

FIRST
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

"The Hope In You"



I Peter 3:13-22

6th Sunday of Easter

Sunday, May 14, 2023

10:00 A.M.

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE *"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"* J.G. Walther

WELCOME

Liturgist

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

CALL TO WORSHIP

Liturgist

Our God gathers us here.

**We have been tested, we have suffered,
but God has brought us through.**

Come, let us tell of what God has done for us!

**We cried aloud to God,
and God listened and answered.**

Therefore, we will praise God with shouts of joy!

Alleluia! Alleluia!

*HYMN #376 *"Love Divine All Loves Excelling"*

CALL TO CONFESSION

Rev. Kaul

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Liturgist

**Holy One, We love you imperfectly: we do not
always keep your commandments. We love each
other imperfectly: we hurt those you call us to love
through our actions and our inaction. We love
ourselves imperfectly: we struggle to believe that we
are truly your children, made in your image. Forgive
us. By the power of your Spirit, make us more
faithful that we might live as Christ has shown us,
reflecting your love and grace.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Rev. Kaul

Because Christ lives, we also live.

Not because of anything we have done,
not because of our belief or faithfulness:
we live because Christ lives.

This is the Christ who forgives us.

This is the God who is in us.

**This is the Spirit who is with us.
Alleluia! Praise be to God!**

*GLORIA PATRI

HEARING THE WORD

A TIME FOR THE YOUNG AT HEART (Children's Time)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Liturgist

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Liturgist

Psalm 66:8-20

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⁸ Bless our God, O peoples;
let the sound of his praise be heard, ⁹ who has kept us
among the living and has not let our feet slip.

¹⁰ **For you, O God, have tested us; you have tried us
as silver is tried.**

¹¹ You brought us into the net;
you laid burdens on our backs;

¹² **you let people ride over our heads;
we went through fire and through water;
yet you have brought us out to a spacious place.**^[a]

¹³ I will come into your house with burnt offerings;
I will pay you my vows, ¹⁴ those that my lips uttered
and my mouth promised when I was in trouble.

¹⁵ **I will offer to you burnt offerings of fatted calves,
with the smoke of the sacrifice of rams;
I will make an offering of bulls and goats. *Selah***

¹⁶ Come and hear, all you who fear God,
and I will tell what he has done for me.

¹⁷ **I cried aloud to him,
and he was extolled with my tongue.**

¹⁸ If I had cherished iniquity in my heart, the Lord would
not have listened. ¹⁹ But truly God has listened; he has
heard the words of my prayer.

²⁰ **Blessed be God, who has not rejected my prayer
or removed his steadfast love from me.**

EPISTLE READING

1 Peter 3:13-22

Rev. Norlita Kaul

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SERMON

"The Hope In You"

Rev. Norlita Kaul

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*HYMN #432 *"Song of Hope"*

(Instruments play one time through and congregation join in singing the hymn twice)

***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 Spirit, 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 Spirit; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen

THE ANTHEM *"For All the Faithful Women"*

H.G. Stuempfle/Finnish folk tune

HONORING WOMEN (Insert)

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

Offertory *"Prayer Song"* R. Schumann/arr. S. Keeney

*Doxology

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & LORD'S PRAYER

BEARING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*HYMN #332 *"Live Into Hope"*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*BENEDICTION

**May the Lord watch between me and thee while we
are absent, one from another. Amen.**

(Mizpah Benediction)

POSTLUDE *"Praise Him! Praise Him!"* Emma Lou Diemer

SYMBOL: * - Those who are able, please stand.

☺ - Children are dismissed for Sunday School



LITURGIST- Debbie Homan

USHERS- Team 7 - Ken Freitag, captain; Heather Newkirk

COFFEE/FELLOWSHIP HOUR- The Men of our church

COUNTERS- WEEK B- Marion Carll & Heather Newkirk

FLOWERS- Given today by Howard Thorn.

In loving memory of Emily Spencer Thorn (my mother) and all
the women who make the world a better place!



HONORING WOMEN

Lord God, on this day set aside to honor women,...
...in those who need Easter Joy.

We pray for those whose children are grown.

Grant them joy and satisfaction for a job well done.

We pray for those who will soon be born and those who wait,
for the expectancy of hope, happiness and love.

Grant them patience and good counsel in the coming months.

We pray for women who face the demands of single parenthood.

Grant them strength and wisdom.

We pray for women who are raising children in poverty

Grant them relief and justice.

We pray for women who step in and take on a parenting role.

Grant them patience and understanding and love.

We pray for women who are separated from their families.

Grant them faith and hope.

We pray for women in marriages that are in crisis.

Grant them support and insight.

We pray for women who have lost a loved one.

Grant them comfort in the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

We pray for women experiencing challenges they could not predict.

