



*Grounded in the grace of God,  
we are a vibrant Christian community,  
disciples of all ages, gathered for worship and nurture,  
scattered to serve and to love.*  
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WORSHIP for  
EASTER SUNDAY  
APRIL 5, 2026 ~ 10:30 A.M.

## GATHERING

### WORDS of WELCOME

Rev. Alex Lester-Abdalla

### PRELUDE — “Hornpipe” from *Water Music* - G. F. Handel

Brass Ensemble

### INTROIT — *Festival Introit for Easter* - Heinrich Schütz, arr. H. Hopson

Chancel Choir & Brass

*Alleluia! On this most holy day of days,  
to God your hearts and voices raise  
in laud and jubilee and praise.  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

—15th century

### CALL to WORSHIP —

Eliana Song, Liturgist

One: Glory to you, O God: on this day you won victory over death, raising Jesus from the grave and giving us eternal life.

**All: Glory to you, O Christ: for us and for our salvation. Guide us in the way of eternal life that we may evermore live with the joy of this glorious morning.**

One: Let your hearts believe. Jesus is alive! And because he lives, we shall live forever more. So come, let us worship the risen Lord of life.

### HYMN — *Jesus Christ Is Risen Today*

EASTER HYMN

*Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia!  
our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!  
who did once upon the cross, Alleluia!  
suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!*

*Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia!  
unto Christ, our heavenly King, Alleluia!  
who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia!  
sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!*

*But the pains which he endured, Alleluia!  
our salvation have procured. Alleluia!  
Now above the sky he's King, Alleluia!  
where the angels ever sing, Alleluia!*

*Sing we to our God above, Alleluia!  
praise eternal as God's love. Alleluia!  
Praise our God, ye heavenly host, Alleluia!  
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!*

### PRAYER of CONFESSION

Resurrected Christ, there is nothing we can do to deserve the grace you give us. We cannot earn your love or our salvation. You know how we have fallen short of loving you and our neighbor. You call us to come and follow you, but you witness how our faith fizzles out in the face of temptation. We forget how often our words and actions do not reflect your compassion and concern for all people. Yet, even when the sin inside of us gets the better of us, you freely grant us your mercy, forgiveness, steadfast love, and the gift of eternal life.

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**O Risen Lord, on this Easter morn, roll away any stone of doubt, fear, or shame from our lives. Show us how to share the good news of this glorious day in all that we say and do, as silently we confess our sin.**

**SILENT PRAYERS of CONFESSION** *Here each worshiper may offer silent prayers of confession.*

**PROMISE of FORGIVENESS**

One: Listen to the good news of the gospel and make it your own. For God so loved the world that he sent his son to us. Not to condemn us or to punish us or to frighten us, but to love us, forgive us, and save us. Friends, believe the good news of the gospel:

**All: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Alleluia, thanks be to God.**

**RESPONSE to GOD'S GRACE** — *Glory to the Father*

GLORIA PATRI

*Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever.  
Amen. Amen. Amen.*

**L I T U R G Y o f t h e W O R D**

**PRAYER for ILLUMINATION**

**RESPONSIVE READING** — *Psalms 118*

One: Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the Lord.

**All: This is the gate of the Lord; the righteous shall enter through it.**

One: I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation.

**All: The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.**

One: This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.

**All: This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

**ANTHEM** — *On Earth Has Dawned this Day of Days* - Jeremy Bankson

*On earth has dawned this day of days, whereon the faithful give God praise!  
For Christ is risen from the tomb, and light and joy have conquered doom.  
Alleluia!*

*At early morn, with spices rare, the women three assembled there,  
all to anoint fair Mary's Son, who over death had victory won.  
Alleluia!*

*Whom seek ye here?" the angel said; "The Lord is risen from the dead;  
see where he lay; let joy begin, the tomb is empty: enter in!"  
Alleluia!*

*So let our songs to heaven wing, the vault with alleluias ring,  
in praise of Christ, our risen Lord; new life to all he doth afford.  
Alleluia!*

