

**THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF CHESTNUT HILL
PHILADELPHIA**

**ORDER OF WORSHIP
SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
YOUTH SUNDAY**

May 16, 2021

10:00 a.m.

INTROIT

Iain Quinn
(b. 1973)

Christ the Lord has ascended into Heaven;
come let us adore him; Alleluia.
Glory to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Spirit:
as is was in the beginning is now and will be forever,
Amen.

CALL TO WORSHIP (from John 14:15-21)

Leader: If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another advocate, to be with you forever.

People: **This is the spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.**

Leader: I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you.

People: **They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.**

PRAYER OF ADORATION (unison)

God of promise and God of grace, who through your great mercy
has granted us new birth through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ,
we praise your wonderful name!

God of glory and God of might, who through your great power
has granted us new strength to endure all things through faith in Christ our risen Lord,
we praise your wonderful name!

God of justice and God of hope, who through your great love
has granted us new urgency
to share the good news of resurrection with the world you love,
we praise your wonderful name! Amen.

HYMN

Hail the Day That Sees Him Rise

LLANFAIR



1. Hail the day that sees him rise Al - le - lu - ia!
2. There for him high tri - umph waits; Al - le - lu - ia!
3. See, he lifts his hands a - bove! Al - le - lu - ia!
4. Lord, be - yond our mor - tal sight, Al - le - lu - ia!



to his throne a - bove the skies; Al - le - lu - ia!
lift your heads, e - ter - nal gates, Al - le - lu - ia!
See, he shows the prints of love! Al - le - lu - ia!
raise our hearts to reach thy height; Al - le - lu - ia!



Christ, the Lamb for sin - ners giv'n, Al - le - lu - ia!
he hath con - quered death and sin, Al - le - lu - ia!
Hark! his gra - cious lips be - stow Al - le - lu - ia!
there thy face un - cloud - ed see, Al - le - lu - ia!



en - ters now the high - est heav'n. Al - le - lu - ia!
take the King of glo - ry in! Al - le - lu - ia!
bless - ings on his church be - low. Al - le - lu - ia!
find our heav'n of heav'ns in thee! Al - le - lu - ia!

Text: Charles Wesley (1707-1788)

Music: Robert Williams (1781-1821)

WELCOME

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (unison)

Ever-rising God,
just as you lifted the eyes of the disciples
to the rising Jesus at his ascension,
so lift our eyes to you as we hear your holy word today,
that we too might turn our eyes toward the need of the world
and follow in your way through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

EPISTLE LESSON

Romans 12:1-21

I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect.

For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgement, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers.

Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; for it is written, 'Vengeance is mine, I will repay,' says the Lord.' No, 'if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads.' Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

Leader: Holy wisdom, holy word.

People: Thanks be to God.

Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked,
nor lingered in the way of sinners,
nor sat in the seats of the scornful!

Their delight is in the law of the Lord,
and they meditate on his law day and night.

They are like trees planted by streams of water,
bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither;
everything they do shall prosper.

It is not so with the wicked;
they are like chaff which the wind blows away.

Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes,
nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.

For the Lord knows the way of the righteous,
but the way of the wicked is doomed.

GOSPEL LESSON

John 17:6-19

I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. And now I am no am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one. While I was with them, I protected them in your name that you have given me. I guarded them, and not one of them was lost except the one destined to be lost, so that the scripture might be fulfilled. But now I am coming to you, and I speak these things in the world so that they may have my joy made complete in themselves. I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. I the evil one. They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth.

Leader: Holy wisdom, holy Word.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM

Paul Isom
(b. 1959)

King of all ages, throned on high,
yet savior too of those with faith,
death at your onslaught died in fear
and grace triumphant rules supreme.

Risen from death, the heavenly Christ
receives from God the Father's hand
power over all created things:
a gift he could not know on earth.

Then at your coming on the clouds
with shining strength to be our judge,
cancel the debt we owe you still,
give back the glory we have lost.

