

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

2nd Sunday of Easter

Liturgical Color: White, Symbolizing Holiness

April 11, 2021

10:00am

ALLELUIA!

GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER

PRELUDE

"Jesus Shall Reign"

CALL TO WORSHIP (*Congregation please read along silently with the Lay Reader*)

PASTOR: Let us worship God. Welcome to God's new day!

READER: Everywhere we look we see new life!

PASTOR: In seeds and buds, in smiles and touch, we discover God's energizing presence.

READER: Death now never is the last word. God has raised Jesus Christ from the dead. Alleluia!

PASTOR: Christ is present among us today.

READER: Praise God for the new life within and among us today!

PRAYER OF ADORATION *Please respond "amen" to this and all prayers making them your own*

*HYMN 113 See Page 6

Christ the Lord is Risen Today, Verses 1&2

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Almighty God, we acknowledge that we belong to you,
and that you hold the keys of death and life.**

Yet we have sought to preserve old ways of living,

rather than embrace the new life you have given us.
We have disbelieved your good news,
even when its signs are all around us.
Forgive our refusal to trust you. Set us free by your Spirit
from the fear that holds us in disbelief.
Fill us with new life in our risen Lord. Amen.

Silent Personal Confession

DECLARATION OF PARDON

READER: Friends, believe the Good News of the gospel.

PASTOR: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

*GLORIA PATRI

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.

SPECIAL MUSIC

"Hallelujah"

Debbie Gardner, Solo

GOD'S WORD PROCLAIMED

RESPONSIVE READING: **Psalms 133 & 134**

¹ How very good and pleasant it is
when kindred live together in unity!
² **It is like the precious oil on the head,
running down upon the beard,
on the beard of Aaron,
running down over the collar of his robes.**

³ It is like the dew of Hermon,
which falls on the mountains of Zion.
For there the LORD ordained his blessing,
life forevermore.

¹ **Come, bless the LORD, all you servants of the LORD,
who stand by night in the house of the LORD!**

² Lift up your hands to the holy place,
and bless the LORD.

³ **May the LORD, maker of heaven and earth,
bless you from Zion.**

SCRIPTURE LESSON: I John 1:1-2:2

Pastor: The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD

*HYMN **108** See Page 7

Christ Is Alive! Verses 1&2

*STATEMENT OF FAITH – THE APOSTLES' CREED

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, suffered under Pontius Pilate, 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.

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE, PASTORAL 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.

DONATING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

- 1. Bill Pay – Your bank probably offers this option to make donations one time or on a recurring basis - it's free, and 100% of your gift is received!**
- 2. Mail in your donation to: First Presbyterian Church, PO Box 1, Branchville, NJ 07826.**
- 3. E-giving – Use this option by going to this link:**
<https://giving.ncsservices.org/App/Giving/fpcbranchville>
- 4. Text – Just text the word "GIVE" to 973-874-1277 and follow the link that will be texted back to you. You may make a donation using your credit card, your checking account or savings account.**

OFFERTORY

Variations on "This Joyful Eastertide"

*THE DOXOLOGY – HYMN 592

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

*OFFERTORY PRAYER & GREETING

*HYMN 115 See Page 8

Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain, Both verses

WE GO TO SERVE GOD

*BENEDICTION & **3-Fold "Amen"**

HYMN 586

POSTLUDE

"Come Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain"

*Standing in body or in spirit

BOLD means the congregation singing or saying



ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME to our worship service this **2nd Sunday in Easter**. We're glad we can be together again and hope you find both comfort and inspiration in this service.

PLEASE SIGN UP TO BE AN USHER OR REGISTRAR - Below is the link to the Usher and Registrar sign-up form. With opening the sanctuary up to more people as of April 11th, we'll need more help signing folks in and seating them from then on, so if you would like to volunteer to be an usher or registrar, please use the link below and add your name to the date you would like to help. Thank you.

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1PtXTt-j8tGs0Zil6mqjJbgQPKFspneu6pjxvsQWuPd8/edit?usp=sharing>

THE DAISEY ROE THRIFT SHOP is open for business every Saturday from 9am to noon. We are currently accepting clean reusable items (please no electronics). You may call a Daisey Roe member or the church office to make arrangements to bring in items to donate. PLEASE DO NOT JUST LEAVE ITEMS ON THE BREEZEWAY. It's a fun place and we can use your help, so please call Gay or Carol if you'd like to volunteer. Thank you!



DAISEY ROE CHAIN'S SPRING FUNDRAISER – C & C Growers, 156 Hampton House Road (Rte. 206), is offering the purchaser a 10% discount plus they are donating 10% of the total purchases to Daisey Roe. That money is used directly to support the Presbyterian Mission Agency. Take a hot pink flyer with you when shopping for your spring flowers and hanging baskets. Flyers can be found on the front of the doors to the Fellowship Hall, or you can

either call or email Laura at the church and she will mail one to you (presbsec@ptd.net or 973-948-3495).

