

***Invitation to Confess**

Rev. Joel Strom

***Prayer of Confession**

God of Bewildering Possibilities,
Though we gather in praise of all resurrection makes possible,
we still fear death.

Death not only terrifies us as life’s ending;
we see its threat hidden in
poverty, sickness, shame, and weakness—
all realities we run from.

We fear death as letting go of old ways,
old relationships,
old self-understandings.

We also fear the newness of the life you offer.
We prefer to protect ourselves
from people who get too close,
from change that comes too fast,
from possibilities that seem too risky.

Unconquerable Lord, help us trust our lives into your keeping,
As Christ was raised to show us the way of new life,
we ask for the faith to walk in newness of life
with you and for you.

- silent reflection and confession -

***Assurance of Grace**

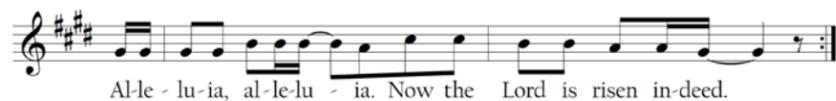
Leader: Friends, there is no greater news: grace and hope live!
Christ is risen!

People: He is risen, indeed! May our lives praise the Lord!

***Response to Grace**



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Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Now the Lord is risen in - deed.

GTG: #589

***Passing of the Peace**

Leader: On the evening of Jesus’ resurrection, the disciples gathered in fear and
sadness, wondering how everything had gone so wrong.

People: Christ appeared before them, saying, “Peace be with you.”

Leader: Death is defeated. Hope rises. May the peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you!

- All are invited to share the “peace” of Christ with one another -

- Children are invited to come forward -

Children’s Message

- Children through Grade 1 are invited to the Education Wing -

Proclaim God’s Word

Prayer for Illumination

Ellen Cesewski (9:00 a.m.) || Carol Openhym (11:00 a.m.)

Scripture Reading

Psalms 150 (Pew Bible p. 583, O. T.)

Leader: Holy Wisdom, Holy Word
People: Thanks be to God!

Scripture Reading

Luke 24: 1-12 (Pew Bible p. 90, N. T.)

Leader: For the Word of God in Scripture,
For the Word of God among us,
For the Word of God within us,
People: Thanks be to God!

Sermon

“The Beginning of Something New”

Respond in Thanks & Faith

***Hymn #252**

“Day of Arising”

Raabe

***Affirmation of Faith**

adapted from a prayer by Rev. Mindi

O Living One, we believe that Christ is Risen!
We believe that death does not have the final word.
We believe that hate has no hold on us.
We believe that hope is alive and reigns in us.
We believe that violence is defeated at the cross.
We believe that life eternal is the commandment of God.
We believe that Christ is Risen—Christ is Risen, indeed!

Prayers of the People & 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.

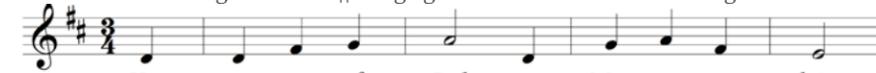
Call to Commitment

Offertory (10:00)

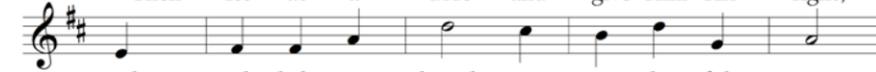
“To the Lamb on the Throne”

Dan Forrest (b. 1978)

Choir will sing stanzas 1-3 || Congregation is invited to stand and sing stanza 4



Ye ser - vants of God, your Mas - ter pro - claim,
“Sal - va - tion to God, who sits on the throne!”
God rules in the height, al - might - y to save;
Then let us a - dore and give Him His right,



and pub - lish a - broad His won - der - ful name;
let all cry a - loud, and hon - or the Son;
though hid from our sight, His pres - ence we have,
all glo - ry and pow’r, all wis - dom and might;



the name all - vic - to - rious of Je - sus ex - tol;
the prais - es of Je - sus the an - gels pro - claim,
the great con - gre - ga - tion His tri - umph shall sing,
all hon - or and bless - ing with an - gels a - bove,



His king - dom is glo - rious and rules o - ver all.
fall down on their fac - es and wor - ship the Lamb.
a - scrib - ing sal - va - tion to Je - sus our King.
and thanks nev - er ceas - ing and in - fi - nite love.