— Niklolaus Herman

**TIME for YOUNG DISCIPLES**

**SCRIPTURE LESSON** — *Mark 16:1-7*

Rev. Dr. Tom Kort

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God!**

**SERMON**

*What a Difference a Day Makes!*

Rev. Dr. Kort

*Christ is alive! Let Christians sing,  
The cross stands empty to the sky.  
Let streets and homes with praises ring.  
Love, drowned in death, shall never die.*

*Christ is alive! No longer bound  
to distant years in Palestine,  
but saving, healing, here and now,  
and touching every place and time.*

(Choir only)

*In every insult, rift, and war  
where color, scorn, or wealth divide,  
Christ suffers still, yet loves the more,  
and lives, where even hope has died.*

*Women and men, in age and youth,  
can feel the Spirit, hear the all,  
and find the way, the life, the truth,  
revealed in Jesus, freed for all.*

*Christ is alive, and comes to bring  
good news to this and every age,  
till earth and sky and ocean ring  
with joy, with justice, love, and praise.*

#### AFFIRMATION of FAITH — *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.**

#### PRAYERS *of the* PEOPLE

##### 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.**

##### OFFERING

Invitation to Give

Offertory Music — *Because He Lives* - Bill Gaither

Doxology — *Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow*

*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.*

Yun Kang  
OLD HUNDREDTH

Prayer of Dedication

## S E N D I N G

**HYMN** — *Thine Is the Glory*

JUDAS MACCABEUS

*Thine is the glory, risen, conquering Son;  
endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.  
Angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away,  
kept the folded graveclothes where thy body lay.*

*Thine is the glory, risen, conquering Son;  
endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.*

*Lo! Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb;  
lovingly he greets us, scatters fear and gloom.  
Let the church with gladness hymns of triumph sing,  
for the Lord now liveth; death hath lost its sting.*

*Thine is the glory, risen, conquering Son;  
endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.*

*No more we doubt thee, glorious Prince of life!  
Life is naught without thee; aid us in our strife.  
Make us more than conquerors through thy deathless love;  
bring us safe through Jordan to thy home above.*

*Thine is the glory, risen, conquering Son;  
endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.*

### **CHARGE and BLESSING**

**POSTLUDE** — *Thine Is the Glory* - G. F. Handel, arr. T. R. Carpenter

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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*\*Please note all announcements for Sunday bulletins are due by noon the Tuesday before they are to be published. Please email announcements to [Bulletin@MPCusa.org](mailto:Bulletin@MPCusa.org).*

### **REGARDING TODAY'S SERVICE**

We are pleased to have the assistance of brass and drums as we rejoice in Christ's resurrection: Trumpets: Neal Kindig and Nicholas Goldkranz; Horns: Tasha Schapiro and Steve Sweetsir; Timpani: Ryan McHenry

### **TODAY'S WINDOWSILL FLOWERS**

The windowsill flowers are offered to the glory of God and are given by Donna Damiani in memory of her mother, Inez Mitchell, who passed on Easter; and in celebration of the Easter birthday of her husband, John.

### **NEW MEMBER CLASSES**

Interested in exploring membership at Morrisville Presbyterian Church? Our spring new member classes will be held on May 14 and May 31. To sign up or for more information, please contact the church office at [office@mpcusa.org](mailto:office@mpcusa.org) or 215-295-4191.

### **FOOD CENTER'S APRIL REQUEST**

For the month of april, the requested food donation is cereal. A shopping cart has been put in the Welcome Center to receive your donations. Thank you for your continued generosity!

### **MPC BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP - NEXT READING**

The group's next reading is *My Friends* by Fredrik Backman. The author returns with an unforgettably funny, deeply moving tale of four teenagers whose friendship creates a bond so powerful that it changes a complete stranger's life twenty-five years later.

Discussion on the book will take place on Monday, April 13, from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. in the conference room. You can also attend by Zoom. Contact the church office at [office@mpcusa.org](mailto:office@mpcusa.org) or Shellie Stoddard at [stoddard.shellie@gmail.com](mailto:stoddard.shellie@gmail.com) for link and more information.

