

**SERVICE OF WORSHIP FOR THE LORD'S DAY
EASTER SUNDAY
APRIL 1, 2018**

THOUGHT FOR MEDITATION

"Great is the art of beginning, but greater is the art of ending."

~ Henry Wadsworth Longfellow

PRELUDE

Canzona Per Sonare No. 4
Brass Ensemble

GIOVANNI GABRIELI

*(All are encouraged to sign the Friendship Pad in the pews.
If you are a first-time visitor and leave an address, we can welcome you more fully.)*

GREETING

Christ is risen.

He is risen indeed!

Catherine Taylor

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

VOLUNTARY

Easter Carillon
Brass Ensemble and Organ

ROBERT POWELL

† Please stand in body or in spirit.

† CALL TO WORSHIP

Melody Zobel

Rejoice, heavenly choirs of angels.

Rejoice, all creation around God's throne.

Jesus Christ, our Redeemer, is risen!

Sound the trumpet of salvation.

Rejoice, O earth, in shining splendor,

Radiant in the brightness of the Son.

Christ has conquered! Glory fills us!

Darkness vanishes forever!

† HYMN OF PRAISE No. 232

Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

EASTER HYMN

† PRAYER OF ADORATION

Holy One, we praise you for the triumph of this day.

**We praise you for Jesus' constant love and presence
and in our own lives and times.**

Thank you for the witness of the women who went to the tomb,
for their fears as well as their joy and relief.

**In them we see ourselves, caught between what has been
and your open, unknown future.**

You create and re-create through cycles of death and new life,
through change and fresh beginnings.

**As your Easter people, may we live dying and rising lives,
that others may see and embrace your holy realm.**

GRATEFUL RESPONSE

Praise the Lord! God's Glories Show

EASTER HYMN

Brass and voices, hands and hearts, Alleluia!

In the concert, bear your parts, Alleluia!

All that breathes, your Lord adore, Alleluia!

Singing praise forever more, Alleluia!

† PASSING OF THE PEACE

*(Worshippers may exchange signs of God's peace and children may come forward for a
time of sharing faith together.)*

HEARING THE WORD

SHARING FAITH WITH CHILDREN

*(Children 1st grade age and up are invited to remain in the sanctuary. Parents may take
kindergarten and younger children downstairs for nurture and care.)*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 25:6-9

ANTHEM

Alleluia, from Exultate Jubilate
Emily King, soprano; Jonathan Elmore, piano

W. A. MOZART

SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 16:1-8

SERMON

“Hungry for Awe”

Dr. Taylor

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**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
 Maker of heaven and earth,
 and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord;
 who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
 born of the Virgin Mary,
 was crucified, dead, and buried;
 he descended into hell;
 the third day he rose again from the dead;
 he ascended into heaven,
 and sitteth on the right hand
 of God the Father Almighty;
 from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Ghost;
 the holy catholic church;
 the communion of saints;
 the forgiveness of sins;
 the resurrection of the body;
 and the life everlasting. Amen.**

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

†HYMN No. 233

The Day of Resurrection!

LANCASHIRE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERING OF OUR LIVES

One Great Hour of Sharing

OFFERTORY

In Thee Is Gladness

DANIEL KALLMAN

Adult Choir

In thee is gladness, gone is all sadness, Jesus, sunshine of my heart.
 By thee is given the joys of heaven, Thou the only Savior art.
 To serve the ever, forsake thee never, We bow before thee,
 Love and adore thee. Alleluia, alleluia!

In him is gladness, gone is all sadness, He who once was dead is raised.
 Jesus is giving life to the living, Now and ever let him be praised!
 Here where they laid him, death has not stayed him,
 The tomb once somber holds him no longer. Alleluia, alleluia!
 Now is the story of Easter glory sung with glad voices,
 The world rejoices. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

†DOXOLOGY

LAST UNS ERFREUEN

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
 Praise Christ, all creatures here below;
 O Praise him; Alleluia!
 Praise Holy Spirit evermore;
 Praise Triune God, whom we adore.
 Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

†PRAYER OF DEDICATION

BEARING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

† HYMN No. 238

Thine Is the Glory

JUDAS MACCABEUS

† BENEDICTION

† POSTLUDE

Sonata from "Die Bankelsangerlieder"
Brass Ensemble

Anonymous (c.1684)
ed. ROBERT KING

Special thanks to our Brass Ensemble members:

Elizabeth Kania, *trumpet*
Chris Thomas, *trumpet*
Josh Spiegelblatt, *tuba*

Rodney Overstreet, *horn*
Dayl Burnett, *trombone*
Samuel Woolsey, *timpani*

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ANNOUNCEMENTS & OPPORTUNITIES APRIL 1, 2018

Welcome to all who gather for worship today. May each of us know something of God's grace and be moved toward deeper faith, sincere love, and service following Christ. No matter who you are, or what you are seeking, you are welcome here. **If you are seeking a church home, we invite you to explore all that happens in life and ministry in this church.**

HEADSETS for the HEARING IMPAIRED are available. Speak to an Usher or Gavin Faulkner to use them for the worship service.

