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SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

APRIL 14, 2024

PRELUDE

Festival Prelude

Horatio Parker

INTROIT

Alleluia! *In resurrection tua Christe* (excerpt)

Jacobus Gallus

*Scimus Christum surrexisse a mortuis
vere. Tu nobis, Victor Rex miserere
Alleluia. Amen.*

We know Christ is truly risen from the
dead! On us, you conqueror, King, have
mercy! Amen. Alleluia.

CALL TO WORSHIP

The Reverend Dr. Baron Mullis

*HYMN 138

Holy, Holy, Holy!

NICAEA

*OPENING SENTENCES

The Reverend Laura Colee

Answer me when I call, O God of my right! You gave me room when I was in distress.
Be gracious to me, and hear my prayer.

**There are many who say, "O that we might see some good! Let the light of your
face shine on us, O LORD!"**

You have put gladness in my heart more than when their grain and wine abound.

**I will both lie down and sleep in peace; for you alone, O LORD, make me lie down
in safety.**

Psalm 4:1, 6-8

*PRAYER OF ADORATION



**Please rise in body or spirit.*

WELCOME

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of endless renewal, God who calls us to lives restored, God who rescues the lost, and saves the afflicted, there are times when our way grows confused. We know what needs to be done, and yet, it is easier sometimes to stay on the wrong path. Forgive us for failing to heed opportunities to follow a better way. Remind us that you stand more ready to forgive than we are to confess those aspects of our lives that stand in need of your grace. And thus forgiven, restore us, renew us, set us on the right path, so that we might live as your disciples, and be messengers of your healing mercy. We pray all these things in Jesus' name, and for his sake...

KYRIE 574 (*Choir and Congregation*)

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Believe the promise of the Gospel:
In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

ANTHEM

Behold Now, Praise the Lord

Everett Titcomb

Behold now! Praise the Lord. All ye servants of the Lord. Ye that by night stand in the house of the Lord, even in the courts of the house of our God. Lift up your hands in the sanctuary and praise the Lord.

—Psalm 134

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Acts 3:12-19

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EPISTLE LESSON

1 John 3:1-7

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GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 24:36-48

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This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

*GLORIA PATRI

LAUDA ANIMA

Glory be to God the Father, Glory be to God the Son, Glory be to God the Spirit, ever three and ever one; as it was in the beginning, now and ever more shall be.

SERMON

Repentance and the Forgiveness of Sins

Dr. Mullis

*Repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations,
beginning from Jerusalem.*

Luke 24:47b

*HYMN 539

Savior, Again to Thy Dear Name We Raise

ELLERS

***THE NICENE CREED**

I believe in one God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible:

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of the Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us, and for our salvation came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary, and was made human, and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried, and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of the Father. And he shall come again with glory to judge both the quick and the dead: whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Ghost, the Lord and giver of life, who proceedeth from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified, who spoke by the Prophets. And I believe in one Catholic and Apostolic Church. I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins. And I look for the Resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

CALL TO OFFERING

*You may bring your offering forward during the offertory, or place it in the plates after the service.
You may also give online; information is available on the card in the pew rack.*

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

If We Believe That Jesus Died

John Goss

If we believe that Jesus died and rose again, ev'n so them also which sleep in Jesus, will God bring with Him. Wherefore comfort one another with these words.

—1 Thessalonians 4:14,18

***DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise God all creatures here below. Alleluia, Alleluia. Praise God above ye heav'nly host. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

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.

***HYMN 111**

Good Christians All, Rejoice and Sing!

GELOBT SEI GOTT

*BENEDICTION

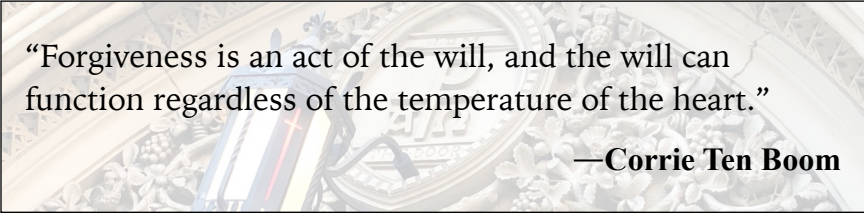
*CHORAL BENEDICTION *Amen, from Preces and Responses*

David Hurd

POSTLUDE *Nun freut euch, lieben Christen g'mein*
(Dear Christians, one and all, rejoice)

J. S. Bach

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“Forgiveness is an act of the will, and the will can function regardless of the temperature of the heart.”

—Corrie Ten Boom

ANNOUNCEMENTS

APRIL 14, 2024

MEETINGS THIS WEEK

Wednesday, April 18

Session

6:30 p.m.

BAND OF BOOMERS VISIT PENN MUSEUM - TODAY!

Join the Band of Boomers today after worship for a visit to Penn Museum, including a highlight tour. Meet at 1:30 at the Museum (3260 South Street) for the highlight tour. Lunch is available at the café beforehand. Please see Shellie Unger for additional information.

KIDS' NIGHT @ FPCP - APRIL 19

FPC Kids' Night is back! On Friday, April 19, from 5-8 p.m., we are inviting kids to join us at First Presbyterian Church in Philadelphia for pizza, snacks, crafts, games, and a movie. While your kids hang out with us, parents and guardians are able to have a night to themselves. Register via our website!

EARTH DAY CHRISTIAN EDUCATION PROGRAMS - APRIL 21

Join us next Sunday at 9:45 a.m. for Earth Day programs for both adults and children. In the MacColl Room, for the adults, Doug O'Malley, Director with Environment New Jersey and FPC member, will speak on progress made over the last year, and the impact of Climate Change. For the children, there will be a special Earth Day Sunday School in Old Buttonwood Hall. More information can be found on the church website.

TWENTIES & THIRTIES HOT SAUCE TASTING LUNCH - APRIL 21

After worship on next Sunday, the T&Ts will gather in Old Buttonwood Hall to taste test 10 hot sauces from Season 13 of Hot Ones over chicken and fries. Please RSVP to Laura (youngadults@fpcphila.org) so we know how much food to order.

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