

May 2, 2021  
5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

**In Christian tradition**, Easter is not just a single day. It is at least a season - often called "Eastertide" - that stretches from the day itself to Pentecost Sunday some 50 days later. In an even deeper sense, every Sunday is a "little Easter" remembering and celebrating the core Christian affirmation of God's triumph of life over death. Indeed, in the very early days of the church, the regular time of Christian worship moved from the Sabbath of Jewish tradition to Sunday, at first in the evening as Sunday was a universal workday.

PRELUDE *"Let Us Break Bread Together"* Martha Sobaje  
Dr. Brenda Clark

WELCOME & CALL TO WORSHIP Rev. Rachel Vione

(based on Psalm 22:25-31)

Let our praise for all that God has done  
**resound within and beyond these walls.**  
When all people turn to God and worship God,  
**the poor shall eat and be satisfied,**  
and justice and peace will surely embrace  
**present and future generations.**  
Therefore, in thanksgiving for all that God has done,  
**let our lives and our love proclaim the message**  
of God's gracious and liberating acts.

\*HYMN NO. 305 *"Come Sing, O Church in Joy!"* DARWALL'S 148th

*Come sing, O church, in joy! Come join, O church, in song!  
For Christ the Lord has led us through the ages long!  
In bold accord, come celebrate the journey now and praise the Lord!*

*Long years have come and gone, and still God reigns supreme,  
empowering us to catch the vision, dream the dream!  
In bold accord, come celebrate the journey now and praise the Lord!*

*Let courage be our friend; let wisdom be our guide,  
as we in mission magnify the Crucified!  
In bold accord, come celebrate the journey now and praise the Lord!*

*Come sing, O church, in joy! come join, O church, in song!  
For Christ the Lord has triumphed o'er the ages long!  
In bold accord, come celebrate the journey now and praise the Lord!*

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)

**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 silence the cries of the oppressed  
and remain indifferent to calls for peace;  
we reject 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, our risen Lord.**

*Silent prayers of confession*

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

PASSING OF THE PEACE OF CHRIST

\*RESPONSE OF PRAISE

Hymn No. 772, v.4

*"Live into Hope"*

TRURO

*Live into hope of captives freed from chains of  
fear or want or greed. God now proclaims our  
full release to faith and hope and joy and peace.*

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON

Isaiah 53:7-11

Mary Blondrage

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON

Acts 8:26-40

SERMON

"Conversion"

Rev. Rachel Vione

OFFERING

ANTHEM

*"A New Song"*

Diane Bish

Andrew Warren, Ariana Warren, Dana Warren & Marie Michalopoulos-Warren

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

COMMUNION

HYMN NO. 526

*"Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ"*

LINSTEAD

*Let us talents and tongues employ, reaching out with a  
shout of joy: bread is broken; the wine is poured;  
Christ is spoken and seen and heard.*

THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

SANCTUS

*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.*

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**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.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

HOLY COMMUNION

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

\*HYMN NO. 761 v. 1 & 4      *“Called as Partners in Christ’s Service”*      BEECHER

*Called as partners in Christ’s service, called to ministries of grace,  
we respond with deep commitment fresh new lines of faith to trace.  
May we learn the art of sharing, side by side and friend with friend,  
equal partners in our caring to fulfill God’s chosen end.*

*So God grant us for tomorrow ways to order human life  
that surround each person’s sorrow with a calm that conquers strife.  
Make us partners in our living, our compassion to increase,  
messengers of faith, thus giving hope and confidence and peace.*

Postlude:                                      *“Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones”*                                      Daniel Burton

**Please pray for members and friends of our congregation**

For all those who are suffering as a result of the coronavirus, essential employees who go to work so we can be safe and healthy, for those who are working to bring the vaccine, Gayle Latchford, Beto Ortiz (Lisa Huntley’s son), Todd Dobert (friend of Sue & Eddy Ebert), Howard Heckman, Jr. (Diane Lobaugh’s cousin), Charlotte Tippie (Leah & Jack Fink’s granddaughter), John Bailey (David Dickman’s cousin), Carol & Tom Dwyer (friends of Diana Montusi), Richard Huntley, Christopher Winkler (Joe & Nancy’s son), Justin Yoskowitz, Lou Schmidt, Aaron Thomas, Brian Brewer (Faustine White’s son), Charlene Cosman, **those in Healthcare facilities** – Whisper Woods of Smithtown: Art Shaw, Sunrise Senior Living: Joan DeNigris, Atria: Ann Deery, **for the family of:** Jessie Shaw, Joyce Schorn (Alan Schorn’s mother), **our partner congregations:** Nueva Paz, Cuba and Iglesia Evangelica Presbiteriana Nueva Vida, Malverne; the Presbytery of Long Island and its staff; the Synod of the Northeast, the Presbyterian Church (USA), its Louisville staff, its missionaries worldwide

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