

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
DURHAM, NORTH CAROLINA

Fifth Sunday of Easter

April 29, 2018

A SERVICE FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD
WITH THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

(As we prepare to worship, please silence all mobile devices.)

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS, JOYS AND CONCERNS

Mindy Douglas

PRELUDE

Two Variations on "Shades Mountain"

John Eggert

INTROIT

Lord God, We Praise You

Sung to *Shades Mountain*

*Lord God, we praise thee, now the night is over;
Active and watchful, stand we all before thee;
Singing we offer prayer and meditation:
Thus we adore thee.*

*Monarch of all things, fit us for thy mansions;
Banish our weakness, health and wholeness sending;
Bring us to heaven, where thy saints united
Joy without ending.*

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Mindy Douglas

Leader: Jesus offers a new-old commandment,

People: **That we should love each other.**

Leader: With the incredible power and the unfathomable depth of God's love for us,

People: **We can, we must love one another.**

Leader: And it is in this, our love for one another,

People: **That the world will know whom and what we worship.**

Leader: Come, children of God, let us love one another.

All: **Let us worship God.**

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN (see page 7) *Christ Is Alive, With Joy We Sing*

Gelobt Sei Gott

*CONFESSION OF SIN (remain standing)

Mindy Douglas

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Leader: God of steadfast love, you change bitter tears of remorseful hearts with the raindrops of mercy;

People: **Now, let us germinate a new life, growing with integrity!**

Leader: God of steadfast love, you change the cold shame of contrite hearts with sunrays of mercy;

People: **Now, let us sprout a new life, growing with honesty!**

Leader: God of steadfast love, you change the stony edges of repentant hearts into landscapes of mercy;

People: **Now, let us branch out into new life, growing with generosity!**

Silent Confession

Declaration of Pardon

* Those who are able, please stand.

*He is the sun which brings the dawn:
He is the light of all the world,
Setting us free from death and sin.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.*

COLLECT FOR THE DAY

Jerry Postema

Leader: The Lord be with you.
People: **And also with you.**
Leader: Let us pray.
All: **Wondrous Vine-grower, you make all things new in water and Word, feeding your people with love, joy, and peace. Lead us today and every day to the font of new beginnings. Teach us to love what you have commanded and to prune what does not nourish your creation, in the name of the Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

ACTS OF THE APOSTLES

Acts 8:26-40

(Pew Bible, NT Page 127)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.
People: **Thanks be to God!**

EPISTLE LESSON

1 John 4:7-12

(Pew Bible, NT Page 241)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.
People: **Thanks be to God!**

***HYMN NO. 366**

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

Hyfrydol

GOSPEL LESSON

John 15:1-8

(Pew Bible, NT Page 109)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.
People: **Thanks be to God!**

SERMON

“Metaphor as Healing”

Marilyn Hedgpeth

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

(From Romans 8:35-39)

Sam Miglarese

Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written, “For your sake we are being killed all day long; we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered.” No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

***HYMN NO. 226 (verses 1,2,4, and 6)**

There in God’s Garden

Shades Mountain

(Children through 1st grade enter worship during the hymn.)

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

Marilyn Hedgpeth

(Following “A Time with Children,” children can remain in worship with their parents or return to the nursery. Children’s Choir participants may join Samantha in the choir room for rehearsal.)

DEDICATION OF OFFERINGS

Offertory Anthem

Christ, the Vine

Robert J. Powell

*Christ, the vine, and God, the gardener, we, the branches bearing fruit.
We can bring forth shoots of promise when our lives in Christ take root.
Christ, the fruit from Jesse springing, you fulfilled the prophet's trust.
And you pray that we, your body, will fulfill your trust in us.
Christ, may we submit to pruning that we bear more grapes for wine.
Help us, when we're overburdened, draw new strength from you, the vine.
You made us to be partners growing Spirit's fruit anew.
Keep us one in love together: you in us, and we in you!*

*Doxology with Alleluias

Lasst uns erfreuen

***Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below; Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!***

***THE PEACE**

Sam Miglarese

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.
People: **And also with you.**

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

Marilyn Hedgpeth

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Mindy Douglas

Leader: The Lord be with you.
People: **And also with you.**
Leader: Lift up your hearts.
People: **We lift them to the Lord.**
Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**
Leader: Abiding God, you planted the vineyard of creation, and called your chosen people to be your vine, rooted and grounded in you. Through your Son, you abide in us, and in the power of your Holy Spirit you shape the branches of the vine to make fruit that will last. Your Son was crucified that the blood of his sacrifice might be the wine through which we may never be thirsty again. In the meal of creation, of resurrection, and of everlasting life, you pour out the cup of your abundance to give us eternal joy in you. And so we gladly thank you, with angels and archangels, and all the company of heaven, singing the hymn of your unending praise.