Glory to you, O Christ our Lord,
exalted far beyond our sight,
reigning in bliss for evermore,
with Father and with Paraclete.
Amen.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (unison)

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 Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on 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 Ghost; the Holy Catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE


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

O Lord Most High, Eternal King


GONFALON ROYAL



1 O Lord Most High, e - ter - nal King, by
2 A - scend - ing to the Fa - ther's throne thou
3 Be thou our joy, O might - y Lord, as
4 O ris - en Christ, a - scend - ed Lord, all



thee re - deemed thy praise we sing. The bonds of
claim'st the king - dom as thine own; and an - gels
thou wilt be our great re - ward; let all our
praise to thee let earth ac - cord, who art, while



death are burst by thee, and grace has won the
won - der when they see how changed is our hu -
glo - ry be in thee both now and through e -
end - less a - ges run, with Fa - ther and with



vic - to - ry.
man - i - ty.
ter - ni - ty.
Spi - rit, One. Al - le - lu - ia!

Text: Medieval Latin, translated sts. 1-3 F. Bland Tucker (1895-1984);

st. 4 Benjamin Webb (1819-1885)

Music: Percy Carter Buck (1871-1947)

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Postlude on Gonfalon Royal

Robert Lind
(b. 1940)

WORSHIP LEADERS: Jesse DeSoo, Lydia Hessel-Robinson, Luke Jones, Helen Lutz, Amanda Raphael, Grace Rebeck, Emilyanne Shelley, Jillian Quirus, Jack Violante

We thank members of the PCCH Youth Group for sharing their faith as they lead worship today. Thanks also to families and advisors for their support, and to Brian Russo for his leadership.

LITURGISTS: Brian Russo, Associate Pastor; Austin Crenshaw Shelley, Associate Pastor; and John Wilkinson, Pastor

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

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RETURN TO LIVE, IN-PERSON SANCTUARY WORSHIP

SUNDAY, JUNE 13, 10:00 A.M.

- At its May 11 meeting, the Session endorsed a plan from the Return to Church Committee to begin holding live, in-person worship in the Sanctuary beginning Sunday, June 13. This is good news!
- We will continue to offer online worship.
- We will be sharing many more details about this important development. In the meantime, keep “watching” online worship, coming to our Sunday worship services at 4:00 p.m. in the tent, and praying for all who continue to be impacted by the coronavirus.

THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

MAY SECOND HOUR OPPORTUNITIES

May 16

- Discussion of “Caste” by Isabel Wilkerson, led by Beth Vaccaro and John Wilkinson

May 23

- Conclusion of “Abraham” by Bruce Feiler. Here is the link:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82831275348?pwd=NitsRFVuYkkveHZndTFpN3dEVDJOQT09>

THEOLOGY ON TAP

Tuesday, May 18, 7:30 p.m., in the Tent

We will meet next Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. in the tent. Looking forward to seeing everyone. Any questions, email Brian Russo brusso@chestnuthillpres.org.

SPRING BIBLE STUDY

Wednesday, May 26, 7:30 p.m.

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

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

MELODY AND COMEDY— SAVE THE DATE

Friday, June 18, 7:00 p.m.

Melody and Comedy is back and will be taking place in the Big Tent! Join us for a fun night of music, skits, and fellowship. All ticket proceeds will benefit our Music and Arts program. If you are interested in performing, please contact Julie Snyder at jsbishop717@gmail.com or Beth Vaccaro at bethnellvaccaro@gmail.com.

NEW VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

As we move toward live streaming our Sunday worship services, several volunteer opportunities have been created. No previous technical experience is needed and ample training will be provided. If you are interested in learning more and joining the team, please contact Daniel Spratlan at danielspratlan@gmail.com.

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.

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.

This group will sing at 4:00 p.m. worship next Sunday, May 23, 2021.

SENIOR HIGH YOUTH GROUP

Sunday, May 16, 10:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m.

Labyrinth service project and guided walk and meditation. Innabah Camp and Retreat Center, Spring City, PA.

THE CHURCH IN COMMUNITY

SPEAKER SERIES ON THE HILL

Did you Miss it? Watch the recorded presentation [HERE](#):

<https://www.chestnuthillpres.org/education/speaker-series-hill/>

Speaker: Drew Brown

Topic: Philadelphia's consolidation of 1854 and how it led to us drinking the Schuylkill River.

Drew Brown speaks regularly about the City of Philadelphia Water Department's current and historic operations. He is a civil/environmental engineer with more than forty years of experience with the Water Department. He says that the Water Department's history has been a fascinating framework for exploring the City's people and their neighborhoods.

FACE TO FACE NEEDS PBJS!

Bring to the church on Thursday, May 20, by 5:00 p.m.