Charles Wesley, 1744, Printed with permission.

***Doxology**



Praise God, from who all blessings flow. Praise God, all creatures high and



low. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise God, in Je - sus ful - ly



known: Cre - a - tor, Word, and Spir - it one. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le -



lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

GTG: 609

***Prayer of Dedication**

Leader: God of great gifts and incredible surprises, we sing your praise!
With resurrection humming in our hearts,
our minds are tuned to your song of peace!

People: We joyfully offer our gifts to you,
a tangible chorus of thanksgiving,
a harmony of hope for your kingdom come!

***Hymn #238**

“Thine Is the Glory”

Judas Maccabeus

It is our TPC tradition to invite members of the congregation into the
Chancel for the Choral Benediction. If you would like to sing with the choir,
please come forward during the final hymn. You may enter the space via the
ramp on the left of the Chancel. Music will be available for you there.

***Benediction**

Choral Benediction

“Hallelujah” from Messiah

G.F. Handel (1685-1759)

Postlude

Fanfare and Flourishes

James Curnow (b. 1943)

*Worshippers are invited to stand as able.

**Large print bulletins with hymns and hearing assistance devices are available;
please ask a deacon (with a red nametag) for assistance.

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Towson Presbyterian Church is an inclusive community of faith
growing as disciples of Christ



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New Here? Welcome—just as you are. We're grateful you're here. Please note your name and email address in the sign-in pads on the inside of each pew. Please also visit us at www.towsonpres.org to learn more about our faith community. You're invited to participate in any church events or programs.

For your worshipping comfort, large-print bulletins and hearing assistance devices are available at the rear of the sanctuary. Deacons (wearing red nametags) are also located throughout the building to offer any assistance you might desire.

While children are whole-heartedly welcome within worship, a professionally-staffed nursery is available. Please see a deacon for directions.

Please pray for: Bob Adams, Davis Barkley (Roxanne Maffitt Harvey's grandson), Mary Grace Byrne, Cindy Cole (JoAnn Brooks' sister), Everette Cook (Lois Robinson's friend), Barbara Davis, Elsie DeGarmo Smith, Kimberley Fisher (Shirly and Larry Alber's daughter), Aaron Kahan, Jack LaBerge (Chuck's father), Kelsen LaBerge, Barbara Lamb (Jennifer Bolster's mother), Julie Mertus, Jane Messimer, the Miller Family, Carol Morton, and Cheryl Tyree and family (Alan Randolph's sister). *Names remain on prayer list for four weeks, unless otherwise requested.*

The votive on the communion table marks the first anniversary of the deaths of Charlotte Downey (4/17) and Evelyn McLay (4/25).

The sympathy of the congregation and our resurrection faith are extended to the Galloway family upon the passing of Sarah Galloway Larrabee, who entered eternal salvation on April 15. A service is planned for a later date.

Today at TPC

Easter Breakfast || 8:30 – 10:30 a.m. || Thompson Hall || Cost – \$5/person || All are welcome.

Sunday, April 21	Easter Sunday
8:30 a.m.	Easter Breakfast – Thompson Hall
8:45 a.m.	Nursery Care for Infants – age 3 – Nursery
9:00 a.m.	Worship Service – Sanctuary
11:00 a.m.	Worship Service – Sanctuary
	Heartlights Class – Heartlights Room

We are blessed to welcome **Brass Ensemble** || Brent Madsen and Tyler Mire, trumpet; Larry Williams, horn; Milton Aldana, trombone; Sam Ambrose, tuba.

