

BRINGING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

Offertory

“In Christ Alone” Keith Getty and Stuart Townend
arr. Mark Hayes

*In Christ alone my hope is found. He is my light, my strength, my song.
This cornerstone, this solid ground, firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace, when fears are stilled, when strivings cease.
My comforter, my all in all, here in the love of Christ I stand.*

*In Christ alone, who took on flesh, fullness of God in helpless babe!
This gift of love and righteousness, scorned by the ones He came to save.
'Til on that cross, as Jesus died, the wrath of God was satisfied;
For every sin on Him was laid. Here in the death of Christ I live.*

*There in the ground His body lay, Light of the world by darkness slain.
Then bursting forth in glorious day, up from the grave He rose again!
And as He stands in victory, sin's curse has lost its grip on me.
For I am His and He is mine, bought with the precious blood of Christ.*

*No guilt in life, no fear in death, this is the power of Christ in me.
From life's first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny.
No power of hell, no scheme of man, can ever pluck me from His hand.
'Til He returns or calls me home, here in the power of Christ I stand!*

*Offertory Response (Hymn No. 592) Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow, Praise Him all creatures here below;
Praise Him above ye heav'nly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*HYMN No. 119

The Strife Is O'er

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

*POSTLUDE

“Toccata on “Palestrina” arr. Gordon Young

**Please stand if you are able where indicated by the asterisk.*

Staff

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| Pastor: | Preston Shealy | Office Manager: | Carol Fry |
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Boulevard Presbyterian Church

Worship On The Lord's Day

April 23, 2017 11:15 A.M.

2nd Sunday of Easter



Today's congregation continues strong traditions of:

- Living faith through worship, mission, education and fellowship with the vision of “Reaching Out to Make Disciples.”
- Following the path laid out by God through his son, Jesus Christ, and the power of the Holy Spirit;
- Sharing the inclusive love of God to all of God's children and God's creation;
- Exposing the light of Christ to the world through music, words, prayer and actions.

THE COMMUNITY GATHERS

Please sign the friendship pad and pass it to those near you.

PRELUDE

“The Strife is O'er” (Variations on *Victory*)
Theme, Variations I-VI

Janet Linker

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Blessed be the God of our Savior, Jesus Christ!
People: God has given us a new birth in the living hope of the resurrection.
Leader: God has given us an inheritance that is imperishable and unfading.
People: In this we rejoice, even when we suffer trials.
Leader: For although we have not seen Jesus, we love him;
and although we have not seen him, we believe in him.
People: For the outcome of our faith is the salvation of our souls.
ALL: Let us worship God!

*HYMN OF PRAISE No. 332

Live into Hope

**Please stand if you are able where indicated by the asterisk.*

***OFFERING OUR BROKENNESS TO GOD**

Ever-present God, you have made known to us the ways of life. Yet, too often, we put other things above you and turn away from your guidance and will. Forgive us and strengthen us so that we may delight in your presence and follow your ways. Amen.

Silent Confession

Response (Hymn No. 195, v.1) **Have Mercy on Us, Living Lord**
Have mercy on us, living, Lord, remember not our sin.
According to Your steadfast love, come, cleanse us deep within.

***RECEIVE GOD’S HEALING**

***SHARE GOD’S PEACE**

Leader: The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.
People: **And also with you.** *Please share the peace of Christ with those around you.*

SING GLORY TO GOD (Hymn No. 123, v.4) **Jesus Christ Is Risen Today*

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!

PROCLAIM GOD’S WORD

WORD FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

Children 4 years of age through 3rd grade are invited to attend Wee Worship, a children’s worship-education program. Children go to Room 113 (downstairs) after the Children’s Message, and should be picked up there directly after worship. Children 3 years of age and younger are invited to the Nursery in Room 208 (off the Lounge). All children 10 years and older should return to their seats in the Sanctuary.

SCRIPTURE READING (Pew Bible p. 983) 1 Peter 1:3-9

SCRIPTURE READING (Pew Bible p. 883) John 20:19-31

SERMON **A Leap of Faith** Preston Shealy

RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

HYMN No. 399 **We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight*

**Please stand if you are able where indicated by the asterisk.*

***PROFESSING OUR FAITH** (from *The Heidelberg Catechism*)

What do you understand by the providence of God?
The almighty and ever present power of God
by which God upholds, as with God’s hand,
heaven
and earth
and all creatures,
and so rules them that
leaf and blade,
rain and drought,
fruitful and lean years,
food and drink,
health and sickness,
prosperity and poverty –
all things, in fact,
come to us
not by chance
but by God’s fatherly hand.