We are grateful for Melody Zobel who is our liturgist today.

THE CELEBRATION FLOWERS: The BPC Flower Committee has provided the floral arrangements for our Easter worship this morning. The Flower committee dedicates the flowers to the Blacksburg Presbyterian Church congregation.

CREATION CARE THOUGHT: I believe in my heart that faith in Jesus Christ can and will lead us beyond an exclusive concern for the well-being of other human beings to the broader concern for the well-being of the birds in our back yards, the fish in our rivers, and every living creature on the face of the earth. --John Wesley (1701-1791)

One Great Hour of Sharing Offering – is an offering that addresses crises and needs around the world. Special envelopes are provided in the pew racks. In response to God's love and blessings, we ask you to give generously.

Art Exhibit: Come by the library to see the excellent photography of **Richard Mallory Allnutt**, a British-born photographer living in Blacksburg. He focuses primarily on portraiture, but his passions for aviation and the natural world also play a strong role in his repertoire. He has won several significant awards for his work. He will speak at an **Art Forum on April 15.**

Ecumenical Advocacy Days -An opportunity to be more involved and educated on Social Justice Issues is coming up in Washington, April 20- 23, 2018. This year's topic "A World Uprooted-Responding to Migrants, Refugees and Displaced People". We live in a time of upheaval and uprootedness- the Ecumenical Advocacy Days 2018 will focus on the uprootedness of our world. We'll analyze current policy and envision ways to more fully and justly respond to the global and local needs of displaced communities. For more information: <https://advocacydays.org/2018-a-world-uprooted/>

The following dates for Celebration Flowers are still available: April 15, 22, 29, May 13, 20, 27, June 3, 10, July 15, Aug. 5, Oct. 7, 14, Nov. 18, Dec. 30. Please email Sherry at sherry@blacksburgpres.org if you are interested in sponsoring any of these dates.

SERVING TODAY

Church Opener: Nancy Furr

Elder of the Week: **Today:** Brent Opell **Mon-Sunday:** Ami Jo

Ushers: Elva Miller, Jan and Mike McGilliard, Lois Price

Counters: Shalini Perumpral and Forrest Thye

Save the Date! Dining Out for Shelter, Tuesday, April 24, 2018! On Tuesday, April 24, the following restaurants will donate a portion of their sales to support the efforts of To Our House to provide winter shelter for homeless men in the New River Valley and connect them with resources that lead to employment, more permanent housing, and personal economic sustainability. We invite you to dine out with us on that day and help provide shelter for those in need.



Our Daily Bread Bakery & Café (Blacksburg), all business hours

Lucie Monroe's (Christiansburg only), all business hours

Mellow Mushroom (Blacksburg), 5:00 pm to 9:00 pm

Zoe's Kitchen (Blacksburg), 5:00 pm to 9:00 pm

Olykoek Donuts (Dublin), 5:30 am to 9:00 am

Sharkey's Wing & Rib Joint (Radford), all business hours



Watch for updates on the TOH Facebook Page (@toourhouse) and at www.toourhouse.org as more restaurants join us in this endeavor!

THIS WEEK AT BPC - HCR-Hatcher Conference Room, WM-Westminster, FH-Fellowship Hall

- April 1 Easter Sunday (No Sunday School)
9:00 a.m. - Breakfast hosted by Men of the Church (Donations gladly accepted)
9:50 a.m. - Easter Egg Hunt-children up through 5th grade- Bring your own basket
10:30 a.m. - Worship
- April 2 Church Office Closed
Lydia Circle meets at 1:30 p.m. - FH
- April 3 Tuesday Morningstars Bible Study at 7:30 a.m. – HCR
Quilters meet at 9:30 a.m. – HCR * **Note location change**
Prayer Group meets at 11:00 a.m. – Prayer Room- All are welcome!
- April 4 Staff meets at 9:30 a.m. – HCR
Handbell Rehearsal meets at 5:45 p.m.
Adult Choir meets at 7:00 p.m.
- April 8 Presbyterian Women Sunday
Sunday School for all ages at 9:00 a.m.
Adult Ed End-of-Life Class 4:00-5:30 p.m. – HCR
Youth Group meets at 5:30 p.m. Dinner & Youth Sunday Preparation

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

- April 9 Hildegard Circle meets at 6:00 p.m. at Nancy Furr's home, 708 Southgate Dr., Bbrg
Faith Circle meets at 7:00 p.m. at Peg Warren's, 1201 Highland Cir., Bbrg
- April 14 Youth Group meets for Youth Sunday Rehearsal at 10:00 a.m.- Sanctuary
- April 15 Art Forum with Richard Mallory Allnutt- 11:40 a.m. –WM
Adult Ed class End-of-Life meets 4:00-5:30 p.m. – HCR
- April 16 PWCT meets at 3:30 p.m. - WM
- April 22 Season of Creation in Worship
Session meets at 7:00 p.m. – HCR
- April 23 KnitWits gather at 1:00 p.m. - WM
PW Coordinating Team meets at 3:00 p.m. - WM
- April 24 Dining Out for Shelter
- April 29 Season of Creation in Worship