All (sung):

Sanctus

Hymn No. 565 (Haugen)

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power, God of 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, hosanna in the highest.

Leader: Transforming God, your Son took on the ordinary substance of human flesh and bone. On his last night with his friends, he took the ordinary materials of bread and wine and made the ordinariness of our lives glow with the wonder of eternal life. Take these gifts of bread and wine and make them be for us the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ; who, at supper with his disciples, took bread, gave you thanks, broke the bread, and gave it to them, saying, "Take, eat: this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me." After supper he took the cup. Again he gave you thanks, and gave it to his disciples, saying "Drink this, all of you: this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

Leader: Great is the mystery of faith.

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

Leader: Redeeming God, you turn Word into flesh, and your perfect love casts out our fear. You show us a way to love you by giving us brothers and sisters to love as we love you. Abide with all whose lives are far from fruitful; remain with those who have experienced pruning; dwell with any who feel like branches that have been discarded. Unite your whole church, living and departed, as branches of your one vine, rooted and grounded in you. Nurture your whole creation, until you are all in all, one God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

(Prayers of thanksgiving and intercession)

THE LORD'S PRAYER *(in unison)*

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.

***THE SHARING OF THE BREAD AND CUP**

Note: Gluten/peanut-free bread is served at the station to the right, in front of the lectern.

***PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Mindy Douglas

Leader: The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

People: **Amen.**

All: **Lord, help us to see that every act of kindness, every word of forgiveness, every gesture of love, seen or unseen, however small, changes the world, and us, forever. Amen.**

***HYMN NO. 247**

Now the Green Blade Rises

Noel Nouvelet

***BENEDICTION**

Marilyn Hedgpeth

***POSTLUDE**

Variation on "Shades Mountain"

John Eggert

First Presbyterian Church welcomes all who worship here. We honor and celebrate the human diversity and unity that God gives us in Christ. We welcome individuals of every age, race, nationality, gender, ability, sexual orientation, and economic circumstance to participate fully in the life of the church. So that we may better know each other, please sign the *Ritual of Friendship pad*, pass it along the center pew across to the shorter side pew, and then **return it to the starting point**, noting the names of those sitting near you. On Sunday, April 22, we welcomed 19 visitors to our worship service.

The *flowers* are given to the glory of God by *Chris, Meredith, Logan, and Evelyn Brown* in memory of *Seth Greyson Brown*.

Hearing Assistance Receivers are available from the ushers. Before you leave the sanctuary please turn off the receiver and place it in the specially marked receptacle near the baptism font.

Nursery care for infants to 6 years of age is provided during worship on the second floor of the Education Building. After the sermon is delivered, children ages 3 to 6 join worship for "*A Time with the Children*" while childcare for infants – 2 years continues in the nursery.

There is a *changing table* in the narthex, located to the left as you exit the rear of the sanctuary.

Worship bags and activity bulletins are available in the foyer for children. Books are on the pews in the narthex for younger children to read and enjoy should they need a break from the service.

Portions of today's worship texts were reprinted from *Feasting on the Word*, *Eucharistic Prayers*, and *Daily Prayer*.

Registration is now open for the **2018 Great Big Church Family Festival**. Use this link to register your family: <https://goo.gl/gRtboc>

~ Joys and Concerns ~

Graeme Peterson joined FPC in 2009. He participated in youth group and also served as a deacon (Class of 2012). In 2013, he transferred his membership to White Memorial Presbyterian Church, Raleigh. Graeme was received back into the membership of FPC by the Session on April 23, 2018. He is a graduate of Duke University (2017) and works with RTI International. Please welcome Graeme back to FPC.