How does the knowledge of God’s creation and providence help us?
We can be patient when things go against us,
thankful when things go well,
and for the future we can have
good confidence in our faithful God and Father
that nothing in creation will separate us from God’s love.
For all creatures are so completely in God’s hand
that without God’s will
they can neither move nor be moved.

SHARING OUR HEARTS WITH GOD *Following each petition, God’s people respond:*
Leader: Loving God,
People: **Hear our prayer.**

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.

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Please call the Church Office or Pastor Shealy to include someone on this Prayer List.

Prayers for Healing and Strength

Dale Johnson, health issues
Cathy Cope, receiving chemotherapy
Evelyn Hannaway, recovering from broken pelvis
Fred Ferris, for healing
Rick Cotter, recovering from car accident
(friend of Michael and Charmaine Hamilton)
Michael Frase, no longer in remission
Virginia Schlitt, at home
Marty Grimm, recuperating at home
Kim Fry, in the hospital (sister-in-law of Carol Fry)
Suzanne Trombley, recovering at home
(sister-in-law of Carol Fry)
Gary, (relative of Becky Metzler)
Mark Key, sciatica and arthritis
John Scheiderer, recovering at home
(Charmaine Hamilton's brother-in-law)
Gay Hadley's **daughter**
Tim McLane, recovering from falls
(Mikie Bowles' brother)
Corey Sander, receiving chemotherapy
(Pat Nicholson's granddaughter's husband)
Eda Mikolaj, at home (Heather Mikolaj's mother)
Kate Whitmore, cancer (Marty Grimm's daughter)
Jerry Braun, cancer
(Mike McKinney's brother-in-law)
Julie Wall, at home (Kyme Rennick's mother)
Julie DuSablou, recuperating at home
Mark Nelson, for healing, comfort, and peace

Prayers for Our Special Care List

Mary Harris, at home
Becky Metzler, at home
Brita Knapp, for continued remission
Norman Knapp, healing and strength
Leni Leypoldt, at home
Barbara Frautschi, for continued remission
Peggy Pasko, Franklin Woods Nursing Center

If you would like to receive a visit from the pastor, please call the church office at 614-486-0267 to schedule your visit.

If you have particular concerns that you wish to share, please speak to any of the elders serving on Session. They can be identified by their distinctive nametags which say "Elder".

CALENDAR

Today

2nd Sunday of Easter
Food Collection Sunday
9:00 am Worship: Chapel
10:00 am Classes for all ages
Property: 300
11:15 am Worship: Sanctuary
12:30 pm Discipleship: Lounge
Finance and Personnel: 300
Endowment Committee
4:00 pm Eagle Scout Court of Honor:
Nicolas Walli - Fellowship Hall

Monday, April 24

7:00 pm Session: Chapel
Boy Scouts: Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, April 26

Administrative Professionals Day
9:30 am Quilters: 111

Thursday, April 27

6:00 pm Music Team: Chapel
6:30 pm Bell Choir: Balcony
7:00 pm Chancel Choir: Sanctuary

Friday-Saturday, April 28-29

All Church Retreat

Sunday, April 30

3rd Sunday of Easter
9:00 am Worship: Chapel
10:00 am Classes for all ages
11:15 am Worship: Sanctuary
12:30 pm Prayer Shawl Ministry: Lounge

STEWARDSHIP IS . . . inviting a friend to church!

We Rejoice and Give Thanks

Sunday, April 16, 2017

General Sunday Offering: \$10,937.00
God's People Gathered: 210

Worship Leader: Susan Ebert

Greeters: Jim Perry and Rob Williams

Wee Worship Teacher: Martha Hills

Elder of the Month: Shawn Ebert

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Large print bulletins, hymnals, and Bibles are available from the ushers.

The sound system has hearing assists for those with hearing difficulties and may be used anywhere in the Sanctuary. Please see an usher for help.

Nursery for Children 3 Years and Younger ~ Room 208 (off the Lounge)
Wee Worship ~ Room 113 (downstairs)

The Lord's Supper is celebrated the first Sunday of every month at the 11:15 AM service and weekly at the 9:00 AM service.