DAISEY ROE FLEA MARKET - The First Presbyterian Church of Branchville and the Daisey Roe Chain are planning our 23rd Annual Outdoor Spring Flea Market including the thrift shop on Saturday, May 15th, 2021 from 9 am to 2 pm. Please stop by to shop and support our efforts, while wearing a mask, social distancing, and finding great bargains!



COLLEGE CARE PACKAGES - Spring is here and the Fellowship Committee will be sending off College Care Packages later this month. Please keep this ongoing mission project for our youth in mind when you go shopping and pick up some discounted Easter candies, peeps, small chocolate eggs, Easter bunnies, etc. to mail to our young members away at school.



Other suggestions: Prepackaged crackers and nuts, granola bars, homemade cookies, individual size cereal boxes, popcorn, ramen noodles, gum, hot chocolate, potato chips, school supplies, decorations, silly string, etc.

We have seen in the past that our young members *really* enjoy and look forward to receiving these packages from their church family each fall and spring. You can also help out by contributing money to assist with the mailing cost of these care packages (each package costs about \$15 to mail).

Also, please remember that if your child has changed their address since last fall, please notify the Church Office so that we can update our records. Thank you again for your continued support of this caring mission to let our young members away at school know that we are thinking and caring for them.

CONFIRMATION CLASS meets today at 1pm via Zoom to wrap up our 2 year journey. Please have your notebook handy so that we can go through it, and then look ahead to joining next month. See you at 1!

CALENDAR OF MINISTRIES AND ACTIVITIES

<u>DAY</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>ACTIVITY</u>
Today	10:00am	Worship in Sanctuary with a reservation – also Livestreamed via Facebook
	1:00pm	Confirmation Class
Monday	10am-12:30pm	Food Pantry open (food will be pre-bagged to pick up outside)
	7:00pm	Session Meeting via Zoom
Wednesday	10am-12:30pm	Food Pantry open (food will be pre-bagged to pick up outside)
	3:00pm	Daisey Roe Meeting in Fellowship Hall
Thursday	10am-12:30pm	Food Pantry open (food will be pre-bagged to pick up outside)
Saturday	9am-12:00pm	Daisey Roe Thrift Shop open for business

Next Sunday	10:00am	Worship in Sanctuary with a reservation – also Livestreamed via Facebook
	7:00pm	Youth Group

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today!

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Charles Wesley, 1739; alt.

Robert Williams, 1817
Harm. David Evans, 1927



1. "Christ the Lord is risen to - day!"
2. Love's re-deem-ing work is done,
3. Lives a - gain our glo - rious King;
4. Hail, the Lord of earth and heaven!

Al - le - lu - ia!



All cre - a - tion, join to say;
Fought the fight, the bat - tle won;
Where, O death, is now your sting?
Praise to You by both be given;

Al - le - lu - ia!



Raise your joys and tri - umphs high;
Death in vain for - bids Him rise;
Je - sus died, our souls to save;
Ev - ery knee to You shall bow,

Al - le - lu - ia!



Sing, O heavens, and earth re - ply,
Christ has o - pened par - a - dise.
Where your vic - to - ry, O grave?
Ris - en Christ, tri - um - phant now.

Al - le - lu - ia!



Christ Is Alive!

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TRURO LM

Brian Wren, 1968; rev.

Thomas Williams, 1789
Harm. Lowell Mason (1792-1872)

1. Christ is a - live! Let Chris - tians sing. The cross stands
 2. Christ is a - live! No long - er bound To dis - tant
 3. Not throned a - far, re - mote - ly high, Un - touched, un -
 4. In ev - ery in - sult, rift, and war, Where col - or,

emp - ty to the sky. Let streets and homes with
 years in Pal - es - tine, But sav - ing, heal - ing,
 moved by hu - man pains, But dai - ly, in the
 scorn, or wealth di - vide, Christ suf - fers still, yet

prais - es ring. Love, drowned in death, shall nev - er die.
 here and now, And touch - ing ev - ery place and time.
 midst of life, Our Sav - ior in the God-head reigns.
 loves the more, And lives, where ev - en hope has died.

