

Morrisville Presbyterian Church

Morrisville, PA

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

4th Sunday of Easter

April 25, 2010

10:30 a.m.

GATHERING

PRELUDE

Sheep May Safely Graze

J. S. Bach
Jackie Moruzzi, Acolyte

WORDS OF WELCOME

Pastor Rosenau

INTROIT

Now Let Us Sing

Traditional/arr. John L. Bell

CALL TO WORSHIP – Rev. 7:10, 12

One: Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!

All: Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever!

One: Amen. Let us worship God.

***HYMN 147 – Blessing and Honor**

O QUANTA QUALIA

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION – Unison**

Mighty God, by your power Christ is raised from death to rule this world in love. We confess that we have not believed in him, but fall into doubt and fear. Gladness has no home in our hearts, and gratitude is slight. Forgive our dread of dying, our hopelessness, and set us free for joy in the victory of Jesus Christ, who was dead but lives, and will put down every power to hurt or destroy, when your promised kingdom comes.

***CHORAL RESPONSE**

Listen, Lord

John L. Bell

***DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS**

***RESPONSE TO GOD'S PARDON – HYMN 567 – Glory to the Father**

GLORIA PATRI

*Congregation Standing (Those Who Are Able) ***Ushers Will Seat Worshipers

***THE PEACE**

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Let us greet one another with the peace of Christ.

*As a sign of their reconciliation in Christ, the people share the peace of Christ, greeting one another with these or similar words:
“The peace of Christ be with you,” “Peace be with you,” or simply, “Peace.”*

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING – Acts 9:36-43 (New Testament, page 120)

One: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

PSALM OF THE DAY – Psalm 23 – Unison Reading (Old Testament, pages 474-475)

ANTHEM

Shepherd Me, O God
Chancel Choir

Marty Haugen

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

*K-2 children may leave for Cherub Choir rehearsal in the music room during the sermon.
All other children return to the pews to continue worshipping with their families.*

SECOND READING – Revelation 7:9-17 (New Testament, page 235)

One: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

That Resurrection Conspiracy

Pastor Rosenau

***HYMN 108 – Christ Is Alive!**

TRURO

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH – from *The Confession of 1967* (9.32)

One: The life, death, resurrection, and promised coming of Jesus Christ has set the pattern for the church’s mission.

All: His human life involves the church in the common life of all.

One: His service to men and women commits the church to work for every form of human well-being.

All: His suffering makes the church sensitive to all the sufferings of humanity, so that it sees the face of Christ in the faces of people in every kind of need.

One: His crucifixion discloses to the church God’s judgment on our inhumanity to each other and the awful consequences of our own complicity in injustice.

All: In the power of the risen Christ and the hope of his coming the church sees the promise of God’s renewal of human life in society and of God’s victory over all wrong.

One: So to live and serve is to confess Christ as Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION AND THANKSGIVING

THE LORD’S PRAYER (debts/debtors, *Presbyterian Hymnal*, page 16)

OFFERING

Invitation

Offertory

The Lord Is My Shepherd

Robert J. Powell

***Doxology**

***Prayer of Dedication**

SENDING

***HYMN 422 – God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending**

BEACH SPRING

***CHARGE AND BLESSING**

***BENEDICTION RESPONSE**

Behold, I Make All Things New

John L. Bell

***POSTLUDE**

With Trumpets and Drums

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