Grant them rest and peace as they trust you for the future.

We pray for all women in our congregation this day.

Grant them joy and the appreciation of others.

We pray for those who are present, grieving the loss of family,
friends, loved ones, or any other type of loss, in the past year.

Grant them comfort and hope in Christ's resurrection.

Lord, we thank you for the gift of womanhood, for the many examples of faithful women in Scripture, like Sarah, Hannah, Elizabeth, Mary, Tabitha, Lydia and those disciples that were present as witness, yet go unnamed... May the women gathered here today emulate these examples of faith. And may they model for all of us, what it means to be your disciple. Bless them and us all, on this special day; in the name of Jesus Christ. **Amen!**

IN OUR PRAYERS

We are praying and ask you to pray also. Please pray for those who are sick, isolated, living in fear and with high anxiety; those with medical issues, which put them at high risk; those making hard decisions; those who are serving on the front lines in the medical profession and first-responders; those who do not know Jesus and feel they are facing this on their own.

In our ongoing prayers:

- Al Finlaw
(friend of Richard King)
- Patrick Deopp
(friend of Darlene Freitag &
brother-in-law of Abby Freitag)
- Steven Bickings
- Richard King
- Ronald Coombs
(friend of Ray Rodriguez
& Richard King)
- Jim Hurley
- Mel Bergmann
- William Fairer
(Bill Fairer's father)



- Beverly Pugh Corry
- Shannon Willis
- Bobby Greenberg
(Debbi BG husband)
- Unspoken Request
- Louis (Cancer)
- Joyce M.
- Louise Robertson
- Charles Pickard
(Bri Pampuch's Grandfather)

In Care/Home bound:

- Bebe DeLussa
- Jim Hurley

Other Concerns:

- Victims of gun violence
and those who lost loved
ones recently in TX

PRAYER REQUESTS

Those wishing to add or remove people or prayer concerns to or from the prayer list, please contact the church office (856) 455-0809. Please make sure you have permission to have their name published before doing so. Thank You!

Something New

There's an artificial (no need to water) ficus tree in the hallway that will now be our **PRAYER TREE**.

Write your prayer concern on a paper leaf and hang it on the tree.

Paper leaves, pens/markers and hangers will be available.

Please feel free to read what others have written and add those items to your daily prayers.





Today, Sunday, May 14
Honoring Women Sunday in Worship



Rev. Kaul -Continuing Education Week 5/15-5/18/23
(Out of the office)



Monday, May 15
Trustee Meeting @ 7:00 P.M.

Tuesday, May 16
Lunch Bunch at Dilisi's (Carll's Corner)
@ Noon



(Please call the office by Monday 5/15 if you can attend. Head count for the restaurant is appreciated!)

MEMORIAL DAY

2023

Sponsored by Broad Street Cemetery Association and Friends of Old Broad Street Church

Everyone is welcome to join us

Old Broad Street Church in Bridgeton NJ

MONDAY, MAY 29 1:00 PM

This year we are commemorating the

GREATEST GENERATION

They lived through the Great Depression and went on to fight in WWII or work in factories in support of the war effort.



and honoring all veterans buried in Broad Street Cemetery.

Come to hear the real-life stories of several WWII servicemen
And listen to music of the era played by a 10-piece big band.

NOTES FROM THE DEACONS



- **Annual Deacons Yard Sale**
Friday, June 2 and Saturday, 3rd from 8-2:00 P.M.
 1. **May 22nd (Monday)**-items dropped off in the Fithian Room.
(Please **NO items before this day**)
 2. Plastic Bags, other shopping bags are definitely needed.
Please deposit these on the Fithian Room table.
- **Our Church Picnic will be Sunday, June 18th**
After worship in Bonham Hall. Our picnic lunch will be provided by our Deacons. No need to bring a dish to share, just come and enjoy! We'll enjoy subs, sandwiches, salad, chips, ice cream and cookies for dessert. We invite everyone to join us for lunch and fellowship with each other.
- A wheel chair is available for those in need during worship. It is located at the back of our sanctuary.
Thank you Deacons!



Recycling-Medical Mission for Others

We will begin collecting empty pharmaceutical/prescription pill bottles for the much needed distribution in Africa.

Matthew 25:Ministries in Ohio has asked for help with this worthy effort.

Here's how to contribute:

1. Empty and clean the bottle
2. Remove the label.
3. Drop off the clean, label free bottle/s at the donation table in our Sanctuary and/or Bonham Hall



Thank you for your help in this small way. It takes a village to help a village!

Session Members

Debbi
Boykin-Greenberg

Albert Fooks

Curtis Homan

Debbie Homan

Franz Pampuch

Sandy Zimmerman

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Moderator

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