

# Saint James Presbyterian Church

April 19, 2020

10:15 AM

## The Second Sunday of Easter

### GATHERING

Welcome                      Special Music by Lindsay Grubb & Karsen McLaughlin

Introit    Multiplied    Need to Breathe

\*God Gathers Us In

One:        Peace be with you. On the evening of Jesus' resurrection, the disciples were gathered in fear. The risen Christ appeared in their midst and said.

**All:        "Peace be with you."**

One:        We come today, some of us filled with joy, some of us filled with fear, and to each one of us, Christ says,

**All:        "Peace be with you."**

One:        Let us trust ourselves to that peace as we worship together.

\*Opening Prayer

***Almighty and eternal God, the strength of those who believe and the hope of those who doubt, may we, who have not seen, have faith and receive the fullness of Christ's blessing, who is alive and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.***

\*Song # 113    Christ the Lord Is Risen Today!

\*Call to Confession

\*Prayer for Forgiveness

***Wondrous God, you have broken the power of sin and death, and by your great mercy, you have given us new birth into a living hope. This we proclaim. This we want to believe. But seeds of doubt grow quickly in our hearts. Fear chokes off confidence and prevents us from receiving your Spirit. We multiply our sorrows by worshiping what we see and hear more than you, our delight and salvation. O God, in your great mercy, grant us the peace that passes understanding, Forgive us, and draw us close to you that we may breathe deeply of your presence and find in you the fullness of joy. Hear our prayers in silence.***

\*Assurance of God's Forgiveness

\*Congregational Response

Song # 118

stanza 1

***The day of resurrection! Earth tell it our abroad; The Passover of gladness, The Passover of God. From death to life eternal, from this world to the sky, our Christ has brought us over with hymns of victory.***

\*Passing of the Peace

One: The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you always.

**All: And also with you.**

## **PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD**

Conversation with Theo

Prayer for Illumination

***Living God with joy we celebrate the presence of your risen Word. Enliven our hearts by your Holy Spirit so that we may proclaim the good news of eternal and abundant life; through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. Amen.***

First Scripture Lesson

I Peter 1: 3 – 9

Musical Meditation

In Your Midst

Allie Paige

Second Scripture Reading

John 20: 19 - 31

Sermon

Rehabilitating A Reputation

*Don Potter*

\*Song # 376

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

## **RESPONSE TO GOD'S GRACE**

Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People

Offering of the People

Invitation for the Offering

Prayer of Dedication

\*Song # 121

That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright

\*Charge and Benediction

\*Celebration of God's Blessing God Be With You Till We Meet Again

*Karen and Karsen McLaughlin*

## JOYS AND CONCERNS

When God gathers us to worship, we share our joys and concerns with one another and commend them to God. Please pray for the people and churches whose names appear on this list, and add the joys and concerns that are shared during the service to theirs as you pray for others in the week to come.

The Oyler Family                      The Paulus Family  
Christ Presbyterian Church (*Lebanon*)  
Mt. Olivet Presbyterian Church (*Hancock, MD*)  
Jason Oyler and family (*death of his father*)  
Carolyn Zoerb and family (*death of her mother*)  
Linda Hanner                              Sam Rudy  
Rhonda Newton & Steve Anderson (*376 High Street Milton, PA 17848*)  
Dick Geisel                              Wallace Grissinger  
Tim Young (*recovering from surgery*)  
Jim & Joyce Masters                      Janet & Lin Sanders  
Tom Trez (*heart procedure*) Kay B (*cancer*)  
Mary Asbury (*Clarence's mother– dementia*)  
Judy Blevins (*Clarence's sister – caretaker*)  
Pat Dudzinski (*Jane Michaliszyn's mom*)  
  
Edna Murphy (*Barbara Hughes' mother*)  
Marilyn Cooker (*Liz Kimmel's sister –pancreatic cancer*)  
Betty Brooks (*breast cancer*)  
Nicole (*struggling right now*)  
PNC Committee – *Tom Dardick, Steve Grubb, Deb Hanner, Karen Howenstine, Ginger Johns, Karen McLaughlin and Joyce Shirley*

All those who have passed away due to COVID-19 without their loved ones nearby and their families who are unable to be with them or each other during this difficult time

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

While the Church remains closed so we can responsibly shelter in place, the work of the church, and related expenses, continue. We still have a mortgage, utility expenses and doors to

replace. And your church staff continues to work hard to remotely minister to your needs and further your relationship with Jesus.

Now more than ever we need you to prayerfully consider your financial contributions to St. James. While we still have not figured out how to pass around a virtual collection plate, sending in your tithes and offerings to St. James is as simple as putting your offering in an envelope and mailing it to the church. Mail is monitored several times per week and offerings are still counted and deposited once per week. Another way for you to submit your tithes and offerings is by contacting your bank or credit union and setting up a "Bill Pay" plan. Based on your instructions as to amounts and frequency, your bank will cut a check and mail it to St. James - simple as that.

We know times are tough, but hope that you are also finding that your St. James family is a rock in these turbulent times. Please prayerfully consider continuing or increasing your support for your church family.

**REQUEST FOR HELP** – As you may have noticed we have had an ongoing issue with our front doors, we are now in the process of replacing both sets of front doors. The doors are in and should be replaced this coming week. We would appreciate any donations to help offset the cost of \$ 21,000. If you would like to make a donation just mark church doors in the memo of your check. Thank you in advance for any help!