

Service of Worship
3rd Sunday of Easter

April 10, 2016

10:30 AM

Desmond Tutu, 21st century

"I wish I could shut up, but I can't, and I won't."

GATHER AND PREPARE FOR WORSHIP

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE *This Joyful Eastertide* Biery

THE PEOPLE OF GOD GATHER

CALL TO WORSHIP (by Katherine Hawker, adapted)

One: Jesus asked: "Do you love me more than these?"

All: "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you."

One: "Feed my lambs."

All: Coming to church on Sunday

Teaching, cleaning, planning

Making church happen

But do we love Jesus?

One: Jesus asked again: "Do you love me?"

All: "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you."

One: "Tend my sheep."

All: Glancing over the newspaper

Blood spilled in Brussels, Turkey, Syria, Somalia,

Pakistan, Cameroon

Shudders, tears, silence

How can we take care of the sheep?

One: Still Jesus asks: "Do you love me more than these?"

All: "Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you."

One: "Feed my lambs."

"Follow me."

All: Such simple words.

Challenge and invitation.

One: Loving Jesus means following him to the sheep.

All: Let us worship the Risen One,

who asks us only to follow him and his example.

***HYMN** (see musical page) *I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say*

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (*let us pray together . . .*)

(composed by John van de Laar)

**How hard we try to be good,
how passionately we defend our truth,
how strongly we draw our lines,
how bravely we denounce wrong;
But, how easily we miss the point.**

**Forgive us, God, when we misunderstand our calling;
when we think it serves you**

**to make violent threats against those we disagree
with,**

**to go to war for the sake of our truth,
to seek to bend all others to our way of thinking and
being.**

Heal and restore those who have been wounded by us,

shamed by us,

suspected by us,

misunderstood by us,

slandered by us.

**Come to us, Jesus, each on our own Damascus Road,
 stop us in our tracks,
 soften our hearts,
 show us yourself,
 and help us to fulfill our calling
 in a way that does justice to your gracious love.
 Amen.**

***WORDS OF GOD’S ENDURING LOVE**

One: Rejoice that in the eyes of God we are forgiven.
 Leave your past. Turn with hope to the future. In
 the name of Christ, we are forgiven people.

All: Thanks be to God. Amen.

***MUSICAL RESPONSE**

ALLELUIA

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
 Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

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COMMISSIONING PASTOR SEARCH COMMITTEE

(Bev Berry, Tracy Bertram, Miles Dudgeon,
 Chuck Feiszli, Dorothy Hopkins, Kathy McKenna,
 Lori Schmidt, Jim Ulrich)

The Word: 1 Corinthians 12:4-6

One: ⁴ There are different kinds of gifts, but the same
 Spirit gives them.

All: ⁵ There are different kinds of service, but the
 same Lord.

One: ⁶ There are different kinds of working, but in all of
 them and in everyone it is the same God at work.

Address to the Committee Members

Search Committee Members Covenant:

We, who are serving on the Pastor Search Committee
 promise to perform faithfully the vital task of searching
 for a new pastor. We pledge, with God’s guidance and
 your prayers, to be open to the leading of the Holy
 Spirit in all we do, say, and decide.

We will endeavor:

- to establish a harmonious working relationship
 within our committee;
- to maintain consistent attendance at our Search
 Committee meetings;
- to be open and patient listeners to each other and to
 the congregation;
- to listen carefully to your hopes and dreams as we
 consult with you, the members, in the development
 of a description of our church community and the
 style of pastoral leadership we seek;
- to maintain strict confidentiality in all we read, say,
 and hear—protecting both the privacy of each other
 and of potential candidates;
- to review all information forms with open minds and
 hearts, treating all candidates fairly and justly;
- to seek decisions not made by majority rule, but by
 the coming together of minds, hearts, and souls in a
 consensus that will build a firm foundation for the
 effective future mission and ministry of this church.

Congregational Covenant *(let us pray together . . .)*
We recognize that the work of our Pastor Search Committee is a difficult assignment and will take much effort. We pledge, as a gathered community of faith, to be patient with you and to respect your need to be confidential in your task. We pray for you and offer our support and words of encouragement through this time. These things we promise in the hope and belief that you will be obedient to the guidance of the spirit as you seek a new pastor to minister with us. Amen.

LISTEN FOR THE WORD OF GOD

SCRIPTURE Acts 9:1-6, 7-20 NT pg 127
GOSPEL John 21:1-19 NT pg 115

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

(Children through second grade may go to the nursery.)

*HYMN (vs. 1, 3, 5) *Will You Come and Follow Me*
(See musical page)

SERMON

PRAYERS OF THE CONGREGATION

The Lord's Prayer *(in unison)*

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.

