency now in its 21st year of operation which provides deeply discounted lodging and support at volunteer-Host and Private-Setting homes as a caring response to the housing needs of patients and their families who come to Greater Philadelphia for specialized medical care. If you are able to provide such housing, or would like to learn more, contact cathy.davis@hostsforhospitals.org

THE CENTER ON THE HILL

The Center on the Hill is NOW OPEN for **in-person activities** (*both inside and outside*), as well as a variety of classes you can **participate in live online!** When in person at the Center we will be following all recommended guidelines and precautions. New online content, such as virtual tours, fitness videos, art lessons, recorded presentations and more, will still be posted Monday—Thursday at Noon on our programs page here:

<https://www.chestnuthillpres.org/center-on-the-hill/programs/>

The schedule for upcoming in-person and online events can be found there too.

Upcoming online classes and Events:

REGISTRATION REQUIRED for both **in person** and **online participation** on Zoom by computer, tablet or dial in by phone. *Instructions and link to join for online events, sent after you register.* Call 215-247-4654 or email msaavedra@chestnuthillpres.org to register.

CHAIR PILATES

Thursdays, April 15—June 3, 1:30 p.m.—2:15 p.m., \$14 per class drop in. In the tent.

Join and learn the well-known method of Contrology developed by Joseph Pilates in the early 1900s that is taught in studios around the country today, in an easy and accessible way for your body. This system integrates the whole self by training the mind to focus precisely on the actions of the body.

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

Mondays, April 19 & 26, May 10 & 24, June 7 & 14, 1:00 p.m.—2:00 p.m., Free In Person for a Limited number. Group is closed to new members after April 26.

We acknowledge the value of sharing time and stories with others who have also experienced a loss. Please join us for six informal gatherings as you grieve the loss of a loved one. Topics covered: Myths of Grieving, Grieving & the Holidays, Does Grief Ever End and others. *Our facilitator is David Stevenson, MDiv., CT. He is a bereavement counselor at Crossroads Hospice & Palliative Care.*

LOTUS BLOSSOMING YOGA

Tuesdays, beginning April 20, 10:30—11:45a.m., \$10 per class. Class is held in the tent.

Friday yoga becomes Tuesday while we meet outside. We will be able to greet old friends and meet new ones. All levels welcome, as both intermediate yoga and chair yoga will meet together. This is a traditional gentle class exploring breathing techniques, postures (asana) and meditation with perhaps some poetry and a few stories tucked in. For those attached to their mats and blankets feel free to bring them and we'll adapt postures for all. The emphasis here is gentle. It is suggested that everyone bring a blanket since the chairs outside are metal.

FUN WITH WATERCOLOR TECHNIQUES

Thursdays, April 22, 29, May 6 and 13, 7:00—9:00 p.m., \$80 for the 4 week session.

Presented on Zoom for participation by computer, tablet or smartphone.

If you have always wanted to paint with watercolors, but have been afraid to try, this is the perfect place to start. Geared towards beginners, learn several tricks for creating beautiful watercolors even if you have never tried painting before. Each session will begin with a short demo of a different watercolor technique. Students will then have plenty of time to experiment. *Our instructor, Rebecca Hoenig has been an active artist and teacher for over thirty years.*

BEGINNING YOUR LIFE STORY

Thursdays, April 22—May 27, 2:00—4:00 p.m., \$60 for six week course

Presented on Zoom for participation by computer, tablet or smartphone.

This is a course for those who have thought about writing their life story but just haven't taken the first step. That step is this course for beginners, for those interested in learning the basic approaches for starting, organizing and finishing your story. It will help you overcome whatever fears and concerns you have about embarking on such a personal journey. With guidance, examples and hundreds of ideas for writing, you likely will have many pages to show for your work by the end of the course. *Sam Whyte is a retired professor and dean, the former director of the St. David's Christian Writers' Conference at Eastern University.*