One Great Hour of Sharing

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING SPECIAL OFFERINGS

HUNGER * DISASTER*DEVELOPMENT

Join with Presbyterian Worldwide in sharing God’s love with our neighbors-in-need around the world by providing relief from natural and human-caused disasters, food for the hungry, and support for the poor and oppressed.

This Lenten season, please give generously to One Great Hour of Sharing.

Ways to Give –

- + Through your congregation
- + Donate by credit card on line at presbyterianmission.org/give-oghs
- + Text OGHs to 20222 to give \$10

You can help these important ministries supported by One Great Hour of Sharing by making a gift anytime throughout the year.

Thanks to your heartfelt gifts, One Great Hour of Sharing currently support projects in over 100 countries. If we all do a little, it adds up to a lot!

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING –

We share – with women who were once trafficked for domestic labor and now own their own cooperative business. **This is church.**

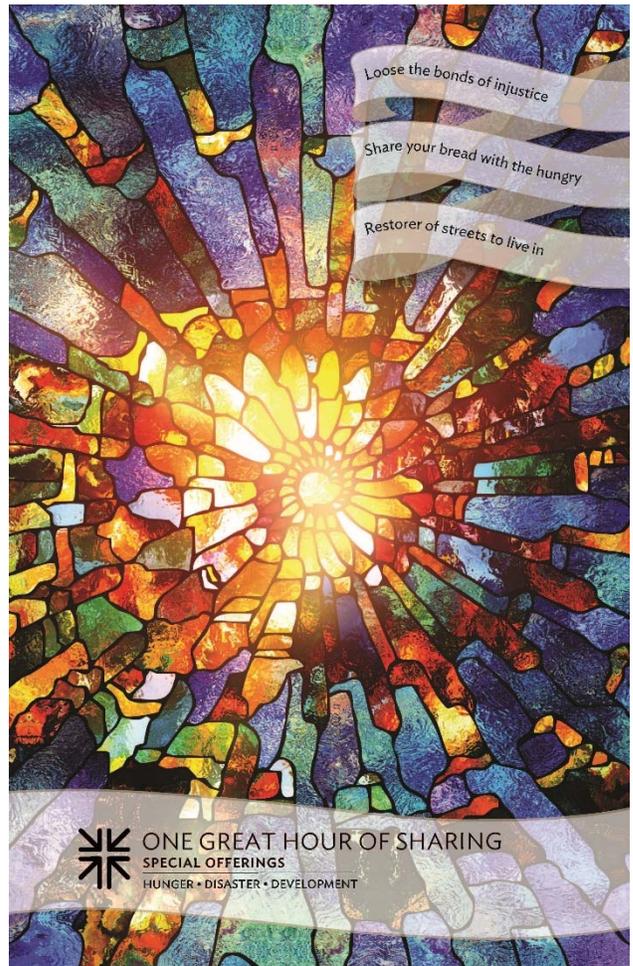
We share – with people through land rights training and improvements to farming methods. **This is church.**

We share – with those whose lives are adversely affected by crises and catastrophic events, staying for the long-term.. **This is church.**

The church is happening right Now, all around us – because We share Christ’s love.

One Great Hour of Sharing Is the single, largest way that Presbyterians come together Every year to work for a better world.

IF WE ALL
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IT ADDS UP
TO A LOT!



Presbyterian Disaster Assistance

Restores Streets to Live in

- + Works alongside communities as they recover and find hope after the devastation of natural or human-caused disasters and support for refugees

Presbyterian Hunger Program

Share your Bread with the Hungry

- + Takes action to alleviate hunger, care for creation, and address the systemic causes of poverty so all may be fed

Self-Development of People

Loose the Bonds of Injustice

- + Partners with communities responding to their experiences of oppression, poverty and injustice and educates Presbyterians about the impact of these issues



On this mountain the Lord of hosts
will make for all peoples
a feast of rich food, a feast of
well-aged wines,
of rich food filled with marrow, of
well-aged wines strained clear.

And he will destroy on this mountain
the shroud that is cast over all peoples,
the sheet that is spread over all nations;
he will swallow up death forever.

Then the Lord God will wipe away
the tears from all faces,
and disgrace of his people he
will take away from all
the earth,
for the Lord has spoken.

It will be said on that day,
Lo, this is our God; we have
waited for him, so that he
might save us.

This is the Lord for whom we
have waited;
let us be glad and rejoice in his
salvation.

Isaiah 25:6-9