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Massanutten
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

A Service of Worship
April 20, 2025
Easter Sunday



We Gather at God's Call

Introit *Joy Is Come!* - Carter

Greeting

Pouring of the Water

Prelude *Toccata* - Bach

*Opening Sentences and Opening Prayer John Kaltenborn, Worship Leader
Do not be afraid: Jesus is risen!
The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!

**Brightness of God's glory and exact image of God's person,
whom death could not conquer nor the tomb imprison,
as you have shared our frailty in human flesh,
help us to share your immortality in the Spirit.
Let no shadow of the grave terrify us,
and no fear of darkness turn our hearts from you.
Reveal yourself to us this day and all our days,
as the first and the last, the Living One,
our immortal Savior and Lord. Amen.**

*Hymn *Jesus Christ is Risen Today* 232

*Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia!
our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!
who did once upon the cross, Alleluia!
suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!*

Life at Massanutten

*Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia!
unto Christ, our heavenly King, Alleluia!
who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia!
sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!*

*But the pains which he endured, Alleluia!
our salvation have procured. Alleluia!
Now above the sky he's King, Alleluia!
where the angels ever sing. Alleluia!*

*Sing we to our God above, Alleluia!
praise eternal as God's love. Alleluia!
Praise our God, ye heavenly host, Alleluia!
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!*

*Call to Confession

*Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

**Almighty God,
in raising Jesus from the grave,
you shattered the power of sin and death.**

**We confess that we remain captive to doubt and fear,
bound by the ways that lead to death.
We overlook the poor and the hungry,
and pass by those who mourn;
we are deaf to the cries of the oppressed,
and indifferent to calls for peace;
we despise the weak,
and abuse the earth you made.**

**Forgive us, God of mercy.
Help us to trust your power
to change our lives and make us new,
that we may know the joy of life abundant
given in Jesus Christ, the risen Lord.**

*Assurance of Forgiveness

By the grace of God and the witness of our ancestors, the good news of Jesus' resurrection is our rock and our salvation. You shall not die but live. The rejected cornerstone has become your strength and your song.

This is the good news of Easter: in Christ we are forgiven and made new!

- **Usher and Door Monitor Training** will be held on Sunday, April 27th, at 11:45 a.m., following Worship in the Fellowship Hall. Lunch will be provided! If you are an Usher or Door Monitor, please attend this training, as we will cover some vital topics. We do need a headcount of who will be attending for lunch purposes. If you plan to come, please write "Usher" in the Special Event Sign-Up section of the Connection Folder, or contact Ashlea by calling 540.434.6194 or emailing her at office@massanuttenchurch.org to let her know by Thursday, April 24th, 2:00 pm.
- **MPC will soon be offering CPR/ AED Training, exact date to be determined!** For the MPC's Safety Team to implement this training, they need to know how many are interested in getting recertified in CPR/ AED and who would be interested in attending the training. If you are interested, please take a moment to write CPR/ AED in the Special Event Sign-Up section when signing the Connection Folders. You can also contact Ashlea by calling 540.434.6194 or emailing her at office@massanuttenchurch.org to let her know.
- **One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS):** We will be receiving the One Great Hour of Sharing offering today. This offering supports three programs of the Presbyterian Church: Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, Presbyterian Hunger Program and Self Development of People. All of these programs work in different ways to serve individuals and communities in need. You may make a gift by check, using the envelopes in the chair racks, or by marking your donation for OGHS. You may also make a gift by going to the OGHS website, <https://pcusa.org/special-offerings/one-great-hour-sharing>.
- **Legacy Funds Update:** Legacy Funds Quarterly Report to Session January 1 - March 31, 2025, Q1 Totals - as of March 31, 2025; Acorn Endowment Fund: \$17,800.72; Oak Tree Capital Reserve Fund: \$89,747.11.
- **The "Deep Dive" Bible Study**, will be meeting on Wednesday, April 23rd at 5:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. This group focuses on diving deep into scripture (or other books relevant to our faith) such that the ensuing discussion yields a greater understanding of the truth the Holy Spirit speaks to us. People who join this group should be okay with wrestling with interpretations of scripture that may challenge previously-held personal interpretations. The group will meet on the fourth Wednesday of each month at 5:30 p.m. For more details, please see Ron Matthews or David Allen.
- **MPC Yoga:** Wed., April 30, 6 pm, Fellowship Hall. Come join us for yoga - stretch, relax, rejuvenate!
- **All Presbyterian Women are invited** to the annual PW Birthday Celebration Luncheon in the Fellowship Hall immediately following the worship service on Sunday, May 4. You have not been active in PW? This is your chance to learn about our missions, our Bible study, our special events, and fellowship. Return rides to Sunnyside are available. Please contact Jean Gearing at 540.578.5321 or via email at jeangearing@gmail.com for more information.

