

Perry Hall United Methodist Church

April 7, 2024

Second Sunday of Easter

(**Stand as you are able)

WELCOME – RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

~ *Please sign the Ritual of Friendship and pass down the row. When everyone has signed, please pass it back to the center, noting those on your row that you may not know. Be sure to greet them after the service!* ~

ORGAN PRELUDE “Jesus Has Risen as He Said” Gerald Peterson

CHORAL INTROIT “Psalm 68” Chinese melody

****OPENING HYMNS** “Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain” pg. 315 UMH

** CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise the Lord in the heights!

P: Let them praise the name of the Lord, whose name alone is exalted, whose glory is above earth and heaven.

OPENING PRAYER

Lord of life, submitting to death, you conquered the grave. By being lifted on a cross you draw all peoples to you. By being raised from the dead, you restored to humanity all that we had lost through sin. Throughout these fifty days of Easter, we proclaim the marvelous mystery of death and resurrection. For all praise is yours, now and throughout eternity. Amen.

CHILDREN’S STORY

****PRAISE SONGS** “Come, Now Is the Time to Worship”
 “Lord, I Lift Your Name on High”
 “Great Hope”
 “You Are Mine”

CELEBRATION OF OUR SHARED MINISTRY

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

SPECIAL MUSIC “And Now My Lifesong Sings” Mark Hall
 J. Paul Appel, Baritone

****SCRIPTURE** John 20:19-31 pg. 115 – The Gospel
(Please stand for the reading of the Gospel)

THE MESSAGE “God Our Savior” Rev. Margery Schammel

CONFESSION AND PARDON

We confess to you, all-knowing God, what we are. We are not the people we like others to think we are. We are afraid to admit, even to ourselves, what lies in the depths of our souls. But we cannot hide our true selves from you. You know us as we are, and yet you love us. Help us not to shrink from self-knowledge. Teach us to respect ourselves for your sake. Give us the courage to put our trust in your guiding power. Raise us out of the paralysis of guilt into the freedom and energy of forgiven people. And for those who through long habit find forgiveness hard to accept, we ask you to break their bondage and set them free; through Jesus Christ our Redeemer. Amen.

~~~*A Time of Silent Confession*

L: In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

**P: Alleluia! Amen!**

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING *(Musical Setting A, pp.17-18 UMH)*

L: The Lord be with you.

**P: And also with you.**

L: Lift up your hearts.

