

"Meet Me in Galilee" by Hannah Garrity

Easter for the Earth

April 12, 2026

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
Second Sunday of Easter
April 12, 2026

THE GATHERING

 **PRELUDE** *This Joyful Eastertide* arr. Nigel Williams

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

 ***CALL TO WORSHIP**

We thank you, God, for this most amazing day,
for the green life of trees leaping toward the sky,
for the deep blue dream above us.

**For all that is natural, for all that is infinite,
for all that speaks a joyful “yes” to life.**

Once we were lost in the ordinary rhythms of life,
but today we remember again:

This is the day of life and love and breath.

How can we taste, touch, hear, see, and breathe
without wonder?

**You lift us from the “no” of fear and doubt
into the great “yes” of being alive.**

With all of creation we sing,

**With all of creation we rejoice in your resurrection power.
Let us worship God!**

 ***HYMN 32** *I Sing the Mighty Power of God* ELLACOMBE


 **CALL TO CONFESSION**

 **PRAYER OF CONFESSION** *(from The Iona Community, adapted)*

**Holy God, we praise you. We live and move and have our being in
you. Yet always in the midst of creation’s glory, we see sin’s shadow
and feel death’s darkness: around us in the earth, sea and sky, the
abuse of creation; beside us in the broken, the hungry and poor, the
betrayal of one another; and often, deep within us, a striving against
your Spirit.**

**O Trinity of love, forgive us that we may forgive one another. Heal us
that we may be a people of healing, and renew us that we may be
makers of peace. Amen.**

Silence is kept for personal prayer.


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


 **WORDS OF ASSURANCE**


Easter (resurrection) is about the whole creation being raised to new life in the power of God’s love in Christ. We groan with creation, we sing with creation, and following our God-given, particular call, we serve and protect the earth. That’s part of what it means to be an Easter people.

The Call to Worship today is inspired by the E. E. Cummings poem, “I Thank You God for Most This Amazing.”

When we “remember our baptisms”, we are not just invited to remember the moment we were baptized (which might not have happened yet or which most can’t remember), but to remember the grace of God that surrounds us, made known most profoundly through the waters of baptism.

 *SUNG RESPONSE (HYMN 233) LANCASHIRE
*The day of resurrection! Earth tell it out abroad,
the Passover of gladness, the Passover of God.
From death to life eternal, from sin's dominion free,
our Christ has brought us over with hymns of victory.*

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

 *SUNG RESPONSE (HYMN 233) LANCASHIRE
*Now let the heavens be joyful; let earth its song begin;
the round world keep high triumph and all that is therein.
Let all things seen and unseen their notes of gladness blend,
for Christ the Lord has risen, our joy that has no end.*

 TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES Katherine Kupar

THE WORD

 PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION Laura Krausen

 THE FIRST READING Psalm 8

O Lord, our Sovereign,
how majestic is your name in all the earth!

You have set your glory above the heavens.
Out of the mouths of babes and infants
you have founded a bulwark because of your foes,
to silence the enemy and the avenger.

When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers,
the moon and the stars that you have established;
what are humans that you are mindful of them,
mortals that you care for them?

Yet you have made them a little lower than God
and crowned them with glory and honor.
You have given them dominion over the works of your hands;
you have put all things under their feet,
all sheep and oxen,
and also the beasts of the field,
the birds of the air, and the fish of the sea,
whatever passes along the paths of the seas.

O Lord, our Sovereign,
how majestic is your name in all the earth!

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

*"Psalm 8 is a glorious
song of praise,
addressed solely to
God, celebrating the
majestic nature of
God's name in all the
earth and the dignity
and distinctive role of
human beings." (New
Interpreter's Study
Bible)*



THE SECOND READING

Romans 8:18-25

I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God, for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will, but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its enslavement to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. We know that the whole creation has been groaning together as it suffers together the pains of labor, and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope, for who hopes for what one already sees? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

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

👂) SERMON

Mark Barnes

🎵) ANTHEM

That Easter Day (Puer Nobis Nascitur) arr. Burton Bumgarner
Chancel Choir

☞) *AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (from *A Brief Statement of Faith*)

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

Annie McClure

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

👂)

OFFERTORY

Prayer for Peace

Paul Fey

🎵)

*DOXOLOGY (Hymn 607)

OLD HUNDREDTH

🎵)

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise Christ, all peoples here below;
praise Holy Spirit evermore;
praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.*

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





***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 249

Because You Live, O Christ

VRUECHTEN



*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Mark Barnes



**CLOSING VOLUNTARY

I Sing the Mighty Power of God

arr. Dan Forrest

***You are welcome to
leave the sanctuary or
remain seated
following the
benediction.*

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