### **SUPPORT THE MPC CLOTHING CENTER & SPREAD THE WORD**

The Clothing Center is more than just clothes. We sell so much more: housewares, linens, jewelry, and home décor to name a few items. We are open on Thursdays, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. from now till mid-June. We invite you to stop by and see the array of items for sale and ask for your help to spread the word about the important mission provided by this gem of a shop located in our church basement. All of our proceeds are distributed to other charitable organizations in our community.

Thank you to all who have supported the Clothing Center through the years with your donations and patronage. For further information, please contact Kathleen Foster at [kathleenf949@gmail.com](mailto:kathleenf949@gmail.com).

### **SOCIAL JUSTICE AWARENESS**

One of the aims of the Outreach Committee is to develop awareness of social injustices and work to combat them through education and advocacy. Anyone who wishes to receive information regarding upcoming events and efforts to address social justice issues locally and globally, please contact Alice Garcia at 609-230-1786 or [agarcia28@verizon.net](mailto:agarcia28@verizon.net) or Carol Carpenter at 267-243-1951 or [carol.w.carpenter@gmail.com](mailto:carol.w.carpenter@gmail.com) to add your name to our contact list.

### **SCOUT TROOP 3 CLOTHING DRIVE**

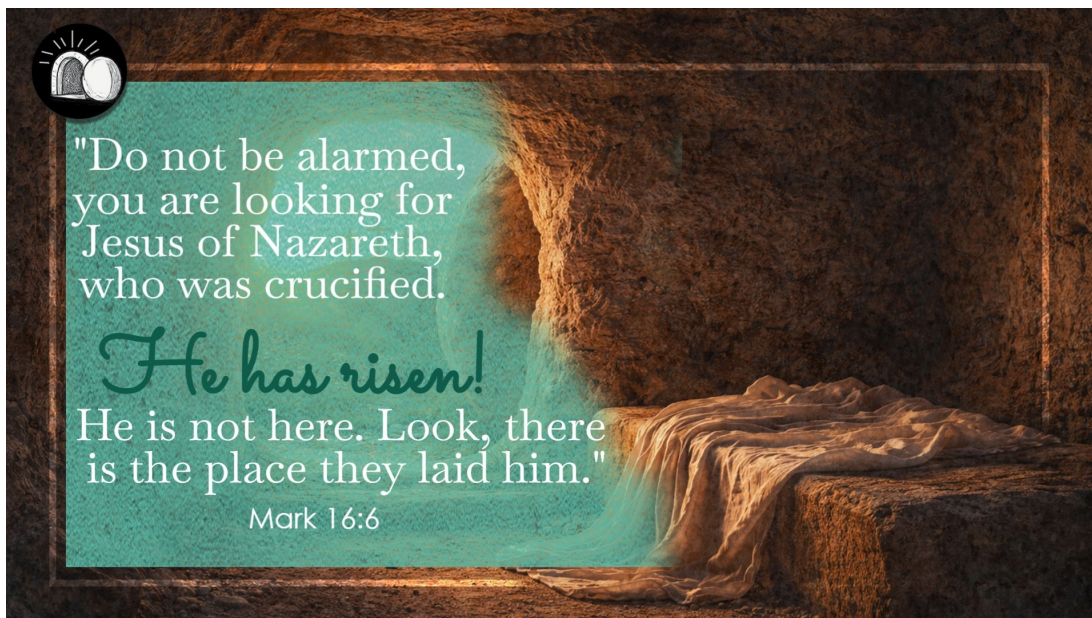
Scout Troop 3 is hosting a Clothing Drive through May 3. Along with clean clothing, you can donate books and clean houseware items for this fundraiser. The goal is to reach 4000 lbs. of soft items. You can drop off your donations on Monday evenings in Fellowship Hall from 7:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. If it's more convenient to drop off items on Sunday before or after service, we will have a trash can marked for the Scout Drop-Off at the bottom of the steps outside of room 4. Thank you for your participation during this fundraiser.