Added this week: *Carl Sims*, son of Kathy Colville

Carsey Family

Graham/Seawell/Boyle Family

Deborah Lawrence, mother of Darlington Hebron

Lorimer Family

Susan Seahorn

Brookdale Senior Living (Durham): *Julian Boswell*

Croasdaile Village: *Bette Conroy* (Friendship Hall)

Croasdaile Pavilion: *Bob Keever, John Kerr, Bob Rankin, Florence Shackelford*

Dubose Center, Chapel Hill: *Mary Clark*

Hillcrest Convalescence Center: *Margaret Sims*

Pruitt Health at Carolina Point (Durham): *Helen Garrison*

The Forest at Duke: *Fran Bryant, Peaches McPherson*

Family and Friends of Church Members and Staff:

Tom Birchfield, step-father of Wil James

Norma Cardoni, mother of Sheila Breitweiser

Ching-Chang Chin, father of Li-Chen Chin

Claiborne Clark, son of Arthur and Mary Clark

Marc Crawford, friend of Brianna and Ricky Bennett

Linda High, niece-in-law of Elizabeth High

Maria Holland, daughter of Katy and Bruce Loeblich

Huberg family, friends of Kathy Parkins and Mary Kay Robinson

Marsha Hussung, sister of Brent Curtis

Clara Iedema, sister of Hendrika Vande Kemp

David Kilpatrick, grandson of Elizabeth High (US Air Force, deployed to Zaragoza, Spain)

Patricia Kost, grandmother of Jack Kost

Ben Johnston-Krase, pastor of Durham's Farm Church

Eric Maina, nephew of Mercy Ndambiri-Curlett, in hospice care at Duke Hospital

Paul Martin, brother of Beth Neece

Sue Noel, resident at Croasdaile Village and friend of Bill Hendrickson

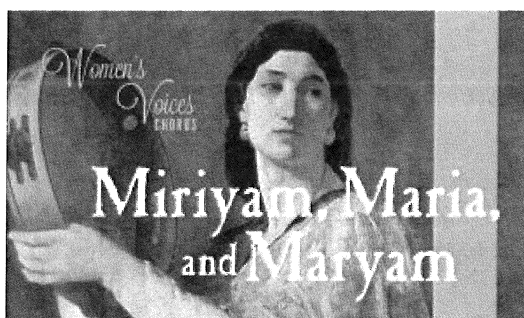
Rosemary Orphys, aunt of Kerry Holbrook

Jonathan Pratt, son of Lanny Pratt

Nichola (Nicky) Sampson, sister-in-law of Sue Fricks

Vickie Tobey, niece of Mickey Velkey and cousin of Beth Brockman

Anne Turlington, aunt of Jack Kost



Women's Voices Chorus

Spring Concert

Sunday, May 6 – 3:00 PM

FPC Sanctuary

This concert will feature Artistic Director Allan Friedman's new refugee song, *Miriyam, Maria, and Maryam*, a dramatic piece written in response to the present reality of millions of displaced people around the globe. Accompanied by guitars, oud, percussion, and interpretive dance, with text from Psalms, Rumi, and Hafez, Friedman imagines three women of different faiths as they are swept up in tragic historical events. The spring program will also include modern and Renaissance choral works by women on the Virgin Mary; Ariel Ramirez's romping and lively South American folk mass, *Misa Criolla*; and international songs of peace, including an Iraqi lullaby and a Palestinian-American's song on the longing to be free. Tickets are \$17 for adults and \$7 for students. To purchase advance tickets, please visit the Women's Voices Chorus website. All tickets purchased online will be available for pickup at the ticket table in the lobby on the day of the concert.



Smart Devices Needed

Do you have an old iPod, iPhone, or iPad? Please bring it to church to donate! Your device will be donated to Music and Memory (www.musicandmemory.org) to provide "personalized music" for people suffering from dementia. Look for the plastic box with the Music and Memory logo in the volunteer's office, or contact Christyn Klinck for more information (cfklinck@gmail.com). Donations accepted through Sunday, May 27.