**P: We lift them up to the Lord.**

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

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

L: It is right, and a good and joyful thing.... And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**All singing: 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.**

L: Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ ....in union with Christ’s offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

**All singing: Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.**

L: Pour out your Holy Spirit .... All honor and glory is yours, almighty God, now and forever.

**All singing: Amen, amen, amen.**

## GIVING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

*Please follow the direction of the ushers. You will come to the table by the center aisle. You will receive the bread and cup, then move to the railing where you may kneel, or stand, and take communion. You will return to your seats by the side aisles.*

## PRAYER AFTER HOLY COMMUNION

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.

**\*\*CLOSING HYMN** "He Lives" pg. 310 UMH

**\*\*BENEDICTION**

**SENDING FORTH** "I Have Decided to Follow Jesus"

**ORGAN POSTLUDE** "Fanfare for the King" Robert Hughes



**Children's Story** – Denise Boyd

**Acolyte** – Sophia VanHook

**MESSAGE FOR NEXT SUNDAY**

"God Is Not Magic" – Luke 24:36-48

**OUR PRAYER LIST**

Danny Benner, those suffering with cancer, debilitating illnesses, addictions, those in war-torn countries, those affected by the bridge collapse, and those needing ongoing prayer.

**CHURCH EVENTS FOR THE WEEK**

**Sunday**

**Monday**

**Tuesday** Scouts 6-7 pm

**Wednesday** Praise Band and Choir Practice 7 pm

**Thursday**

**Friday** Confirmation Class 6:00 pm

KC Dance 5:30-8:30 pm

**Saturday** Thrift Shop 9 am-12 pm

Private Party FH 11 am – 2 pm

Folk Music Night 7 pm

The **Grab 'n Go Chili** has been EXTENDED an extra week. Orders due by NEXT SUNDAY, April 14<sup>th</sup>. [Pick up is Sunday, April 21<sup>st</sup>](#). Information and order forms in the narthex.

Our **Rada Cutlery Fundraiser** is in full swing. Orders and money **MUST** be in by NEXT SUNDAY, [April 14<sup>th</sup>](#). Catalogs and order forms are in the narthex.

The **Community Flea Market and Craft Fair** is Saturday, May 4<sup>th</sup>. Spaces are available for \$25. Contact Debbie Siegert at 410-804-0866 or [dsiegert72159@yahoo.com](mailto:dsiegert72159@yahoo.com)

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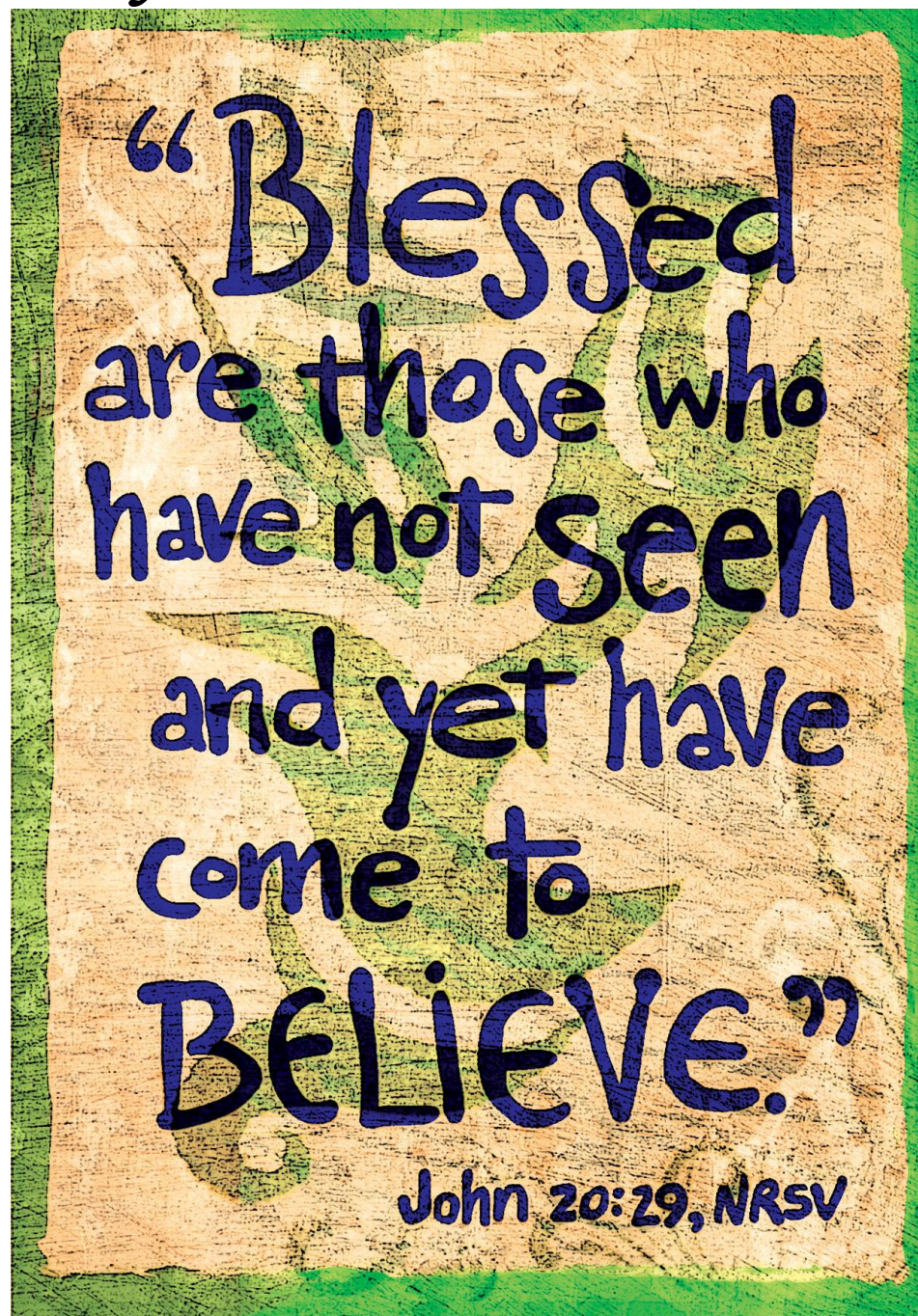
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