



## Service of Worship

Third Sunday of Easter || April 18, 2021 || Facebook Live

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Prelude

Variations on “Simple Gifts”

James Pethel

Welcome

Call to Worship

Eliza Buchakjian-Tweedy (*adapted*)

*Leader:* What does the Lord require of us?

*People:* To do justice, and to love kindness,  
and to walk humbly with our God.

*Leader:* What does God command of us?

*People:* To love God with all our heart,  
and all our soul,  
and all our mind,  
and all our strength,  
and to love our neighbor as ourselves.

*Leader:* God does not call us to ease or to comfort,

*People:* but to presence, and abundance,  
and grace in our struggle.

*Leader:* Let us worship God,

*People:* who believes in us,  
who trusts in us,  
and who abides with us.

*Leader:* Let us worship God,

*People:* who will ask much of us,  
but will be beside us every step of the way.

Hymn #69

Here I Am, Lord  
(*see next page*)

Here I Am

G Am D G C G D  
*Leader or All*

1 I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my peo - ple cry.  
 2 I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my peo - ple's pain.  
 3 I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.

G Em C Am7 D G

All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save. I, who  
 I have wept for love of them. They turn a - way. I will  
 I will set a feast for them. My hand will save. Fin - est

Am D G C G D

made the stars of night, I will make their dark - ness bright.  
 break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love a - lone.  
 bread I will pro - vide till their hearts be sat - is - fied.

G Em C Am7 C/G D D7

Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?  
 I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?  
 I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?

*Refrain*  
*All* G C G D G C G D G

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you

Am7 G Am7 D G C G C

call - ing in the night. I will go, Lord, if you

G C G D G Am7 D7 G Am7 G

lead me. I will hold your peo - ple in my heart.

## Invitation to Confess

### Prayer of Confession

As you know, O God,  
we stand on the edge of your promises and hopes,  
yet struggle to let ourselves cross over  
into the life you intend for us.  
We seek praise from family and friends,  
but fall short in telling them how much we love them;  
And it is all too easy to focus only on our needs and desires,  
and neglect the struggles of our neighbors.  
Forgive us, Everlasting God.  
Renew our lives with your grace.  
Restore our hopes with your vision of tomorrow.  
Refresh our spirits with your joy  
that comes to us anew each day.

*- silent prayers of confession -*

### Assurance of Grace

*Leader: Friends, trust in this:  
God loves you; God claims you; God redeems you.  
In Jesus Christ, new life is yours.*  
**People: Praise be to God! Amen.**

### Response to Grace

Hallelujah (Maraire)

Hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah,  
Hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu,  
Hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah,

hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah.  
hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah.  
hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah.

### Sharing the Peace of Christ

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

**People:** But the risen Christ appeared in their midst, saying, "Peace be with you."

*Leader: Friends, may the peace of the risen Christ with you.*

**People:** And also with you!

### Livestream Check-In

### Children's Message

## Scripture Readings

Matthew 11: 20-30

*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

“An Easy Yoke?”

## Hymn #182

I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say  
*(please see next page)*

Kingsfold

1 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Come un - to me and rest;  
 2 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Be - hold, I free - ly give  
 3 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "I am this dark world's light;

lay down, O wea - ry one, lay down your head up - on my breast."  
 the liv - ing wa - ter, thirst - y one; stoop down and drink and live."  
 look un - to me, your morn shall rise, and all your day be bright."

I came to Je - sus as I was, so wea - ry, worn, and sad; I  
 I came to Je - sus, and I drank of that life - giv - ing stream; my  
 I looked to Je - sus, and I found in him my star, my sun; and

found in him a rest - ing place, and he has made me glad.  
 thirst was quenched, my soul re - vived, and now I live in him.  
 in that light of life I'll walk till trav - eling days are done.

## Testimony

Julie Kays

## Gifts of Commitment

Four Ways to Give:

- Online – [Click Here](#)
- Text "CheerfulGiver" (one word; case sensitive) to 73256
- Mail a check to TPC 400 W. Chesapeake Ave, Towson, MD 21204
- Scan this QR Code:



## Benediction

## Postlude

Exuberance  
Chancel Handbells

Michael Glasgow, William Payn

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# Towson Presbyterian Church

Inclusive - Curious - Compassionate - Courageous

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### Our Mission:

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

TPC is a PC(USA) *Earth Care Congregation*,  
and a member of the *Covenant Network* (striving for a fully inclusive church).

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## Prayer List

Bob Adams, Marge Appleby, Mary Busko (Margie Busko's daughter-in-law), Mary Grace Byrne, Barbara Davis, Jackson Herbert, Jason Hossfeld, John Lewis, Amy Lyman, the Mathur family (Shilpika Simet's family), Jane Messimer, Julie Mertus, Mary Petr Miles, Joyce Nuttall, Adelbert Ohm (Karen Drake's father), Gloria Roberts, Roger and Betty Roth, the Simms family, Toni (Kelly Valentine's family member), Elena Vanko.