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All God's People

Schedules to note:

- Church Offices Closed || Monday, April 22
- Sewer repair/replacement begins on Alley driveway || April 22
 - Church may not be able to open 4/23, 4/24 || Please call first
- Walter Austin will be on vacation April 24-25

New Website is LIVE || Same address – www.towsonpres.org || Built to be mobile & visitor friendly || Check it out and explore new features.

Blue Jean Sunday || April 28 || 11:15 – 12:45 p.m. || Help TPC complete small but important tasks inside and around the church || A variety of activities to choose from || All ages and abilities welcome || Lunch provided in Thompson Hall following activities

Spring Small Groups || Space is still available for two upcoming groups: *Golf* and *Running*.

Sisters Circle || A mission partner of TPC, Sisters Circle is a stand-out mentoring program for girls in Baltimore. They are accepting volunteer applications for spring mentor matches. Visit www.sisterscircle.org.

Gun Violence Victim Prayer Cards || The Mission Outreach Committee invites you into the spiritual practice of praying for a family of a 2019 Maryland gun violence victim || Prayer Cards are outside the front of the sanctuary

Youth Ministry

Easter Sunday || MS & HS Youth Group does not meet.

April 28 || MS & HS Youth Group does not meet tonight and instead participates in Blue Jean Sunday.

TPC This Week

Monday, April 22	Church Offices Closed
Tuesday, April 23	
10:30 a.m.	Staff Meeting – Library
2:00 p.m.	Prayer Shawl – Library
6:30 p.m.	Mission – Library
7:00 p.m.	C.F.M – Conference Room
7:15 p.m.	Handbells – Choir room
Wednesday, April 24	
7:00 p.m.	Session – Library
Thursday, April 25	
2:00 p.m.	Encore Chorale – Chapel
7:00 p.m.	Practices of Waking Up White – Library
	Chancel Choir – Choir Room
	Troop 729 – Youth Room Troop 1729 – Room 212
Saturday, April 27	
8:00 a.m.	Running Small Group
Sunday, April 28	Blue Jean Sunday
8:30 a.m.	Worship Service – Chapel
9:45 a.m.	Nursery Care for Infants – age 3 – Noah's Nursery
10:30 a.m.	Worship Service – Sanctuary
	Heartlights Class – Heartlights Room
	Blue Jean Sunday Kick Off – Thompson Hall
11:15 a.m.	Lunch – Thompson Hall
12:45 p.m.	
2:00 p.m.	Mysko Book Signing – Library

Easter Sunday



Christ is risen.

April 21, 2019 9:00 & 11:00 a.m.

Assemble in God's Name

Happy Easter! We joyfully welcome you to worship this morning! All are invited to use the Prayer and Prelude as a time of silent preparation.

Prayer of Reflection

Thom Shuman (*adapted*)

On this Easter, as on that very first day,
you come, Steadfast Love,
walking with us to discover
the good news of the empty grave,
so that we can run to tell everyone we meet.

On this Easter, as in those first moments,
you whisper to us, Spirit of Broken Hearts,
of love which rolls away fears,
of hope which folds grave clothes,
of grace which overturns every assumption.

On this Easter, as on all days,
you are our grace, our hope, our peace.

Prelude

Solemn Entry

Richard Strauss (1864-1949)

Grand Chorus

Théodore Dubois (1837-1924)

Welcome

Rev. Rob Carter

**Call to Worship*

Jenness Hall

Leader: This is the day when:

People: tears are wiped away;
shattered hearts are mended;
fears are replaced with joy.

Leader: This is the day the Lord:

People: rolls away the stone of fear;
throws off death's clothes;
goes ahead of us into God's future.

Leader: This is the day the Lord has made!

People: Death holds no fear for us.
Sin has lost its power over us.
God opens the tombs of our hearts to fill us with life.

Leader: This is the day—the Day of Resurrection!

People: Christ is Risen! Hallelujah!

***Hymn #232**

"Jesus Christ Is Risen Today"

Easter Hymn