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Sunday School Classes at 10:00 AM

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| Nursery Care | 208 |
| 3 years and younger | |
| Preschool ~ Ages 3-5 | 201/202 |
| Grades K-3 rd | 113 |
| Grades 4 th -6 th | 308 |
| Grades 7 th -12 th | 111 |
| Adults | 111 |

Beginning today for 5 consecutive weeks, April 23-May 21, a video series by Adam Hamilton is offered Sunday mornings at 10:00 AM in Room 111 facilitated by Travis Williamson. This class is open to all adults and youth.

Each week will explore one of the world's major religions, Hinduism, Buddhism, Islam, and Judaism. This study series is designed to help answer some of the tough questions people ask such as, *Why are there so many different religions?*, *How should Christians view other religions?*, and *How is God at work in other religions?*, among others. Each video will be followed by discussion. You are invited to come, learn, and try to answer our questions together on this timely topic.

Calling all Graduates!

Are you graduating this spring, or know someone in our Boulevard family who is graduating? If so, please contact the church office (614-486-0267) or Martha Hills (marthahills@mac.com or 614-261-1919) to let them know. The Christian Education Committee would like to recognize all graduates in worship. Thanks for your help!

Food Mission Sunday ~ Today, April 23

Food Mission Sunday is the fourth Sunday of each month. Our nutritional focus is food with a higher protein content. If you can, please add these items to your grocery list.

- ♦ Chunky Soup
- ♦ Canned Chicken
- ♦ Peanut Butter
- ♦ Canned Pasta (i.e., Spaghettios)
- ♦ Canned Pork and Beans

Plus - We are adding an Oral Hygiene focus as well. Please consider donating toothpaste and/ or toothbrushes (adult or child sizes) along with your food donations.

Please place your donations in the large wooden cabinet next to the Chapel, the one with the 'Food Mission' sign on it.

NNEMAP is still accepting the **HOTEL** shampoo, soap, lotion and coffee packets provided to guests. Don't throw these sample products away as they can still be offered to NNEMAP clients when resources for these items are low. And of course, those brown paper grocery bags are always welcomed. ***A BIG THANKS FROM NNEMAP!***

Prayer Shawl Ministry ~ Next Sunday, April 30 at 12:30 PM in the Lounge

Boulevard's Prayer Shawl Ministry will meet next Sunday at 12:30 PM in the Lounge. Knitters and crocheters of all skill levels are welcome - even those wanting to learn! As part of the group or on our own, we will create shawls to be given to Boulevard members and others in need of an expression of God's love to comfort or celebrate life's changes. Bring your current shawl project, or we have yarn and needles to get you started. Together, we'll grow through practice in skill and faith.

Amazon Purchases Also Benefit Boulevard Presbyterian Church

How many of us shop online at Amazon? Well, if you are an Amazon shopper you now have an easy way to also support Boulevard when making purchases through Amazon. Boulevard is now registered with Amazon as a charitable organization. That means Boulevard will receive a 0.5% charitable donation based on the price of all eligible purchases made **through Boulevard's link** to Amazon.Smile.

Find the link on the upper left side of Boulevard's webpage: **Support Boulevard Presbyterian Church / Shop at smile.amazon.com**. Click on these words and you will automatically be linked to Amazon and can begin shopping.



BUCKETS OF BLESSINGS COLLECTION

It's time again for our Buckets of Blessings cleaning supplies collection, where we will again be providing supplies to COMPASS and NNEMAP. We are anticipating filling 75 to 100 buckets this year.

During the month of May, we will be collecting the products listed below. We are highlighting one product for each week, but you are welcome to bring any donation any time during the month. Please place all donations in either the NNEMAP wooden cabinet in the Narthex or in the large plastic container under the bulletin board in the hallway to the Chapel. If you would prefer to make a donation towards the cleaning supplies, please mark "Buckets of Blessings" on the memo line of your check.

One small change from previous years is that we will not be delivering the supplies to the individuals' homes this year. The buckets will be taken to NNEMAP's and COMPASS's facilities and will be distributed to the families from there.

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| May 7 | DISHWASHING LIQUID 30-34 oz. bottle (Ajax, Palmolive, etc.) |
| May 14 | LAUNDRY DETERGENT 32-35 loads of liquid or granular (Tide, Gain, Purell, etc) |
| May 21 | HAND SPONGES |
| May 28 | TOILET PAPER (double ply rolls) |

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