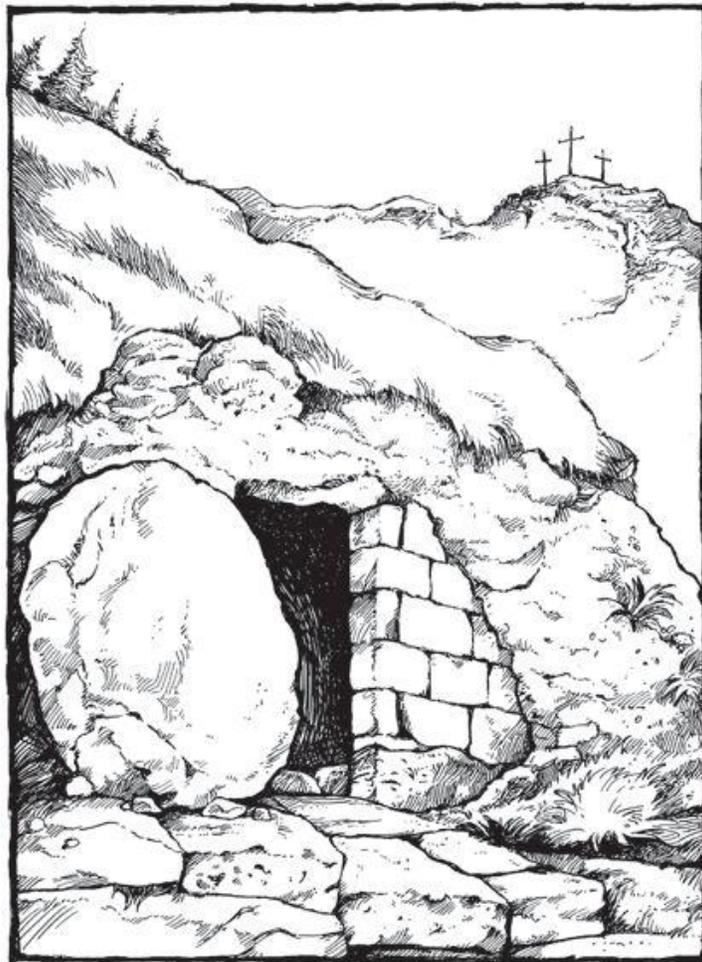


TOWNLEY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Easter Sunday

April 21, 2019

ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE “I Know That My Redeemer Liveth” by G. F. Handel

**PIANO AND
ORGAN DUET**

PROCESSIONAL HYMN #232 Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

CENTERING WORDS

LAY LEADER

Are you ready for hope?
Are you ready for love?
Are you ready for life?
Surprise! Hope, love, and life win!
Hope, life, and love conquer all!
Are you ready?
Are you looking?
Easter hope, life, and love are all around.

CALL TO WORSHIP (*Responsively*)

LAY LEADER

Look, life is here,
 even when the tomb is empty.
Listen, love is calling,
 even when death is all around.
Believe, for hope reigns victorious;
 this is the gift of resurrection.
This is the miracle of Easter.
 Hallelujah! Amen.

OPENING PRAYER

LAY LEADER

Risen Christ, rise in our hearts with faith.
Raise our voices in praise,
 and lift our eyes to the hills of hope.
Reveal to us your presence.
Raise us up to new life, even as you were risen,
 that we may proclaim to the world:
“Christ is risen!
Christ is risen indeed!”
Amen.

SOLO: “When Christ Comes to Die” by Hal H. Hopson

**Cynthia Manno
SOLOIST**

CALL TO CONFESSION

LAY LEADER

We know that God shows no partiality,
but welcomes and forgives all those who repent and believe.
Let us confess our sin.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)

ALL

**God of new life, where there is despair,
rise up in us with hope.
When we are buried in the tomb of our sin,
rise up in us with mercy and grace.
Bloom forth with grace in our lives,
that we might burst forth in promise,
and live with resurrection faith
each and every day.
With Easter joy, we pray. Amen.**

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

LAY LEADER

Give thanks and sing,
for God's faithful love conquers the grave,
covers us with grace,
and raises us up with new life and new beginnings.

***GLORIA PATRI**

ALL

**Glory be to the Father,
and to the Son,
and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning,
is now, and ever shall be,
World without end. Amen.**

***THE PEACE**

LAY LEADER

Look around for signs of life!
Look around for signs of joy!
Let us share these signs with one another as we pass the peace of Christ.
The Peace of Christ be with you!
And also, with you.

ANTHEM: “A Festive Introit for Easter” by Nancy Price and Don Besig

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION **PASTOR**

SCRIPTURE: **PASTOR**

Isaiah 65: 17-25; Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24; 1 Corinthians 15:19-26; Luke 24:1-12

SERMON “*God Moves... from the Tomb*” **PASTOR**

***HYMN: #233 The Day of Resurrection!**

A TIME OF SHARING – JOYS AND CONCERNS **PASTOR**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER **PASTOR**
(*Responsively*)

Living God, hear our prayer

Make of this world your new creation!

Before we call, you answer, O Lord.

Before we speak, you know our words.