Face To Face needs sandwiches and lunch bag items to hand out on Fridays to help food-insecure clients over the weekends. Prepare peanut and jelly sandwiches (*hint 1: apply PB to both sides of bread, to prevent soginess; hint 2: sandwiches can be made in advance and frozen!*) Please bring your individually wrapped sandwiches to church **by 5:00 p.m. on Thursday May 20**. Face to Face also needs individual snack items: fruit cups or applesauce, oranges, granola bars, water bottles, packets of nuts. Your donation of these, as well as paper lunch bags, would be greatly appreciated. You are welcome to write notes to include in the assembled lunch bags. Helping hands are also needed to assemble the lunch bags on Thursday and to transport them on Friday morning. To volunteer, please contact Beth Vaccaro (bethnellvaccaro@gmail.com) or Suzan Willcox (sewillcox@comcast.net).

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY AT WEST KENSINGTON

Saturday, May 22, 10:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m.

Our partners at West Kensington Ministry are hosting a neighborhood clothing distribution event on Saturday, May 22 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at their church home, 2140 North Hancock Street in Philadelphia. We are looking for **two volunteers** to join our team. Please reach out to Jeff Podraza at jeffpodraza@gmail.com to volunteer, or if you have questions!

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 12:00 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.

MOVIE MUSICAL CABARET

*Tuesday, May 18, 1:00—2:00 p.m., Free, Starring Rachel DeMasi
Presented Live on Zoom for participation **online**, and streamed for a limited number of people **in person** at the Center.*

In this ‘Movie Musical Show’, there will be a compilation of wonderfully timeless songs that were made famous in various films ranging from the 1930-1990’s. With help from the official list of the American Film Institute’s *The 25 Greatest Movie Musicals of All Time*, Rachel handpicked some of her favorites to share with you. Before each song you will find out which movie the songs were in, when they were produced, and even a fun fact or two about the song or film. So, sit back, relax and take a sunny drive through Tinsel Town!

DRAWING AND PAINTING FOUNDATIONS

*Wednesdays, May 19—June 23, 1:30—3:30pm, \$120 for the 6 week Session
Presented on Zoom for participation by Computer, Tablet or Smartphone.*

“Making Art Makes Us Smarter” In this foundation class, exercises will be introduced and will practice developing the skills you need to make successful paintings: line, shape, value, texture, and materials. Then we study and practice paint application, brushing, and color mixing. Pencils, watercolors, sketch paper and watercolor paper will get you started. A supply list will be shared after you register. *About the Instructor: Marcia Jones, MFA Tyler School of Fine Art, 1976. 30 years teaching experience around Philly. Her watercolors are currently on display at LeBus East Falls and will be seen at the Center on the Hill in November, 2021.*

THE OPIOID CRISIS AND COVID 19

*Thursday, May 20, 11:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m., Free
Presented in person for a limited number of people, and online to join by Zoom or Call in by phone.*

The Opioid Crisis and COVID 19 together have created a disaster for our country. Opioid use in the United States is not new. It goes back to the use of Morphine to help injured soldiers in both the revolutionary war and the civil war. Opioids are most often prescribed for acute pain. Standards of Care and number of Opioid prescriptions written required close monitoring, as misuse became significant. Today the use of opioids is at a crisis level and adding COVID 19 to the mix becomes devastating for all.. Scrutiny and more oversight and knowledge of pain management continues as a challenge. The discussion will conclude with questions and remarks.

BEYOND THE BASICS OF YOUR APPLE (IOS) DEVICES

*Thursday, May 20, 2:00—3:30 p.m., \$12
This class is In Person for a limited number of participants.*

This class is suitable if you are comfortable navigating Settings and the App Store. We’ll have a broad discussion on getting the most out of your Apple device by tailoring its settings to personalize your apps, and we’ll steer the conversation to meet the needs and interests of those in the class. You’ll want to know your Apple password to be able to take full advantage of your device features.

LEARN AND PLAY CROQUET

*Tuesday, May 25, 10:30 a.m.—12:00 p.m., Free
Outside on the lawn. Six participants max*

Croquet is a sport that involves hitting wooden balls with a mallet through hoops (called “wickets” in the United States) embedded in a grass playing court. Join us outside on the Lawn to learn how to play American Nine-Wicket aka “Backyard” Croquet. We will also discuss and try out a variation or two on this game as well. This is a fun and engaging way to get some fresh air and exercise while learning a new sport!