

First Presbyterian Church in Philadelphia



CELEBRATION!

Second Sunday of Easter

April 7, 2024

Welcome

The Reverend Laura Colee

Opening Acclamation

Christ is risen!

He is risen indeed!

***Song**

Morning Has Broken

Morning has broken like the first morning;
blackbird has spoken like the first bird.
Praise for the singing! Praise for the morning!
Praise for them, springing fresh from the Word!

Sweet the rain's new fall sunlit from heaven,
like the first dewfall on the first grass.
Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden,
sprung in completeness where God's feet pass.

Mine is the sunlight! Mine is the morning,
born of the one light Eden saw play!
Praise with elation; praise every morning,
God's re-creation of the new day!

***Prayer** (unison)

The Reverend Dr. Baron Mullis

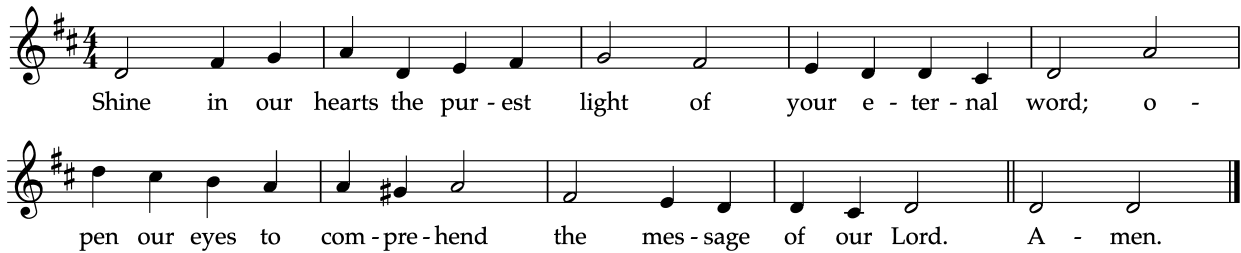
Loving God, there is nothing that can separate us from you or your love. Not even death could keep Jesus from loving us! Thank you for raising Jesus on Easter morning and thank you for showing us that new things are possible.

Lord God, you promise to always love us, even when we make mistakes. When we fall down, your love and forgiveness lift us up again. Forgive us for when we've spoken unkindly to one another this week. Help us to choose words that are gentle and caring. Forgive us for when we've not shared with others and we've kept things for ourselves. Teach us your generosity and compassion. Forgive us for when we've ignored others and separated ourselves from them. Help us to see the best in people and help us to forgive the worst. As we continue to pray, remind us again and again of your unending love for each one of us...

The Peace

The peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.

Prayer for Illumination



Shine in our hearts the pur - est light of your e - ter - nal word; o -
pen our eyes to com - pre - hend the mes - sage of our Lord. A - men.

Reading the Word of God

Psalm 133 2 Corinthians 2:14-17

Gwen & Will Melley

Seeing and Touching the Word

Karen Marston

Reflections

Rev. Colee

*Song

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today!

"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!

*The Apostles' Creed (unison)

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of
the Father, and he will 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 the life everlasting. Amen.

Offering (You may remain seated during the Doxology.)

Praise God from whom all bless - ings flow, Praise God all crea-tures here be - low, Praise
 God a-bove ye heav'n-ly host, Praise Fa-ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

Prayers of the People

The 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.

The Lord's Supper

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.

The gifts of God for the people of God.

Let us keep the feast!

Prayer after Communion (unison)

God, who takes care of each one of us, thank you for feeding us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation; now send us out into the world to tell everyone about your love. Amen.

*Closing Song

This Little Light of Mine

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine,
 This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine,
 This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine,
 let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Ev'ry where I go, I'm gonna let it shine,
 Ev'ry where I go, I'm gonna let it shine,
 Ev'ry where I go, I'm gonna let it shine,
 let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Jesus gave it to me, I'm gonna let it shine,
 Jesus gave it to me, I'm gonna let it shine,
 Jesus gave it to me, I'm gonna let it shine,
 let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Benediction and Going Forth

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

In the power of the Holy Spirit. Alleluia!



ANNOUNCEMENTS

April 7, 2024

Meetings This Week

Wednesday, April 10

Stewardship & Budget Committee

6:30 p.m.

Easter Donation Drive Concludes Today, April 7

The Missions Committee is sponsoring a donation drive to support Philly House, a shelter for men that provides temporary housing and comprehensive services to support transitions to long-term housing. Visit our [website](#) or scan the QR code for a list of needed items and Amazon Wishlist options.



Twenties & Thirties Barcade Night

This Thursday, April 11, from 5–8 p.m. meet up with some other T&Ts at the Center City Barcade (1326 Chestnut Street). Bring some cash so we can play some classic video arcade games and enjoy a beverage together. If you'd like to join us, please RSVP to Laura Colee (youngadults@fpcphila.org)!

Kids' Night @ FPCP

FPC Kids' Night is back! On Friday, April 19, from 5–8 pm, we are inviting kids to join us at First Presbyterian Church in Philadelphia for pizza, snacks, crafts, games, and a movie. While your kids hang out with us, parents and guardians are able to have a night to themselves. Register via our [website](#)!

Become a Sunday School/Nursery Volunteer

We'd love to have you volunteer with our children's Sunday School or Nursery program. If you are interested in helping lead Sunday School with Pastor Laura or volunteering the nursery a few times a year, please reach out at to Rev. Laura Colee (laura.colee@fpcphila.org).

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