## SERVICE OF DIVINE WORSHIP 4th Sunday after Easter April 30, 2023

9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

Time for quiet prayer and meditation . . . "Be still and know that I am God."

# We Come Before God in Worship

## Chiming of the Hour

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude "We Praise Thee, O God arr. Berry

\* Call to Worship

- L: Praise is due to you, O God, in Zion, and to you shall vows be performed. O you who hear prayer, to you shall all flesh come.
- P: When iniquities prevail against me, you atone for our transgressions. Blessed is the one you choose and bring near, to dwell in your courts!

(Psalm 65:1-4)

- \* Hymn "Crown Him with Many Crowns" No. 268
- \* Prayer of Confession (Unison)

# Almighty God,

- who is rich in mercy to all those who call upon you:
- hear us as we come to you humbly confessing our sins,
- and imploring your mercy and forgiveness. We have broken your holy laws

by our deeds and by our word.

and by the sinful affections of our hearts. Have mercy upon us most merciful Father;

grant that we may hereafter serve and please you in newness of life;

through the merit of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

- \* Assurance of Pardon
- \* Gloria Patri

No. 581

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. Prayer for Children (Ages K3-K5 Grade may leave for Children's Church)

## Little ones to Him belong: Lord Jesus, bless our children. Amen.

# God Givesto Us Through HisWord

Scripture Lesson Psalm 65

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- P: When iniquities prevail against me, you atone for our transgressions. Blessed is the one you choose and bring near, to dwell in your courts!
- L: We shall be satisfied with the goodness of your house, the holiness of your temple!
- P: By awesome deeds you answer us with righteousness, O God of our salvation,
  - the hope of all the ends of the earth and of the farthest seas;
- L: The one who by his strength established the mountains, being girded with might; who stills the roaring of the seas, the roaring of their waves, the tumult of the peoples,
- P: So that those who dwell at the ends of the earth are in awe at your signs. You make the going out of the morning and the evening
  - to shout for joy.
- L: You visit the earth and water it; you greatly enrich it; the river of God is full of water; you provide their grain, for so you have prepared it.
- P: You water its furrows abundantly, settling its ridges, softening it with showers, and blessing its growth.
- L: You crown the year with your bounty; your wagon tracks overflow with abundance.
  P: The pastures of the wilderness overflow, the hills gird themselves with joy, the meadows clothe themselves with flocks, the valleys deck themselves with grain, they shout and sing together for joy.

Anthem (11:00 a.m.) "Wings of the Dawn" Adult Choir

Scripture Lesson Luke 18:1-14

Sermon

<u>The Gospel of Luke</u> LIX. Will He Find Faith When He Comes?

# We Respond to

- \* Hymn "O Christ, the Gre
- \* Apostles' Creed (Unison)

I believe in God the Fat heaven and earth; And in Jesu Lord; who was conceived by the Virgin Mary, suffered us crucified, dead, and buried; the third day He rose aga ascended into heaven, and sit God the Father Almighty; fro to judge the quick and the de Ghost; the holy catholic chu saints; the forgiveness of sins body; and the life everlasting.

Call to Prayer (11:00 a.m.) "Lord, L Adult Choi

Prayers of the People and Lord's Pray

Our Father, who art in he name, thy kingdom come, th as it is in heaven. Give us th and forgive us our debts as and lead us not into temptat evil. For thine is the kingdo the glory, forever. Amen.

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

- Offertory "They Will Know We A
- \* Doxology and Prayer of Dedicatio

#### Praise God from whom all be Praise Him, all creatures her Praise Him above, ye heaven Praise Father, Son, and Holy

- \* Hymn "My Hope Is Built or
- \* Charge and Benediction
- \* Benediction Response "Make

In your love, make us whole. May Calm the lost, weary soul in t May your peace fill our hearts Ma By your grace, you console. Mal

\* Postlude

arr. Spencer

Dr. Seel

"Trumpet

\* Congregation

<u>God's Word</u>		Please write your request, tear off this
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#### SANCTUARY FLOWERS

The Flower Calendar to place flowers in the Sanctuary during 2023 is on the wall outside of the Church Office. This is a great way to honor or remember someone on a special date.

#### Staying Connected

Church information can be found on our website and in our weekly Connect emails. Please contact the church office if you are not receiving these very important emails.

Fill out the form below, tear off and put in the offering plate.

Wonderful Wednesday <u>Meal Reservation</u>

May 3, 5:30 pm

**Menu:** Pizza, Salad, & Dessert

#### **Family Name**

\$5 for ages 5 years & up \$25 Family Cap

Ages 5 & up: # of meals\_\_\_\_ Vegetarian: # of meals\_\_\_\_

> You may also sign up on our website: easleypresbyterian.org

Deadline is Noon, Monday each week.

#### NURSERY STAFF

Victoria Rose Brock, Valerie Brock, & Lindsey McAlister

## **CHILDREN'S CHURCH VOLUNTEERS TODAY**

<u>9:00 a.m.</u>

**Ginna Lister** 

<u>11:00 a.m.</u> Ginna Lister

# SAFE PLACE MONITOR

David Owen

## APRIL USHERS

<u>9:00 a.m.</u> Eric Dillon, Head Mary Ann Merritt, Asst.

Lucas Durham, Head David Owen, Asst.

11:00 a.m.

SOUND & LIGHTVIDEOCarolyn BricePhil Lyles

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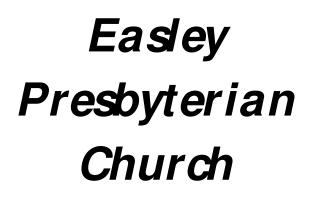
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# April 30, 2023

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