

Morrisville Presbyterian Church

Morrisville, PA

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

5th Sunday of Easter

May 2, 2010

10:30 a.m.

GATHERING

PRELUDE

Adagio in B Major

Charles Marie Widor
Charlie Rushing, Acolyte

WORDS OF WELCOME

Pastor Rosenau

INTROIT

Now Let Us Sing

Traditional/arr. John L. Bell

CALL TO WORSHIP – Psalm 148:1-5, 12-14

Pastor Hancock

One: Praise the Lord!

All: Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise him in the heights!

One: Praise him, all his angels; praise him, all his host!

All: Praise him, sun and moon; praise him, all you shining stars!

One: Praise him, you highest heavens, and you waters above the heavens!

All: Let them praise the name of the Lord.

One: Young men and women alike, old and young together! Let them praise the name
of the Lord

All: for his name alone is exalted; his glory is above earth and heaven.

***HYMN 455 – All Creatures of Our God and King** (vv. 1, 5 & 6 only)

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION – Unison**

Holy God, You are coming to make all things new. We long for you to make us new. Sin has stained and scarred us and has become so familiar to us. We have worshiped you with our lips, but not with our hearts. We have followed you with our words, but not with our lives. We have developed habits of convenience; our ways have become well-worn. Forgive us. Make us new. Start afresh with us, so that we might go in the way of Jesus Christ. Amen.

***CHORAL RESPONSE**

Listen, Lord

John L. Bell

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

***DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS**

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

GLORIA PATRI

***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 – John 13:31-35 (New Testament, page 102)

One: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

One Faith, One Hope, One Lord
Chancel Choir

Craig Courtney

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 21:1-6 (New Testament, page 244)

One: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

As It Was in the Beginning?

Pastor Rosenau

HYMN 495 – *We Know That Christ Is Raised

ENGELBERG

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH – from *The Confession of 1967

All: Biblical visions and images of the rule of Christ, such as a heavenly city, the household of God, a new heaven and earth, a marriage feast, and an unending day culminate in the image of the kingdom.

One: The kingdom represents God’s triumph over all that resists the divine will and disrupts God’s creation.

All: Already God’s reign is present as a ferment in the world, stirring hope in all people and preparing the world to receive its ultimate judgment and redemption.

One: With an urgency born of this hope, the church applies itself to present tasks and strives for a better world. It does not identify limited progress with the kingdom of God on earth, nor does it despair in the face of disappointment and defeat.

All: In steadfast hope, the church looks beyond all partial achievement to the final triumph of God.

One: “Now to him who by the power within us is able to do far more abundantly than all we ask or think, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever.

All: Amen.”

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION AND THANKSGIVING

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

OFFERING

Invitation

Offertory

Psalm

Gordon Young

***Doxology**

***Prayer of Dedication**

SENDING

HYMN 376 – *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

HYFRYDOL

***CHARGE AND BLESSING**

***BENEDICTION RESPONSE**

Behold, I Make All Things New

John L. Bell

***POSTLUDE**

Concerto in Bb: Con Moto

G. F. Handel

MEETING OF THE CORPORATION