

THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH of WYOMING - CONNECTING with GOD, EACH OTHER & the WORLD

April 8, 2018 - THE SECOND SUNDAY of EASTER



**Welcome to Sanctuary Worship!**

*We are so glad that you have joined us for worship today.  
Please take a moment to let us know who you are in the Friendship Pad.  
If you need a hearing-assist device, a large-print hymnal,  
or a Children's Worship Kit, please see an usher.*

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**WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE**

*Please listen meditatively to the prelude to prepare yourself for worship.*

**PRELUDE** *"I Danced in the Morning"*

*Emma Lou Diemer*

**WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**EASTER SEASON MUSIC**

*Hymn 258 "Praise Ye the Lord!"  
"Lord, I Lift Your Name on High"*

*You came from heaven to earth to show the way, From the earth to the cross my debt to pay  
From the cross to the grave, from the grave to the sky, Lord, I lift Your name on high!*

*Lord, I lift Your name on high; Lord, I love to sing Your praises.*

*I'm so glad You're in my life; I'm so glad You came to save us.*

**INTROIT** *"Alleluia!"*

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: The Word of life spoke,

**Many: so we could hear the "Alleluias!" of the angels.**

One: The Word of life reached out,

**Many: so we could touch the hope which heals us.**

One: The Word of life walked out of death's dread tomb,

**All: so we could follow Him into life forever.**

**\*HYMN 113** *“Christ the Lord Is Risen Today”*

**\*PRAYER of CONFESSION** (*unison*)

Eternal God, in Whom we live and move and have our being,  
Whose face is hidden from us by our sins,  
And Whose mercy we forget in the blindness of our hearts,  
Cleanse us from all our offenses,  
And deliver us from proud thoughts and vain desires,  
That with reverent and humble hearts we may draw near to You,  
Confessing our faults, confiding in Your grace,  
And finding in You our refuge and strength, through Jesus Christ Your Son. Amen.

**\*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

Response: **“Thanks Be to God!”**

**\*GLORIA PATRI** (*Hymn 579*)

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.

**\*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

**CONFIRMATION**

One: Trusting in the gracious mercy of God, do you turn from the ways of sin and renounce evil and its power in the world?

**Many: I do.**

One: Who is your Lord and Savior?

**Many: Jesus Christ is my Lord and Savior.**

One: Will you be Christ’s faithful disciple,  
obeying His Word and sharing His love?

**Many: I will, with God’s help.**

**CHILDREN’S MESSAGE**

**ANTHEM** *“Since by Man Came Death”*

*“Messiah”, G.F. Handel*

**PROCLAIM GOD’S WORD**

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**SCRIPTURE READINGS**

### **First Reading: Acts 4:32-35**

<sup>32</sup>Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. <sup>33</sup>With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. <sup>34</sup>There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. <sup>35</sup>They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

### **Gospel: John 20:19-31**

<sup>19</sup>When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." <sup>20</sup>After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. <sup>21</sup>Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." <sup>22</sup>When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. <sup>23</sup>If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

<sup>24</sup>But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. <sup>25</sup>So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

<sup>26</sup>A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." <sup>27</sup>Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." <sup>28</sup>Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" <sup>29</sup>Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

<sup>30</sup>Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. <sup>31</sup>But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

**SERMON** *"Great Grace"*

*the Reverend J. Christopher Torrey*

**\*HYMN 525** *"Here I Am, Lord"*

### **GIVE THANKS TO GOD**

### **INVITATION TO THE OFFERING**

**OFFERTORY** *"I Know That My Redeemer Liveth" "Messiah", G.F. Handel/ Christina Bilz, soprano*

**\*DOXOLOGY** (Hymn 592)

**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.**

**INVITATION TO THE TABLE**

**COMMUNION PRAYER**

One: The Lord be with you.

**Many: And also with you.**

One: Lift up your hearts.