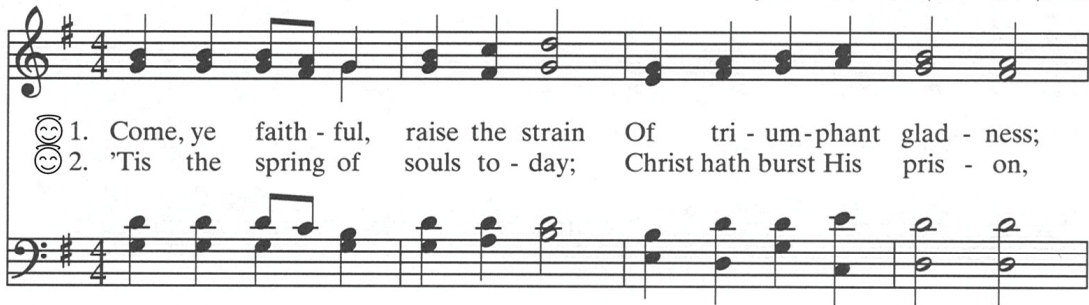
Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain 115

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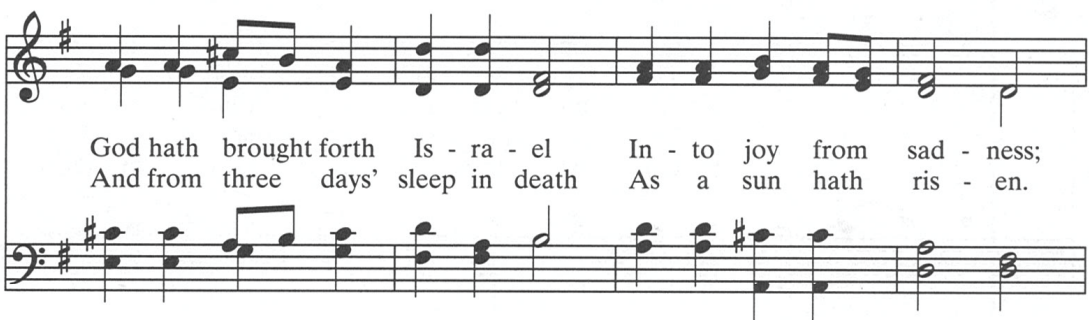
John of Damascus (c. 675–749)

Trans. John Mason Neale, 1859; alt.

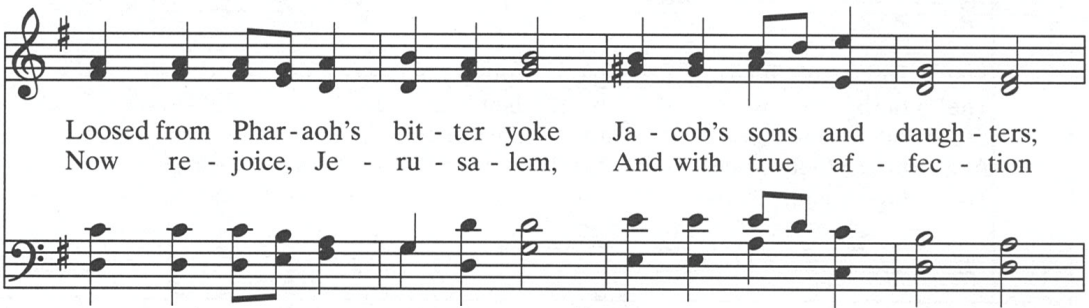
Arthur Seymour Sullivan (1842–1900); alt.



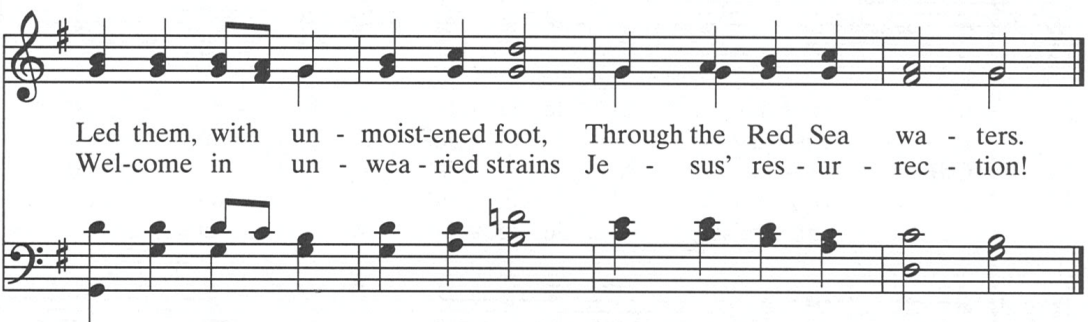
1. Come, ye faith - ful, raise the strain Of tri - um-phant glad - ness;
2. 'Tis the spring of souls to - day; Christ hath burst His pris - on,



God hath brought forth Is - ra - el In - to joy from sad - ness;
And from three days' sleep in death As a sun hath ris - en.



Loosed from Phar-aoh's bit - ter yoke Ja - cob's sons and daugh - ters;
Now re - joice, Je - ru - sa - lem, And with true af - fec - tion



Led them, with un - moist-ened foot, Through the Red Sea wa - ters.
Wel-come in un - wea - ried strains Je - sus' res - ur - rec - tion!