~ Serving Today ~

Liturgist: **Jerry Postema**

Narthex Greeter: **Debbie Hamlin-Aggrey**

After Worship Greeters: **Al Arrowood** (side/font); **Ellie Dilworth** (rear/narthex)

Ushers: **Emily Wilkins** (head), **Christy Gudiatis**, **Dale Gaddis**

Communion Elders:

Head/replenish elements: **Alice Raney**

Bread: **Andy Henry** (B1/process), **Cris Rivera** (B2), **Tyler Momsen-Hudson** (B3), **Gray Wilson** (B4)

Cup: **Miriam Morey** (C1), **Dawn Carsey** (C2/process), **Gerald Postema** (C3), **Caroline Rourk** (C4)

Shepherds: **Delia Kwon** (center aisle), **Carol Carson** (font aisle), **Jane Wettach** (pulpit aisle)

Christ Is Alive, With Joy We Sing

Melchior Vulpius
GELOBT SEI GOTT



1. Christ is a - live, with joy we sing; we cel - e - brate our
2. He is the grain of wheat that died; sown in dis - tress and
3. He is the vine set in the earth, shar - ing our life, be -
4. He is the bread which comes from God bro - ken to feed us



ris - en Lord, prais - ing the glo - ry of his name.
reaped in joy, yield - ing a har - vest of new life.
com - ing flesh, that we might share in God's own life.
in our need, giv - en to bring e - ter - nal life.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

RESPONSE HYMN

He Is the Sun Which Brings the Dawn

Melchior Vulpius
GELOBT SEI GOTT

He is the sun which brings the dawn: He is the light of

all the world, set - ting us free from death and sin.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

247 Now the Green Blade Rises

1 Now the green blade ris - es from the bur - ied grain,
 2 In the grave they laid him, love by ha - tred slain,
 3 Forth he came at Eas - ter like the ris - en grain,
 4 When our hearts are win - try, griev - ing, or in pain,

wheat that in dark earth man - y days has lain;
 think - ing that he would nev - er wake a - gain,
 he that for three days in the grave had lain;
 your touch can call us back to life a - gain;

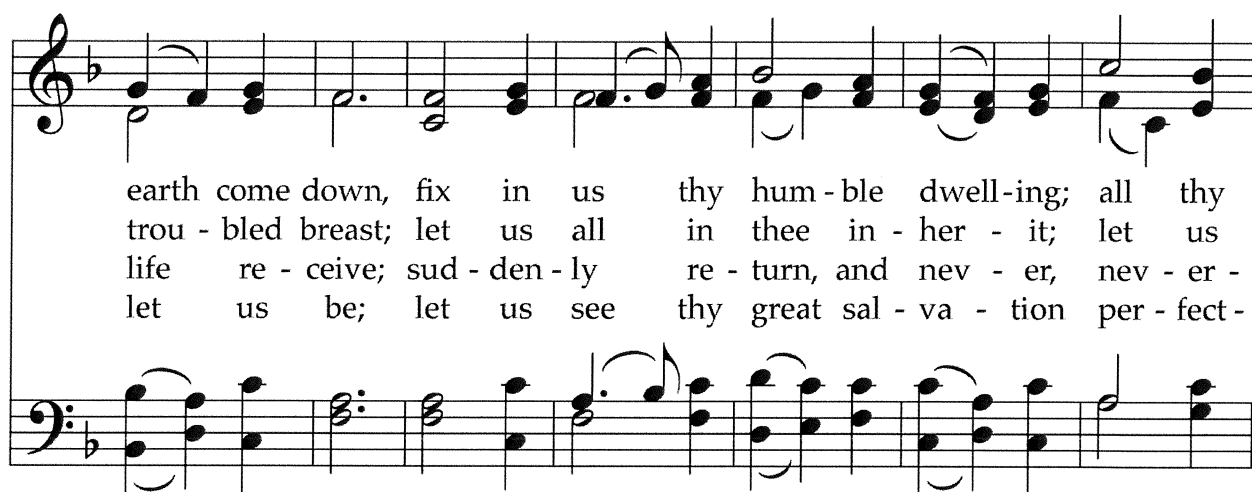
love lives a - gain, that with the dead has been;
 laid in the earth like grain that sleeps un - seen;
 raised from the dead, my liv - ing Lord is seen;
 fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been:

love is come a - gain like wheat a - ris - ing green.