**Many: We lift them to the Lord.**

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

**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.**

**BREAKING of the BREAD**

**COMMUNION of the PEOPLE**

**COMMUNION MUSIC** *"O Waly Waly"*

*arr. By Hal Hopson*

**PRAYER of GRATITUDE** (*unison*)

**Eternal God, we give You thanks for this holy mystery in which You have given  
Yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of Your  
Spirit, to give ourselves for others in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**GO IN GOD'S NAME**

**\* HYMN 505** *"Be Known to Us in Breaking Bread"*

**\* CHARGE, BLESSING and BENEDICTION** *"Alleluia!"*

**POSTLUDE** *"Toccata"*

*Flor Peeters*

*\*Please stand if you are able.*

- *The flowers today were given in honor of our confirmands by their loving families.*
- *Prayers used in today's service are from the Book of Common Worship of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)  
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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **WELCOME, VISITORS!**

We are always glad to have visitors in worship at The Presbyterian Church of Wyoming! (PCW) If you would like to know more about PCW, pick up a copy of Crossroads, our monthly newsletter. These can be found in the Gathering Area or online at the church website, [www.pcwyoming.org](http://www.pcwyoming.org). Follow us on Facebook: [www.facebook.com/pcwyoming/](http://www.facebook.com/pcwyoming/) or Instagram: [pcwyoming](https://www.instagram.com/pcwyoming). You can also sign up to receive the weekly e-mail blast, THIS WEEK@PCW, by contacting Debi Haines in the church office, [dhaines@pcwyoming.org](mailto:dhaines@pcwyoming.org). If you are interested in becoming a member of PCW, please speak with Pastor Lisa or Pastor Chris. They will help you look forward to the next opportunity to join as a church member. We are glad you are here and welcome you to PCW!

### **CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR CONFIRMANDS!**

We are proud of your commitment to discover where you are in your faith journey. May you continue the adventure and allow us, your PCW family, to support you however we can.

- Sawyer Cartwright
- Cynthia Towne
- Isaac Towne
- Tyler Fenlon

Congratulations also to Zach and Zoë Goode, who also journeyed with us this year and will be confirmed into Pleasant Ridge Presbyterian Church.

Congratulations also to Robert Kitchin, who joined us for confirmation this year and will be confirmed at Indian Hill Episcopalian-Presbyterian Church.

### **ADULT EDUCATION**

There will be NO adult education today. Adult Education will resume on **April 15<sup>th</sup>**, with Rev. Torrey leading a class called "Presbyterian Questions, Presbyterian Answers" based on a book of the same name by Donald McKim. We hope to see you there!

### **CONTACTING PASTOR TORREY**

Pastor Chris Torrey is part-time and only with us for a short time. He plans to be at the church on Sundays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays, and at other times as needed. If you would like to talk with Chris, please email him at [jctorrey@twc.com](mailto:jctorrey@twc.com) or contact Debi in the office, and she will have him return your call.

### **ROCK THE BLOCK**

Please join Habitat for Humanity's Rock the Block event **Saturday, April 14<sup>th</sup>**. Rock the Block is the theme for a Lockland neighborhood clean-up day that includes tree planting, exterior home repair, and maintenance projects, such as painting and landscaping. We will meet at the Lockland High School Football Field at 124 Anna Street.

**Please arrive early! Event check-in opens at 8 a.m.** Contact Jerry Williams, 513-763-0288, [jerrydwill@gmail.com](mailto:jerrydwill@gmail.com), or visit the website at <https://habitatcincinnati.volunteerhub.com/event/index/5873502>.

**HEALING SPACE, BODYTALK ACCESS:** This one-day course teaches five core techniques that will help in navigating daily life, and once it's mastered, it only takes ten minutes to complete. For more info see [www.bodytalksystem.com](http://www.bodytalksystem.com). If you'd like to participate contact Christi Graeter, 368-5937.

**WOMEN'S MINI-RETREAT:** Women, mark your calendars for a **Women's Mini-Retreat** on Fri., April 27, 6-9 p.m. at Pastor Lisa's home. Bring some food to share or simply come as you are able. Pastor Lisa will lead us in Lectio Divina (sacred reading of scripture), small group sharing, and prayer as we munch on food together. Our focus text will reflect on Jesus' invitation in Matthew 11: 28 "*Come to me, all you who are weary and carrying heavy burdens and I will give you rest.*" We pray that this is an event where you will find "rest for your souls"! Please email Pastor

Lisa at [lisab@pcwyoming.org](mailto:lisab@pcwyoming.org) or leave a message on her church phone at 821-8735 ext. 105 if you would like to attend.

**RECOGNIZING JESUS WITHIN and IN OUR**

**MIDST, A Six-Week Women's Bible Study:** Join Pastor Lisa for this study on Tuesdays at 7 p.m., April 10 - May 15. Jesus made many appearances after his resurrection: in a garden, on a beach, on a road, at a dinner table. Join us as we study these experiences and reflect on where the risen Christ is revealed in our everyday lives. Please sign up on the table in the Gathering Area or let Pastor Lisa know you are interested in joining the discussion.