GOD'S PEOPLE RESPOND

OFFERING

Invitation

Choral Anthem

Be Thou My Vision

***Doxology** *(page 48 in hymnal) tune: TALLIS' CANON*

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;

Praise Christ all creatures here below;

Praise Holy Spirit evermore;

One God triune, whom we adore.

***Prayer of Dedication** *(let us pray together . . .)*

God of death and resurrection, convert this money we now bring to you. Convert it into acts of justice and mercy, peace-making and compassion. And along with our money, convert us and our world, too, into the way of Jesus. Amen.

GOD'S PEOPLE DEPART TO SERVE

***HYMN** # 533

We've Come This Far by Faith

The congregation is invited to sing the refrain as found in the hymnal while the choir sings the verses.

1. Don't be discouraged with trouble in your life;
He'll bear your burdens and move all discord and strive.
2. Just remember the good things He has done.
Things that seemed impossible. Oh, praise Him for the victories He has won.

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

Toccata on "Vruechten"

Bouman

I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say

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-el-ing days are done.

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Will You Come and Follow Me (vs. 1, 3, 5)

F C7 Dm Gm7 Csus C

- 1 "Will you come and fol - low me if I but call your name?
- 2 "Will you leave your-self be-hind if I but call your name?
- 3 "Will you let the blind - ed see if I but call your name?
- 4 "Will you love the 'you' you hide if I but call your name?
- 5 Lord, your sum-mons ech - oes true when you but call my name.

(D) (A7) (Bm) (Em7) (G) (D)
F C7 Dm Gm7 B^b F

Will you go where you don't know and nev - er be the same?
Will you care for cruel and kind and nev - er be the same?
Will you set the pris-oners free and nev - er be the same?
Will you quell the fear in - side and nev - er be the same?
Let me turn and fol - low you and nev - er be the same.

(Em7) (G) (F#m7) (G) (Asus)(A)
Gm7 B^b Am7 B^b Csus C

Will you let my love be shown; will you let my name be known;
Will you risk the hos - tile stare should your life at - tract or scare?
Will you kiss the lep - er clean, and do such as this un - seen,
Will you use the faith you've found to re-shape the world a - round,
In your com - pa - ny I'll go where your love and foot-steps show.

(D) (A7) (Bm) (Em7) (G) (D)
F C7 Dm Gm7 B^b F

will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?"
Will you let me an - swer prayer in you and you in me?"
and ad - mit to what I mean in you and you in me?"
through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?"
Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.

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Worship Service
Participants

Ushers and Greeters

Gary and Paula Harrington,
Kurt and Lori Schmidt

Worship Leaders

Kathy McKenna

Liturgist

Kurt Schmidt

Acolytes

Caoimhe Dudgeon,
Sophia Wright

Nursery Volunteers

Sue Benedict,
Abby Elkins

Coffee Hour

Jaff and Nadyne Harris

Attendance

April 3 - 50

Life in the Parish
Week of April 10

SUNDAY – April 10

10:30 am – Worship service

MONDAY – April 11

7:30 pm – Al-Anon meets

TUESDAY – April 12

2:00 pm – Senior Fellowship
Club meets

7:00 pm – Homer Brass rehearsal

WEDNESDAY – April 13

7:00 pm – Choir rehearsal

THURSDAY – April 14

12:00 pm – Bible Study Group

SUNDAY – April 17

9:15 am – Sunday School, The
Well

10:30 am – Worship service

Noon-3:00 pm – Stephen
Ministry meets

NOTES AND NOTICES

A power outage on Wednesday "fried" our computer modem, which we discovered Thursday morning. A new modem is being shipped but won't be here until Monday. We have no email or internet connection until the new modem is here. Sorry for any delays and lack of communication.

We welcome **the Reverend Craig French** who is our preacher as Pastor Kathleen is participating in her grandson's baptism in Syracuse. Craig is an ordained elder in the United Methodist Church where he served congregations in Buffalo and Syracuse. He recently retired from the University United Methodist Church in Syracuse.

The **Senior Fellowship Club** meets **Tuesday, April 12th at 2:00 pm**. Dottie Kelley will be presenting a program about our National Parks, how they are being endangered and what is being done about this problem.

The Senior High Sunday School class is hoping we can help support the HEBREWS #Feedthepeople **Coffee House**, scheduled for Saturday, April 30. There is wish list sign-up sheet in the Russell Fellowship Room for needed items and supplies, if you can help.

Plan to join others at HCC on **April 23** at 9:00 am – 4:00 PM for **“Sacred Conversations on Racism”** as part of the Susquehanna Association Meeting. See newsletter for more details.