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## New Here? Welcome—*just as you are.*

We're so glad you are "here"! We hope you find meaning in our worship and connection within our (remote) community. While we are presently livestreaming our main 10 a.m. worship service, we will resume in-person worship as soon as we believe it is safe and responsible to do so. Our 10 a.m. service will continue to be livestreamed even when in-person, indoor worship resumes, as we understand the growing importance of offering online worship.

To learn more about our church, we hope you'll explore our ministries at [www.towsonpres.org](http://www.towsonpres.org). You are more than welcome to register for any church event or group, whether it gathers in-person or remotely. Please also join our online community at Facebook, Instagram, and YouTube, @TowsonPres.

If you have any questions or concerns, or would like additional information, please contact the church office at [tpc@towsonpres.org](mailto:tpc@towsonpres.org) or 410-823-6500. Thank you, again, for the blessing of your presence.

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## TPC News, Mission, and Ministry Updates

### **Project Clean Stream || Today || 2:00-4:00 p.m.**

Roland Run Stream on L'Hirondelle Cub Road

TPC's annual clean-up of trash and recycling at Roland Run Stream is back! Open to all 10 and up. Bring work gloves and wear clothes that can get dirty. [Click here](#) to register.

### **"Acts of the Apostles" Bible Study || Mondays 10:00-11:00 a.m. || Zoom**

Former TPC and Babcock Presbyterian Church pastor Rev. Harry Cahill is leading a new, in-depth study of Acts (as it's commonly referred to). Written by the author of Luke, the book of Acts reveals how Jesus' mission continued through his followers, even after his ascension to heaven. To register, [click here](#).

### **Practice a Spiritual Practice w/ Pastor Joel || Tomorrow @ 7:00 p.m., [Facebook LIVE](#)**

Greg Cochran, Executive Director of *Well for the Journey*, joins Pastor Joel this Monday night to discuss how getting outside to take a walk can also be experienced as a spiritual practice.

### **Happy Earth Week**

In celebration of Earth Day (April 22), TPC will be blessed to welcome Rabbi Nina Beth Cardin to worship next Sunday, April 25. As a rabbi, environmental activist, and author of numerous books, Rabbi Cardin will offer the morning's reflection on Scripture's call to care for creation.

### **Mount Calvary AME/TPC Wednesday Meal || April 21**

TPC provides meals on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays of the month. [Click here](#) to provide food or help in the kitchen this Wednesday.

## Beyond Sunday || Joel & Rob's Podcast

[Click here](#) to watch Joel and Rob explore last week's sermon "Sabbatical: Rest, Rejuvenation and Learning to Unhurry" on YouTube, or listen on iTunes and Google Play.

## Belong > Become > Bless

Explore current and upcoming Adult Spiritual Formation opportunities [here](#).

## Church School || Sundays, 9:15 – 9:45 a.m. via Zoom || Children K – 5<sup>th</sup> Grade

For more information and if you have not received a "Zoom" invitation to Church School, please contact Jenness Hall at [jhall@towsonpres.org](mailto:jhall@towsonpres.org).

## Youth Ministry

Today – Project Clean Stream from 2-4 p.m.

## Mission Outreach

TPC's mission outreach continues to grow during the pandemic.

Serve members of our greater community in need via the Assistance Center of Towson Churches (ACTC), Student Support Network (*food distribution now on Wednesdays*), and Mt. Calvary AME's lunch program. To learn more, [click here](#).

## TPC is in Phase 2 of our updated Regathering Plan

Requirements at in-person gatherings:

- Please wear masks and remain socially distanced from non-household members
- Bring your own chair as desired for outdoor events
- Registration is required for indoor but *not* outdoor gatherings
- No access to TPC bathrooms (emergency-use only)

## Remote Coffee Hour || Sip some joe and chat with friends (or make new ones)

Jump onto Zoom (via the link below) after today's service. You don't need a Zoom account.

Step 1: In browser enter: <https://Zoom.us/join>

Step 2: Enter Meeting ID#: 890 6285 7198

Step 3: Enter Passcode: 532868

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## TPC This Week

### Sunday, April 18

9:15 a.m.

10:00 a.m.

11:00 a.m.

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2:00 p.m.

### Third Sunday of Easter

Church School – Zoom

Worship Service – Facebook Live

Coffee Hour & Epiphany Star Words – Zoom

Nominating Committee

Project Clean Stream – Roland Run Stream

### Monday, April 19

7:00 p.m.

Practice a Spiritual Practice w/ Pastor Joel - Facebook

### Tuesday, April 20

11:00 a.m.

Staff Meeting – Library

1:00 p.m. Family Faith Time w/ Jenness – Facebook Live  
1:00 p.m. Prayer Shawl  
7:00 p.m. Mission Outreach Committee – Zoom  
7:30 p.m. Handbell Choir – Thompson Hall

**Wednesday, April 21**

7:15 p.m. Personnel Committee

**Thursday, April 22**

**Friday, April 23**

**Saturday, April 24**

**Sunday, April 25**

9:15 a.m. Church School – Zoom  
10:00 a.m. Worship Service – Facebook Live  
11:00 a.m. Coffee Hour – Zoom  
11:30 a.m. InterGenerational Garden Workday – Lot across Highland Ave.