## FOR PRAYER

### **PRAISE!!**

#### **Easter Sunday services**

#### **THIS WEEK**

**Larry Oestreich** - hip replacement surgery

The Interim Pastor Search Committee

**PCW** - for **God's guidance** in this time of transition and change.

Officers - **Doug Hutchens**, Elder

**Terri Naeve**, Deacon

Church Staff - **Rev. Christopher Torrey**,  
Temporary Supply Pastor

### **CANCER**

**Eric** - stomach cancer, friend of Adrienne  
Palermo

**Denise Koesterman** - thanksgiving for successful  
cancer surgery

**Bob Thomas** - Norm and Marilyn Thomas' son

**Rev. Harold (Chappie) Chapman** - pancreatic  
cancer, friend of Tom and Debi Haines

**Meredith** - cancer treatment, friend of Brian  
Bonner

**Debbie Matthews** - recovering from breast  
cancer, friend of Scott and Sue Ellis

**Paul Wilbur** - cancer treatment, son of Irv Wilbur

**Jackie Foster** - blood cancer, Tom Haines' mother

**Cindy Robinson** - special prayers

**Susan Osha** - successful treatment

**Cynthia Towne** - brain tumor

### **CONTINUED PRAYER**

**Larita Hayden** - Recovering from appendectomy  
**George Koesterman** - Skip's father, tumor found  
on his kidney

**Doug Hutchens** - Prayers for full recovery from  
stroke

**Helen Anderson**, Bodmann

**Dorothy Sarber**, Bodmann

**Our Missionaries** - Benadums and Myhres

**Prayers for all with ongoing situations**

### **REMEMBERING**

**Genie Cordes**— Please remember her family and  
friends in prayer.

### **PRAYER SCRIPTURES**

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#### **Psalms 23:4**

Even though I walk through the darkest  
valley, I fear no evil; for you are with me;  
your rod and your staff - they comfort  
me.

#### **Psalms 46:1**

God is our refuge and strength,  
a very present help in trouble.

#### **John 14:27**

Peace I leave with you; my peace I give  
to you. I do not give to you as the world gives.  
Do not let your hearts be troubled,  
and do not let them be afraid.

#### **Ephesians 4:31-32**

Let all bitterness and wrath and anger and  
clamor and slander be put away from you,  
along with all malice. Be kind to one another,  
tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as  
God in Christ forgave you.

*It is a privilege to hold you in prayer.  
Names will remain on the prayer list  
for three weeks .*

## PCW EVENTS for THIS WEEK

### **SUNDAY, APRIL 8**

#### **CONFIRMATION SUNDAY**

- 10:00 a.m. **Sanctuary Worship Service**
- 10:20 a.m. Godly Play
- 7:00 p.m. HS Youth Group, Youth Room

### **MONDAY, APRIL 9**

- 7:00 p.m. Session
- 7:45 p.m. Boy Scouts, Cabin Hall

### **TUESDAY, APRIL 10**

- 7:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study, Parlor
- 9:15 a.m. Prayer Meeting, Library
- 10:30 a.m. Staff Meeting, Library
- 7:00 p.m. NA, Library
- 7:00 p.m. Women's Bible Study

### **WEDNESDAY, APRIL 11**

- 7:30 a.m. Owen Study Group, Parlor
- 7:00 p.m. Visions Worship Rehearsal, Great Rm.

### **THURSDAY, APRIL 12**

- 8:30 a.m. Bible Study, Parlor
- 3:00 p.m. Organ Practice
- 6:30 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room
- 7:00 p.m. Girl Scout Troop 43515

### **FRIDAY, APRIL 13**

- 6:15 a.m. Bible Study, Library

### **SUNDAY, APRIL 15**

- 8 & 11a.m. **Sanctuary Worship Service**
- 9:00 a.m. **Visions Worship Service**
- 10:10 a.m. JEDI HS/MS Talks, Bell Tower
- 10:15 a.m. Youth Empowered, Downstairs
- 10:15 a.m. Upper Room Class, Rm. 305
- 7:00 p.m. HS Youth Group
- 7:00 p.m. MS Youth Group

#### **PCW Office Hours:**

Monday -Thursday  
9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

#### **Church Phone:**

(513) 821-8735

#### **Web page:**

[www.pcwyoming.org](http://www.pcwyoming.org)

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up-to- date calendar of all  
events on the PCW webpage.*

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