Let there be joy in Jerusalem,
and peace among all nations.

Let sounds of weeping and cries of distress
turn to shouts of joy and laughter.

Make of this world your new creation!

Let infants grow and thrive;
let the old dance like children.

Make of this world your new creation!

Let every person find a home
and enjoy the fruit of their labor.

Make of this world your new creation!

Let the wolf and the lamb live in peace;
let no one hurt or destroy another.

Make of this world your new creation!

Show us, O God, the holy mountain you have prepared,
the new heaven and new earth you have promised,
so that we may be glad and rejoice in your presence forever;
through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.

As we pray in the name of the One who taught us to pray, saying...**Our Father...**

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

LAY LEADER

Bring your hope.
Bring your love.
Bring new life,
as you share your gifts with the Risen Christ.

ANTHEM: “Awake! Go Forth!” by Nancy Price and Don Besig

***OFFERTORY RESPONSE: HYMN #606**

*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.*

OFFERTORY PRAYER

LAY LEADER

Risen Christ, bring resurrection hope
through these gifts we now bring!
May they become signs of new life,
and symbols of hope for a hurting world—
a world yearning for the life-giving power of your saving love. **Amen.**

***HYMN:** #248 Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!

CHARGE and BLESSING

PASTOR

POSTLUDE “Christ The Lord Is Risen Today” by David Paxton

**PIANO AND
ORGAN DUET**

WORSHIPPERS AND GUESTS ARE INVITED:

Join us downstairs in the Fellowship Hall following the worship service for refreshments and a time of fellowship.

An **Easter Egg Hunt** has been organized for our children after service – just follow the *Bunny!*



The Townley Spring Rummage Sale will be held:

Friday, May 10, 2019 from 9:00 am - 6:00 pm

Saturday, May 11, 2019 from 9:00 am - 12:00 noon

Please mark your calendars and keep in mind the following important dates:

- 1. May 4, 2019 (Saturday):** We will be setting up the tables at 10:00 am in Fellowship Hall for the rummage sale. If you can help us with the set-up, please let us know.
- 2. May 5, 2019 (Sunday):** After church, we will begin to organize our donations and begin to place them on the tables for the sale. Please plan to stay after church and help if you can.
- 3. May 6 - May 9, 2019 (Monday thru Thursday):** We will be working in Fellowship Hall every day setting up for the sale from 10:30 am - 2:00 pm and in the evening from 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm. Please plan to come out and lend us a hand. Any amount of time is appreciated.
- 4. May 10, 2019 (Friday):** Rummage Sale is from 9:00 am - 6:00 pm. If possible, please plan to help out on the day of the sale. Again, any amount of time you can give is appreciated.
- 5. May 11, 2019 (Saturday):** Bag Day is from 9 am - 12:00 noon. Clean-up begins at 12:00 noon. Volunteers are needed to help with clean-up.

See Janet Sangekar or Linda Zehner if you have any questions. **THANK YOU!** As always, we appreciate your support.

Please note: Donations should be placed in the Chapel basement or in the old Choir Room. Please see Linda Zehner for assistance or if you have any questions.

A Note from Our Treasurer: 4/14/2019

We received \$1513 in pledge & plate, \$30 Deacon’s fund, \$242.90 Per Capita, & \$30 Easter donation. *Janet Sangekar*

“A Time for Prayer”
Mondays at 4:00 PM

AKEDP Banquet

This year’s event will be held at Hilton Hotel Newark Airport Hotel, 1170 Spring Street, Elizabeth New Jersey 07201 on **April 27th, 2019 at 7:00 P.M.** Please see Feret Fenelus for additional information with respect to securing tickets.

FOOD BANK SUNDAY

Townley’s Program Task Force is spearheading a **Food Bank Sunday**, where on each 4th Sunday they will receive donations of non-perishable food items to contribute to the Connecticut Farms Food Pantry. We are asking our members to support this initiative by giving one non-perishable food item (or \$1) per week. Kindly drop off your items in the **Food Box** in Fellowship Hall. Thank you!

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Ron Thompson, Pastor

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

Lois Tangowski	3
Carole Gordon	9
Don Smith	12
Linda Catalano	16
Mario Rubulotta	23
Irene Schoenwalder	28



EASTER PLANT SALE



Kathy Kreie	In memory of Skip Kreie
Kathy Kreie & Lisa Heims	In memory of Fred & Beatrice Heims
Mary Ann Cove	In memory of husband Donald cove
June Donohue	In memory of Mr. & Mrs. M. Caruso & W. H. Donohue
Nancy Segale	In memory of my husband Jack Segale
	In memory of my Mom Florence Vohden Kennet
Lynn Bailey	In honor of my family
Edna Bailey	In memory of loved ones
Laurie Parnau	In memory of loved ones
Vyonna Thompson	In memory of Mildred Green
	In honor of Dorothy Thompson
Marty Lindner	In memory of Muriel Lawrence
Tommy Webb	In memory of Mother & Father
Janet & Sangi Sangekar	In memory of loved ones
Bill Jenson & Joe Hastick	In memory of loved ones
Susan Doyle	In honor of loved ones