

**May 7, 2017**  
**4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter**

**GOD'S PEOPLE PREPARE FOR THE WORD**

*As we gather, some of our number have found it helpful to begin worship with a time of group singing and praise a few moments prior to worship each week. If you choose not to participate in the singing, and would prefer to visit or make personal connections at this time, please use the Assembly Room for these purposes. We hope that this extended time brings you an opportunity to embrace the Lord in worship.*

Gathering Music: Hymn #373

*Praise the Lord, His Glories Show*

Words of Welcome and Announcements

Our Friendship in Christ

\*Call to Worship: *(Responsive)*

O God, you summon the day to dawn, you teach the morning to waken the earth.

**For you the valleys shall sing for joy, the trees of the field shall clap their hands.**

For you the kings of the earth shall bow, the poor and the persecuted shall shout for joy.

**Your love and mercy shall last forever, fresh as the morning, sure as the sunrise.**

Great is your name.

**Great is your love. Amen.**

\*Hymn of Praise and Adoration: Hymn #347, v. 1-4 *All Creatures of Our God and King*

Prayer of Confession: *(Unison, including a time of silent confession)*

**Jesus, who sat at table with outcasts and sinners, we confess that too often our words and actions are not consistent with our beliefs. Often we ignore the needy, show indifference to the lonely, and reject those who seem different from us. Forgive us, we pray.**

*(A time of silent confession)*

**Empower us to reach out in love and acceptance through your name. Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon: *(Responsive)*

The LORD is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

**He will not always accuse, nor will he keep his anger forever.**

He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities.

**For as the heavens are high above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him;**

As far as the east is from the west, so far he removes our transgressions from us.

**As a father has compassion for his children, so the Lord has compassion for those who fear him.**

– Psalm 103:8-13

Congregational Response: Hymn #297, v. 2

*Jesus Christ is Risen Today*

**GOD'S PEOPLE RECEIVE THE WORD**

The Prayer for Illumination

The Gospel Reading: Luke 14:12-14

(NIV)

This is the Word of the Lord;

**Thanks be to God!**

The Old Testament Reading: 2 Samuel 9:1-13

(NIV)

This is the Word of the Lord;

**Thanks be to God!**

The Children's Sermon

*Note that this Lent and Easter season we are spending intentional time with children "coaching" them through various aspects of the worship service. Children are invited to come forward at this time and then proceed to the next part of their worship experience (either in the sanctuary or receiving child care as appropriate).*

Sermon

*God is Not Asking You to be "Nice"*

**GOD'S PEOPLE RESPOND TO THE WORD**

\*Hymn of Reflection: Hymn #235

*Jesus is Lord of All*

Prayers of the People & the Lord's Prayer

Joys and Concerns

Presenting our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

\*Congregational Response: Blue Songbooks #13 *Salvation Belongs to Our God*

\*Prayer of Dedication

\*Hymn of Dedication: Hymn #21

*Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*

\*Charge & Benediction

Postlude

***\*Please stand, if able.***

**WORSHIP LEADERS FOR TODAY**

**Leading in Worship:** Cheri Mack  
**Toddler Room:** Linda Pearson, Linda Piper  
**Childcare:** Mollie Sam, Rachele Jacob  
**Greeters:** Alice Schnelbach & John McConnell

**WORSHIP LEADERS FOR MAY 7<sup>th</sup>**

**Leading in Worship:** Barb Prevost  
**Toddler Room:** Rebecca Mehl, Jamie Klein  
**Childcare:** Lynn Langford, Rachele Jacob  
**Greeters:** Bill & Fay Reynolds

**Opportunities for the Week of May 7<sup>th</sup>**

Sunday	5/7	7:00 pm	Youth Group
Monday	5/8	9:00 am	Exercise
		7:00 pm	Deacons Meeting @ Kish Home
Tuesday	5/9	9:30 am	Women's Craft Group
			The Table
Wednesday	5/10	9:00 am	Exercise
		7:00 pm	Bill Lowrey @ Bethany Church
Friday	5/12	9:00 am	Exercise
Sunday	5/14	9:30 am	Faithbuilders
		11:00 am	Worship
			Happy Mother's Day

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

***Printed copies of the Sermon are also available on the shelves in the back of the sanctuary and on the web at: [www.chup.org](http://www.chup.org) . Each worship service is also recorded on audio CD. In addition to being on the church website, all of Pastor Dave's sermons are posted on his blog at [www.castyournet.wordpress.com](http://www.castyournet.wordpress.com).***

1. Today marks the **final Sunday of Lucas Bowman's employment** as our musician. Our time together has been unexpectedly brief due to the phenomenal success of his band, *The Commonheart* (<http://www.thecommonheart.com>). The band's touring schedule is so exhaustive that that Lucas is unable to commit to being here each week. We are grateful for the chance to have served together, and wish Lucas well as he follows this new path!