### **INTERFAITH OPPORTUNITY**

Congregation Beth El of Bucks County is having a very special speaker on Sunday, April 12, from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. Professional basketball player and son of former NBA and college hoops star Ernie Grunfeld, Dan Grunfeld, will be giving a presentation on his book, *By the Grace of the Game*. The book is a "multi-generational family epic detailing history's only known journey from Auschwitz to the NBA." To register for the event and more details, please visit the Congregation Beth El website at [bethelyardley.org](http://bethelyardley.org) and follow the link from the homepage.

### **SAVE THE DATE: MEMORIAL DAY PARADE HOSPITALITY**

The Communications and Evangelism committee will host a hospitality table for participants in the Morrisville Memorial Day Parade as they prepare to step-off from the MPC parking lot on Monday, May 25. This continues to be a great success each year! Setup begins at 7:30 a.m. and we are usually cleaned up by 9:30. Details on requested donated food items and volunteer sign-up will be coming in the weeks ahead. Stay tuned!



## *Easter Memorial Contributions - Easter Tulips*

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### **IN LOVING MEMORY OF:**

My sister, Nancy Landes

Jean Shook

Sally & Lee Wheat

Ken, Eleanor, & Dianne Frate

My dear husband, George Lauver

Richard & Delores Perry

Robert D. Barone, Sr.

Charles & Frances Burgess

Betsy Jurey

My parents, Robert & Lily Granett

My husband, Theodore A. Marks

Jeffrey Walsh

Elaine & Ray Low

Genevieve Wagner

Our fathers: Glen Stoddard & Richard Jacobsen

Verna Dean, Anna Robinson, Patricia Franke,  
Edward "Sonny" Franke, & Lester Dean

Martha Rork, grandmother & mother

James C. Laird, father & husband

### **TO GIVE THANKS FOR:**

Loved ones

### **IN CELEBRATION OF:**

Our beloved parents

My wonderful parents, Wendy Yazujian & Jeff  
Moruzzi

### **BY:**

Heather Bray

Libby & Ty Bostain

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Audrey McNalty

Myrtle Lauver

Dale K. Perry

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Bill, Melonie, & family

Jill, Carol, & family

Joan G. Marks

Joan G. Marks

Dolores Furness

Phyllis & Larry Low

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Shellie Stoddard & Eric Jacobsen

Wayne Dean

Cynthia Laird

Cynthia Laird

### **BY:**

Cynthia & Carl Lang

### **BY:**

Wes & Judy Gardner

Jackie Moruzzi

## *Easter Memorial Contributions - Music Ministry*

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### **IN LOVING MEMORY OF:**

Ryan & Tim

Lewis & Peggy Kohn, Sarah & Earl Levan:  
Loving parents and grandparents who taught us  
the importance of faith.

Dear ones: David, Linda, Kathy, Aggie, & Ray

My daughter, Caroline N. Marks

### **BY:**

Clark & DeeAnn Martin

Levan Family

Nancy & John Kernan

Joan G. Marks

## *Easter Memorial Contributions - Music Ministry (continued)*

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### **IN LOVING MEMORY OF:**

Betsy Jurey

Happy Easter, David! We miss you, Dad!

My dear husband, George Lauver

Ken, Eleanor, & Diane Frate

My parents: Warren & Dorothy Bietsch

Helen & William Borden

Nancy C. & Burt Anderson

Our parents

Verna Dean, Anna Robinson, Patricia Franke,  
Edward "Sonny" Franke, & Lester Dean

Martha Rork, grandmother & mother

James C. Laird, father & husband

### **TO GIVE THANKS FOR:**

My family, especially my Samantha (granddaughter)  
who came out of her serious operation and is  
doing well!

