

**McKEESPORT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
WORSHIP SERVICE**

3rd Sunday of Easter

April 14, 2024

WE ENTER INTO THE PRESENCE OF GOD

PRELUDE

Candice Holsinger, Organist

WELCOME AND NEWS OF THE CHURCH

OPENING PRAYER

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

(L) On this the 3rd Sunday of Easter, we remove Christ's crown of thorns and crown Him with many crowns,

(C) For He is King above all.

(L) He came to us, became one of us, suffered and died for us.

(C) We crown Him the Lord of Love.

(L) He died and then rose, conquering death, that we may have eternal life.

(C) We Crown Him the Lord of Love.

(L) He carries us through the chaos of this world, offering us a peace that surpasses understanding.

(C) We Crown Him the Prince of Peace.

(L) We find Him not in the tomb but on The Throne!

(C) His reign shall know no end.

***HYMN #1**

"Crown Him with many Crowns"

No. 45, brown

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION:**

You have raised Jesus from death to life and crowned him Lord of all.

We confess that we have not bowed before Him, or acknowledge his rule in our lives.

We have bowed down to idols of money, power, convenience, self.

We have overlooked the poor, the hungry, the addicted, the oppressed.

We have failed to live into your Kingdom.

We have failed to bear witness to your Beloved Community.

Forgive us, God of Mercy.

(pause for silent reflection)

*** ASSURANCE OF PARDON: (Romans 8:34, 3:17)**

Sisters and Brothers,

Who is in a position to condemn us? Only Jesus Christ! And Jesus did not come into the world to condemn us but instead He died for us and was raised for us. He sits at the right hand of God and intercedes for us that we might be saved!

Here the Good News, In Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven!

(ALL) Give thanks to the Lord!

***GLORIA PATRI**

No. 813, brown

**Glory be 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.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

JOYS

Leader: "For (joy), Gracious God..."

All: "we give you thanks"

CONCERNS

Leader: "For (concern), Merciful Lord ..."

All: "hear our prayer."

Let's pray together 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 sins, as we forgive those who sin against us, and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the Kingdom and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Please contact the church by email or phone with your prayer requests during the week.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE:

Please welcome the children & youth to the front of the sanctuary.

ANTHEM

"To God Be the Glory

(Chancel Choir)

Arr. Doane

SCRIPTURE READING:

John 1 3:1-2

¹ See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God, and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. ² Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is.

SERMON:

Guest Speaker, Rev. Dr. Asa Lee

THE RESPONSE
WE COMMIT TO THE WORK OF GOD

OFFERTORY

Candice Holsinger, Organist

***DOXOLOGY**

***HYMN #2**

" O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing" (Vv. 1, 2 &3)

No. 21, brown

THE EXIT

WE ENGAGE THE WORLD OF GOD

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

POSTUDE

Candice Holsinger, Organist

**All those who are able, please stand"*



ANNOUNCEMENTS

April 14, 2024

GUEST SPEAKER:

Please stop after service to thank Rev. Dr. Asa Lee, for being our guest speaker today. Rev. Dr. Lee is currently the president of the Pittsburgh Theological Seminary. He is noted for his workshops and seminars dealing with Christianity in the 21st century.

FELLOWSHIP :

Please join together for friendship and fellowship after today's service.

IF YOUR ARE IN NEED OF PASTORAL CARE:

Please contact the church office.

REFRESH:

Come "Refresh" on Wednesday, April 17, 2024 at 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm. Join in for learning, fellowship and a meal. Please bring your family and friends.

EYEGASSES, HEARING AIDS:

Lions Club of White Oak is collecting old eyeglasses, hearing aids, and used, clean, non-labeled prescription bottles. If you would like to dispose of any of these items, please give them to Carol Lasch or drop them off at the church office.

MALAWI VISITATION:

The Malawi visitation is postponed from May to September. Please watch for further updates.

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