

St. Andrews Presbyterian Church

APRIL 11, 2021

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

WELCOME

OPENING VOLUNTARY

Maestoso

Herman Schröder

CALL TO WORSHIP

The Word of life spoke:

so we could hear the angels' 'Alleluias!'

The Word of life reached out:

so we could touch the hope which heals us.

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

so we could follow him into life forever.

HYMN

O Sons and Daughters, Let Us Sing

O FILII ET FILIAE

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

O sons and daughters, let us sing with heavenly hosts to Christ our King;
Today the grave has lost its sting! Alleluia! Alleluia!

That night the apostles met in fear; among them came their Lord most dear,
And said, "My peace be with you here." Alleluia! Alleluia!

When Thomas first the tidings heard, how they had seen the risen Lord,
He doubted the disciples' word. Alleluia! Alleluia!

"My pierced side, O Thomas, see; and look upon my hands, my feet;
Not faithless, but believing be." Alleluia! Alleluia!

No longer Thomas then denied; he saw the feet, the hands, the side;
"You are my Lord and God!" he cried. Alleluia! Alleluia!

How blest are they who have not seen, and yet whose faith has constant been,
For they eternal life shall win. Alleluia! Alleluia!

CONFESSING OUR SIN

Loving God, sometimes we hide ourselves behind closed doors... afraid to love... afraid to share...
afraid to be vulnerable.

Sometimes we hide ourselves behind locked minds... unwilling to love... unwilling to share...
unwilling to be vulnerable.

But you always invite us to step outside... to trust... and to embrace your new life.

Forgive our faintheartedness... release us from our reluctance...

and inspire us to go and be and tell and do your good news...

Silence is kept for personal prayers of confession

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

JOYFUL RESPONSE

Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks

ALLELUIA #1

Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord.

Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to his name.

Spread the good news o'er all the earth:

Jesus has died and has risen.

Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord.

Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to his name.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Nancy Berlin

HEBREW SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 133

MUSICAL OFFERING

GOSPEL READING

John 20:19-31

CHILDREN'S LESSON

SERMON

When Doors Are Closed

Rev. Brian Ellison

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

from *A Brief Statement of Faith*

In life and death we belong to God.

Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve.

We trust in Jesus Christ, Fully human, fully God.

Jesus proclaimed the reign of God:

preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives,

teaching by word and deed and blessing the children,

healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted,

eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners,

and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.

Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition,

Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world.

God raised Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal.

With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.

JOYS AND CONCERNS OF GOD'S CHURCH, COMMUNITY AND WORLD

MINUTE FOR MINISTRY

Covenant Network of Presbyterians

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND 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.

OFFERING OUR GIFTS

Offertory Response

Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow

LAST UNS ERFREUEN

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise God, all creatures here below; Alleluia, alleluia!

Praise God above, ye heavenly host;

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia, alleluia!

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Prayer of Dedication

HYMN

We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight

DUNLAP'S CREEK

We walk by faith and not by sight; with gracious words draw near,
O Christ, who spoke as none e'er spoke: "My peace be with you here."

We may not touch your hands and side, nor follow where you trod;
But in your promise we rejoice, and cry, "My Lord and God!"

Help then, O Lord, our unbelief; and may our faith abound
To call on you when you are near and seek where you are found.

And when our life of faith is done, in realms of clearer light
May we behold you as you are, with full and endless sight.

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

And also with you.

BENEDICTION IN MUSIC

Vivace

Herman Schröder

Today We Welcome

Brian Ellison as guest preacher. Brian has served since 2012 as executive director of the Covenant Network of Presbyterians, a national organization engaging, educating and equipping congregations and councils toward an equity not yet fully realized for LGBTQIA+ people in church and society. He is also stated clerk of the Synod of Mid-America and of Heartland Presbytery and a host/contributor at KCUR, NPR in Kansas City. Brian was previously pastor of a congregation in the Kansas City area for 13 years, where he still lives with his partner, Troy, and their two dogs, the affable Charlie and the recalcitrant Willoughby.

Notes on Today's Music

The Opening Voluntary and Benediction in Music are by Hermann Schröder (1904-1984), a German composer, Catholic church musician and choral conductor. He served as a professor of choral conducting, counterpoint, and composition at several universities. His main accomplishments as a composer were in Catholic church music. His catalog includes much organ music as well as folk-song settings, German settings of the Ordinary and Proper of the Mass, and chamber music (especially with the organ).