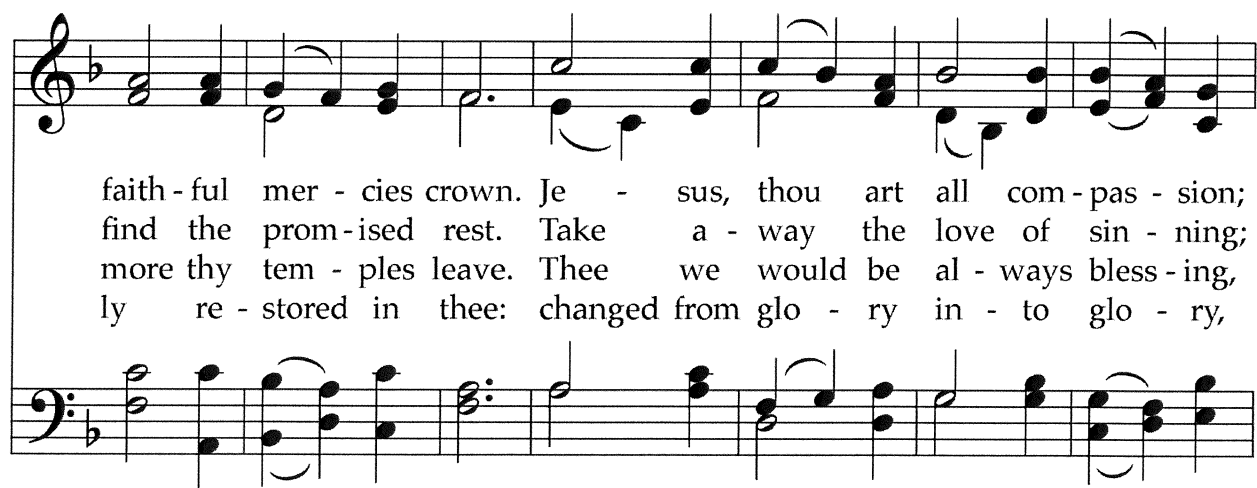
366 Love Divine, All Loves Excelling



1 Love di - vine, all loves ex - cel - ling, Joy of heaven, to
2 Breathe, O breathe thy lov - ing Spir - it in - to ev - ery
3 Come, Al - might - y, to de - liv - er; let us all thy
4 Fin - ish then thy new cre - a - tion; pure and spot - less



earth come down, fix in us thy hum - ble dwell - ing; all thy
trou - bled breast; let us all in thee in - her - it; let us
life re - ceive; sud - den - ly re - turn, and nev - er, nev - er -
let us be; let us see thy great sal - va - tion per - fect -



faith - ful mer - cies crown. Je - sus, thou art all com - pas - sion;
find the prom - ised rest. Take a - way the love of sin - ning;
more thy tem - ples leave. Thee we would be al - ways bless - ing,
ly re - stored in thee: changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry,

pure, un - bound - ed love thou art; vis - it us with
Al - pha and O - me - ga be; end of faith, as
serve thee as thy hosts a - bove, pray, and praise thee
till in heaven we take our place, till we cast our

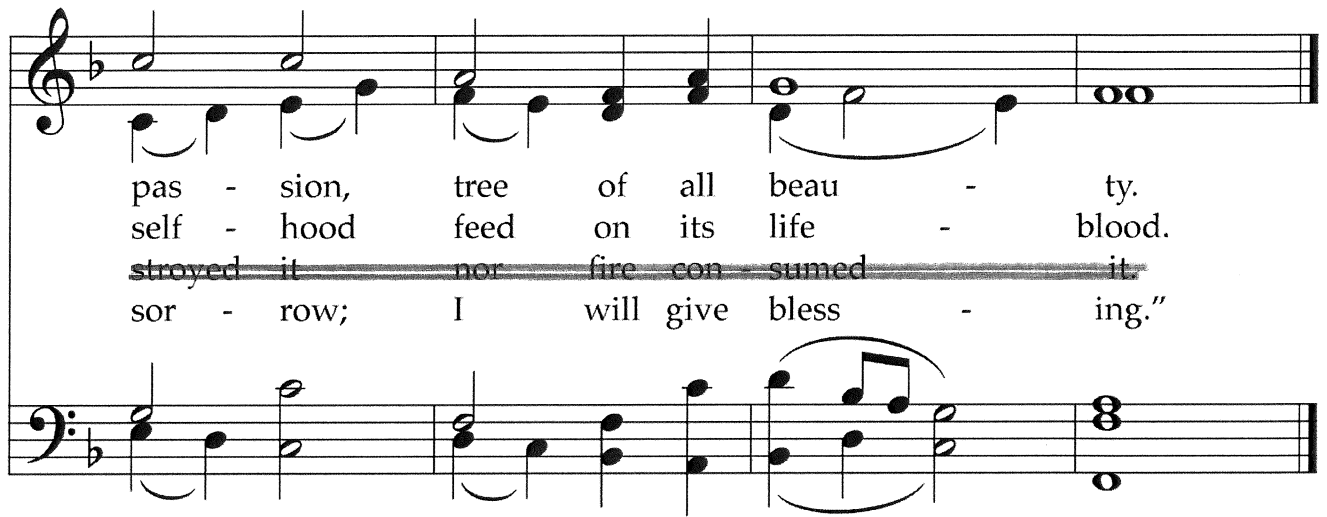
thy sal - va - tion; en - ter ev - ery trem - bling heart.
its be - gin - ning, set our hearts at lib - er - ty.
with - out ceas - ing, glo - ry in thy per - fect love.
crowns be - fore thee, lost in won - der, love, and praise.

