

HE IS RISEN
alleluia

The Vine and the Branches

April 28, 2024

Welcome

to Harvey Browne Presbyterian Church

We seek to offer an inclusive and welcoming community to all those hoping to grow an intentional life of faith. We strive to share the Good News of God's love through ministries of care and compassion, working for justice and peace both in our community and around the world. As a congregation affiliated with the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), we affirm the dignity and belovedness of all people and welcome the gifts of every person into the life and ministry of the Church.

Notes About Our Worship Service:

- An asterisk denotes standing— in body or spirit.
- Bold text means the congregation is invited to speak aloud together.
- Notes in the margins are included to provide background and increase understanding of our service.
- Children are fully welcome in worship. Please do not worry if your child makes noise or gets the wiggles! They are an important part of our church community. Wiggle bags and books are available just outside the entrance to the sanctuary. The nursery is open for children ages 3 and under during worship. After the Time with Young Disciples kindergarten and under may leave for activities. The room to the left of the pulpit is a cry/wiggle room for when children or caregivers need to move around or have a good cry.
- Our congregation is committed to using expansive and inclusive language for God and God's people. While an element of worship may use language that assigns a particular gender to God, we strive to maintain a balance so that God's fullness might be honored.
- For our early and non-readers, icons are provided throughout the bulletin to include their participation. We suggest you encourage children to follow along using these icons throughout the service.



SPEAKING



SCRIPTURE



MUSIC



PRAY



BAPTISM



COMMUNION



OFFERING




LISTEN

Harvey Browne Presbyterian Church

Third Sunday of Easter


April 28, 2024

THE GATHERING

 WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS
The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**


 OPENING VOLUNTARY *Variations on "Isleworth"* Russell

 INTROIT *All Things Bright and Beautiful* Ruth Morris Gray
Lyric and Westminster Choirs
Beth Brandenburg, Flute


 *CALL TO WORSHIP Christine Coy Fohr
We come to worship with joy,
trusting that God's holy word will inspire us.
**We lean into God or understanding,
anticipating the Spirit's blessing.**
May God hear our praise!
May we be counted among the great congregation.
**May the words of our mouths
and the meditations of our hearts
be acceptable to God.**

 *HYMN 231 *Christ Has Risen While Earth Slumbers* SUO GAN

 CALL TO CONFESSION Jim Hubert

 PRAYER OF CONFESSION
Holy One, we thank you for your gift of guidance. Jesus taught us that to dwell with you is not an obligation, but a joy. He reminded us that we are not alone, but connected — always — like branches to a vine. And yet, we isolate ourselves from one another. Rather than taking the time to build relationships, we choose the quick, efficient path. Forgive us, O God. Help us to honor our connection to you and one another. Help us to live as the fruit of your vine, sharing love and grace in the world.

Silence is kept for personal prayer.


 POURING OF THE WATERS REMINISCENT OF BAPTISM
Remember your baptism and be thankful!


 WORDS OF ASSURANCE


The season of Easter is celebrated from Easter Day through Pentecost. "Easter" comes from an old English word related to dawn and shining. At Easter we stand in the light of the resurrection to see a new creation, transformed by the grace and glory of God. We celebrate the presence and power of the risen Christ in his church, proclaiming his good news through Word and Sacrament.

When we confess our sin, it is confession of one aspect of our truth, but it's not the only thing. Confession can be a genuine opening to grace — not an opportunity to wallow in shame or despair. Because God has already offered to forgive us, therefore we are free to confess our sins.

(Rev. Dr. Martha Moore-Keish, Columbia Theological Seminary)

 *SUNG RESPONSE (HYMN 582) GLORY TO GOD (Vasile)
*Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,
and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,
and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.*

 *PASSING OF THE PEACE
The peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you!**

 *SUNG RESPONSE (HYMN 582) GLORY TO GOD (Vasile)
*World without end, without end. Amen.
World without end, without end. Amen.
World without end, without end. Amen.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.*

 TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES Dave Doehnert

THE WORD

 PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION Angie Schulte

 THE FIRST READING 1 John 4: 11-16

Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and God's love is perfected in us. By this we know that we abide in God and God in us, because God has given us the Spirit. And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent the Son as the Savior of the world. God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. So we have known and believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them.

 The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

 THE SECOND READING John 15: 1-8

'I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine-grower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.

 The Gospel of the Lord. **May Jesus Christ be praised.**

In the Season of Easter, the lectionary always offers readings from the gospel of John. These readings are often from what is known as the "farewell discourse" of Jesus, his final speech to his disciples which spans chapters 14-17.

👂) SERMON

Christine Coy Fohr

🗣️) *AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (from *A Brief Statement of Faith*) Kristy Hubert

In a broken and fearful world, the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace. In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God’s new heaven and new earth, praying, “Come, Lord Jesus!”

☀️) PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE + THE LORD’S PRAYER Nancy Troy

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.

🙏) INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP Kristy Hubert
The Special Offering today will benefit Presbyterian Disaster Assistance.

🎵) OFFERTORY *Christ Is The Vine* James Biery
Chancel Choir
Michelle Gilfert, clarinet



Christ is the vine, we are the branch - es;



grow - ing in u - ni - ty with each new strand.



Christ is the vine, we are the branch - es;



nur - tured and pruned by the Vine - grow-er’s hand.

The weekly invitation to discipleship offers the opportunity to intentionally reflect on how we will respond to the Scripture as it has been read and proclaimed. How is God calling us as individuals and together as a community of faith into co-creation of a more compassionate, equitable, peaceful world?

To specify that your PDA offering go to a specific project, write it in the memo. If you would like to direct your offering to PDA’s work in Gaza, write PDA: Gaza.

To give your offering online, simply scan the QR Code below.





*DOXOLOGY (Hymn 609)

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow. Praise God, all crea-tures
 high and low. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise
 God, in Je - sus ful - ly known: Cre - a - tor, Word, and Spir - it
 one. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -
 lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!



*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

We dedicate these gifts to you, O God:

to your realm of compassion and peace.

May these offerings be used to your glory,

offering hope and empowering love in word and deed.

Amen.

THE SENDING



*HYMN 316

Where Charity and Love Prevail

TWENTY-FOURTH



*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Christine Coy Fohr



**CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Festive Scherzo

Archer

***Just as the Opening Voluntary prepares us for worship, the Closing Voluntary sends us forth with God's blessing. You are welcome to remain seated or to leave during the Closing Voluntary. If you choose to leave, please do so quietly, waiting until you are in the Foyer to enjoy fellowship with one another.*

Harvey Browne Memorial Presbyterian Church

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