The music ministry of the Carpenters

The music ministry of "Song Trio"

Our grandchildren: Layla, Benjamin, James,  
Sloane, & Colin

### **IN CELEBRATION OF:**

Our beloved parents

### **BY:**

Jill, Carol, & family

Sandy, Amanda, Chris, & Laura

Myrtle Lauver

Audrey McNalty

Heather Bray

Nancy & Roger Anderson

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Carol & Timothy Carpenter

Wayne Dean

Cynthia Laird

Cynthia Laird

### **BY:**

Mary H. Moyer

Cynthia & Carl Lang

Cheryl Barren

Gail & Drew Hunger

### **BY:**

Wes & Judy Gardner

## *Easter Memorial Contributions - Deacons' Holiday Food Baskets*

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### **IN LOVING MEMORY OF:**

My mother, Inez Mitchell

Our parents

Our parents: Grace & James Doster, Sally &  
George Hunger

Helen & William Borden

Nancy C. & Burt Anderson

Ryan & Tim

My son, Theodore G. Marks

### **BY:**

Donna M. Damiani

Carol and Timothy Carpenter

Gail & Drew Hunger

Nancy & Roger Anderson

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Clark & DeeAnn Martin

Joan G. Marks

## *Easter Memorial Contributions - Deacons' Holiday Food Baskets (continued)*

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Grandparents, William & Ethel Anderson

William Anderson

My parents, Merrill & Carolyn Smith

Tom Smith

My brother, David Smith

Tom Smith

My husband, Jerry Ashmen

Joan Ashmen

My parents, John & Mina Masine

Joan Ashmen

My parents-in-law

Gerald & Dot Ashmen

### **IN LOVING MEMORY OF:**

### **BY:**

My dear husband, George Lauver

Myrtle Lauver

George A. Hunger, Sr.

Dorothy Hunger

Ken, Eleanor, & Dianne Frate

Audrey McNulty

Dorothea & Jack Rimler

Curt Rimler

Harry G. Dent

Curt Rimler

My daughter, Becky Marseglia

Diane Ellis-Marseglia

My parents, John & Marilyn Ellis

Diane Ellis-Marseglia

My brother, Van Ellis

Diane Ellis-Marseglia

My grandparents, John & Olive Ellis

Diane Ellis-Marseglia

Raymond & Marie Elmer: father & mother,  
grandfather & grandmother

Diane Jablon, Kellie & Tom Lewis

Bruce R. Jablon, husband & father

Diane Jablon, Kellie & Tom Lewis

Verna Dean, Anna Robinson, Patricia Franke,  
Edward "Sonny" Franke, & Lester Dean

Wayne Dean

### **TO GIVE THANKS FOR:**

### **BY:**

Our grandchildren & great-grandchildren

Ross & Alice Gray

### **IN CELEBRATION OF:**

### **BY:**

The Easter Sunday birthday of my husband,  
John Damiani, and his twin brother, Steve.

Donna M. Damiani

## MPC Weekly Calendar

### SUNDAY, April 5 - Easter Sunday

10:30 a.m. **Worship Service**

Noon Adonai Tabernacle

**Sanctuary & Livestream**  
Chapel

### MONDAY, April 6

**Church offices closed**

6:30 p.m. Mostly Motets

7:00 Food Center Food Packing

7:30 Personnel Committee

Music Room  
Room 4  
Zoom

### TUESDAY, April 7

9:00 a.m. Food Center Produce Prep

10:00 Weekday Nursery  
School Projects

7:00 p.m. Food Center Distribution

Room 4  
Room 220

Parking Lot

### WEDNESDAY, April 8

9:00 a.m. Food Center Distribution

Noon Brown Bag Bible Study

6:00 p.m. Youth Club

7:00 Girl Scout Troop 2888

7:15 Chancel Chimes Rehearsal

Parking Lot  
Conference Room  
& Zoom  
Fellowship Hall  
Room 220  
Room 121

### THURSDAY, April 9

10:00 a.m. Clothing Center

6:00 p.m. Weekday Nursery School  
Monthly Meeting

7:15 Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Room 4  
Room 225  
Sanctuary

### FRIDAY, April 10

### SATURDAY, April 11

### SUNDAY, April 12

8:30 a.m. God's Thunder Rehearsal

9:30 Sunday School for all ages

10:30 **Worship Service**

11:45 Youth Choir

Noon Adonai Tabernacle

Room 121  
Sanctuary & Livestream  
Music Room  
Chapel

Want to know when a future event is taking place or want to book a room for your committee or group? Check out the MPC calendar at [mpcusa.org/calendar](http://mpcusa.org/calendar) to see when events takes place and room availability.



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