2. The Open Door is **looking for volunteers** for Friday Night Rec, 6-10 each Friday through the end of May. There are lots of ways that you can help, and we'd love to have you even if you can only come for part of the time. It is important to continue offering programming to the children in our community, and we rely on volunteers to make that possible. Please talk to Kristen if you have questions or to sign up.

3. Monday, May 8, stop by The Open Door to **sign up for Cross Trainers and for Camp Crestfield**. We will have representatives from the Crestfield staff, in case you have questions about their programs this summer. We will be available from 6-8. If you can't make it, don't worry! Just email or call Kristen, and she will send forms out to you.

4. On May 10, you have the opportunity to hear from **The Rev. Bill Lowrey**, former PCUSA Mission Co-Worker and World Vision Director of Peacebuilding. Bill will be speaking at the Bethany Presbyterian Church on Wednesday, May 10 from 7 – 8:30 pm.

5. Please join us in the Sanctuary on May 17 to **celebrate the end of another Preschool year**. At 9:50 am, there will be songs by the children of CHCP, a slide show, and a few words of gratitude and encouragement. All are welcome to attend. A light reception will follow in Fellowship Hall.

6. On Thursday, May 18, The Open Door's After School program is going to host a **goodbye party for Mr. Brad**. If you are free and would like to join us, please do! Anyone is welcome. We'll start around 3:30, and we'll be there until 5:30, so we hope you'll drop in at some point to wish Brad well.

7. **Faith Builders Class**. Fifty years after it was birthed in South Africa by the Dutch Reformed Mission Church in its ongoing discussions about apartheid and race relations, the Belhar Confession was added to the Presbyterian Church (USA) Book of Confessions. For the next few weeks, Pastor Dave is leading a discussion centered on the Belhar document and some of the themes it contains during the 9:30 Faithbuilders hour. We'll gather in the parlor. No advance preparation is required, but if you'd like to read the Confession you can either pick one up in the Parlor or see it at <http://www.presbyterianmission.org/resource/belhar-confession/>

8. **Stel Lightell has a new address!** 3409 Lindsey Lane, Toano, VA 23168. Please keep this for your records.

## My Daily Time with God This Week May 7<sup>th</sup> – May 14<sup>th</sup>

One of the ways that we can best remember who we are, and who God calls us to be, is to spend time in His presence. In 2017, we will follow the devotional schedule published by *The Upper Room*. To receive devotions in your e-mail each day, simply visit <http://www.upperroom.org/devotional/email/> and sign up. May God bless you as you seek Him!

**God's Promise:** "If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and will heal their land."  
(*2 Chronicles 7:14*)

**Psalm for the week:** Psalm 23 (*Read this through prayerfully each day. As you do so, you will concentrate less on yourself and more on your Lord.*)

### Daily Scripture Readings:

<b>Monday</b>	Ephesians 5:1-20	<b>Friday</b>	Psalm 149:1-5
<b>Tuesday</b>	Matthew 23:23-26	<b>Saturday</b>	John 5:1-9
<b>Wednesday</b>	Hosea 11:1-4	<b>Sunday</b>	2 Samuel 11
<b>Thursday</b>	Micah 6:6-8		

### Speaking with your Creator:

- about your own life
- about those in our family of faith

--**members** – Bonnie Schrenker, Barb Wasner, Florence Hall, Deb Jacob, Bill Richardson, Erika Locke, Season Ciechanowski, Tina Dame, Paul Imhoff, Ed Kososki, Dolly Bock, Linnea Kunicky, Maryanne Richardson, Gwen Lightell Miller, Cheryl Reed, Joey Szumigalski & family, Justin & Eric Barth, the homebound and those in caring facilities.

--**friends & relatives** – Gloria Leonard, Bill Gracey, Jemina Carroll, Anya Maciulewski, Linda Richardson, Lisa & Nicholas Daugherty, Kate Kuhn, Lorraine Barth, Duane Eagan, Virginia Trunick, Eadie Children, Gary Rivit, Betty Hartlep, Krieger family, Mark Mattern, Elijah Todd, Harold Garrison.

--**about our world** – Friends & Family in the Armed Forces, World peace, the Mbenjere Church of Central Africa Presbyterian, members of the church in South Sudan, Veterans & disabled, poor & needy, those persecuted and martyred for their faith. (*If you would like to include someone in your prayers, please fill out an "I Wish" card from the pews.*)

**Listening to your Creator:** -a time of silence

**Going out into your world:** -remembering that God sends you to the people he loves.

**Church Prayer Families:** Kati Ault & Robert Walters

**Open Door Prayer Family:** Christian's family