This Week At MPC

Sunday, April 20 - Easter Sunday

No Adult Sunday School
9:00am Easter Breakfast (FH)
9:45 am Egg Hunt
No Faith Village
No Parent Fellowship
No HS Breakfast
10:30am Easter Worship
No Godly Play
No Scouts
No Fun with Handbells
No Evening Youth Group

Monday, April 21 - Easter Monday

Holiday - Office Closed
 6:00pm Brass Quintet (210)
 6:30pm Boy Scouts (119)
 7:00pm Mass. Ringers (HBR)

Tuesday, April 22

Wednesday, April 23

7:30am Men's Prayer Group (FH)
 2:00pm Bethel Circle (SS)
 5:30pm Bible Study (FH)
 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal (CR)

Thursday, April 24

3:00pm Mosaic (FH)

Friday, April 25

Voice (FH & KIT)
Church Office Closed

Saturday, April 26

Voice (FH & KIT)
Church Office Closed

Sunday, April 27

9:00am Adult Sunday School (117, 119)
 9:30am Faith Village
 Parent Fellowship
 HS Breakfast
 10:30am Worship
 Godly Play
 11:45am Usher/ Safety Training (FH)
 12:00pm Elder Training (L)
 1:00pm Recorder Rehearsal (200)
 1:00pm Mosaic Rehearsal (S)
 2:00pm Baja Meeting (PS)
 4:00pm Mosaic/Mass. Ringers (FH)
 3:00pm Cub Scouts (108, 117)
 5:00pm Fun with Handbells (HBR)
 6:00pm Youth Group (FH)

Serving April 20 - Easter Sunday

Door Monitor: Phyllis Hamilton

Greeters: Tom & Gina Holden

Ushers & Water Pourers:
 Chris Hamilton & Mike Guinn

Faith Village: *No Faith Village*

Godly Play: *No Godly Play*

Nursery: Katie Rodgers (GA)

Youth Group: *No Youth Group*

Serving April 27

Door Monitor: Jack Rimer

Greeters: Sally Brown

Ushers & Water Pourers:
 Lewis, Emily, & Jacob Burkholder

Faith Village: Jennifer & Emily Coffelt

Godly Play: Diann & Robin Reed

Nursery: Katie Rodgers
 & Phyllis Hamilton

Youth Group: Sarah Rimer,
 Glenn-or- Nancy Wayland,
 & Gus Scheidt

*Response of Praise

Glory Be to the Father

581

***Glory be to 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.***

*Sharing the Peace of Christ (*responsively*)

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

We Gather around God's Word

*Sung Prayer for Illumination *Open My Eyes, That I May See (v. 1)*

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***Open my eyes, that I may see
 glimpses of truth thou hast for me.
 Place in my hands the wonderful key
 that shall unclasp and set me free.
 Silently now I wait for thee,
 ready, my God, thy will to see.
 Open my eyes; illumine me, Spirit divine!***

Time with the Children

Hannah Altman

Anthem

The Day of Resurrection (Hymnal #233) - John of Damascus

Scripture

John 20:1-18

Sermon

Pastor Keith Phillips

We Respond to God's Word

*Affirmation of Faith (*unison*)

From *A Brief Statement of Faith*

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

Invitation to the Offering

Song of Thanksgiving *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

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*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, Ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Amen.*

Easter Prayer 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.**

We Are Sent to the World

*Hymn

Thine Is the Glory (vv. 1-2)

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*Thine is the glory, risen, conquering Son;
endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.
Angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away,
kept the folded grave-clothes where thy body lay.*

*Thine is the glory, risen, conquering Son;
endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.*

*Lo! Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb;
lovingly he greets us, scatters fear and gloom.
Let the church with gladness hymns of triumph sing,
for the Lord now liveth; death hath lost its sting.*

*Thine is the glory, risen, conquering Son;
endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.*

*Benediction

*Benediction Response

Thine Is the Glory (v. 3)

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*No more we doubt thee,
glorious Prince of life!
Life is naught without thee;
aid us in our strife.
Make us more than conquerors
through thy deathless love;
bring us safe through Jordan
to thy home above.*

*Thine is the glory,
risen, conquering Son;
endless is the victory
thou o'er death hast won.*

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