There in God's Garden

1 There in God's gar - den stands the tree of Wis - dom,
 2 Its name is Je - sus, name that says, "Our Sav - ior!"
~~3 Thorns not its own are tan - gled in its fo - liage;~~
 4 See how its branch - es reach to us in wel - come;

whose leaves hold forth the heal - ing of the na - tions:
 There on its branch - es see the scars of suf - fering;
~~our greed has starved it, our de - spite has choked it.~~
 hear what the Voice says, "Come to me, ye wea - ry!

tree of all knowl - edge, tree of all com -
 see there the ten - drils of our hu - man
~~Yet, look! it lives! its grief has not de -~~
 Give me your sick - ness; give me all your



pas - sion, tree of all beau - ty.
 self - hood feed on its life - blood.
~~stroyed it nor fire con - sumed it~~
 sor - row; I will give bless - ing."

~~5 This is my ending;
 this, my resurrection;
 into your hands,
 Lord, I commit my spirit.
 This have I searched for;
 now I can possess it.
 This ground is holy.~~

6 All heaven is singing,
 "Thanks to Christ whose passion
 offers in mercy
 healing, strength, and pardon.
 Peoples and nations,
 take it; take it freely!"
 Amen! My Master!

The Week at a Glance!

<p>Later Today</p> <p>1:00 – 3:00 PM New Officers Training (at FPC, with Trinity Ave PC's new officers; class led by Art Ross)</p> <p>5:00 PM High School Seniors Banquet (at FPC)</p>	<p>Monday, April 30</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Annual Church Audit</i></p>	<p>Tuesday, May 1</p> <p>Newsletter today</p> <p>1:30 PM Worship Planning</p> <p>2:30 PM Program Staff</p> <p>7:00 PM Vox Men's Chorus</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Annual Church Audit</i></p>	<p>Wednesday, May 2</p> <p>7:00 PM Chancel Choir</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Annual Church Audit</i></p>
<p>Thursday, May 3</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Annual Church Audit</i></p>	<p>Friday, May 4</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Annual Church Audit</i></p>	<p>Saturday, May 5</p>	<p>Sunday, May 6 <i>Sixth Sunday of Easter</i></p> <p>9:45 AM Children's Choir / Sunday School / Scripture Readers' Class</p> <p>11:00 AM Worship and Holy Communion</p> <p>After Worship Racial Equity Task Force</p> <p>1:00 – 3:00 PM New Officers' Training (at Trinity Ave PC, with Trinity's new officers; class led by Art Ross)</p> <p>3:00 PM Concert: Women's Voices Chorus</p> <p>5:00 – 8:00 PM Youth Groups End-of-Year Party at the Momsen-Hudson's home</p>

Scratch Camp Out at New Hope Camp
Friday, May 4 (5:30PM)
– Saturday, May 5 (Noon)

CHURCH STAFF

Tom Bloom, Business Administrator
Robert Daye, Sexton
Mindy Douglas, Pastor/Head of Staff
Susan Dunlap, Parish Associate
Sarah Finbow, Youth Minister



Marilyn Hedgpeth, Associate Pastor
Cheryl Henry, Parish Associate
Valerie McMillian, Parish Administrator
Sam Miglarese, Associate Pastor
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