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THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Holy Humor Sunday

April 11, 2021

11:00 a.m.

*The congregation
is asked to
remain silent
during the prelude
as a time of
prayer and
meditation.*

GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Prelude

"This Little Light of Mine" *setting* by Mark Hayes

*"In the same way, let your light shine before others,
so that they may see your good works
and give glory to your Father who is in heaven."*

~ Matthew 5:16

Welcome and Announcements

Opening Sentences *(based on Psalm 30)*

Elder Wayne Casteen

Leader : People of God, sing praise! Give thanks to his holy name!

All: You have turned our mourning into joyful dancing. You have taken away our funeral clothes, and clothed us with joy instead, so that we might sing praises to you and not be silent! O Lord, our God, we will give you thanks forever!

*Hymn #611

"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"

HYMN TO JOY

Unison Prayer of Confession

God of joy, we know that you have blessed us richly, yet so often, we are down in the dumps over silly little disappointments. You have given us Jesus Christ, and raised him from the dead, and promised us eternal life. But we act like we don't know it! Forgive us, God! Keep us mindful that you always have the last laugh, and that your promise is for true joy in every circumstance, and life forever. Lord, hear our prayers . .

(A time for silent prayers of confession . . .)

Responsive Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Christ is raised from the dead! Love wins! Hallelujah!

All: Christ lives and reigns for us! Hallelujah!

Leader: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

All: Thanks be to God!

*"For everything
there is a season,
and a time for
every matter
under heaven: a
time to weep, and
a time to laugh;
a time to mourn,
and a time to
dance."
Ecclesiastes
3:1, 4*

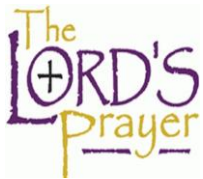
*"A cheerful heart
is a good
medicine, but a
downcast spirit
dries up the
bones."
Proverbs 17:22*

"The Gospel is nothing less than laughter and joy.

If I am not allowed to laugh in heaven, I don't want to go there."

Martin Luther (1483 - 1546 A.D.) German professor of theology and Protestant Reformer

But God raised him up, having freed him from death, because it was impossible for him to be held in its power. Acts 2:24



Now Sarah said, "God has brought laughter for me; everyone who hears will laugh with me." Genesis 21:6, after the birth of her son, Isaac, whose name is a pun on the Hebrew for "he laughs"

Gloria Patri

**Glory Be to the Father
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, amen.**

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

Children's Sermon

Prayer for Illumination

God of life, whose Spirit raised Jesus from the dead and draws us to Christ, send your Spirit now to give us deeper insight, encouragement, faith and hope, through the proclamation of the Easter gospel. Amen.

Old Testament Lesson

Psalm 126

Elder Wayne Casteen

Epistle Lesson

1 Corinthians 15:50-58

Sermon

"God Has the Last Laugh"

Dr. Philip K. Gladden

A Time for Silent Reflection

Pastoral Prayer with the Lord's Prayer

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.

GIVING THANKS TO GOD

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory Anthem

"Morning Has Broken" arranged by Bill Ingram
Attie C. Carlton Handbell Ensemble

*Mine is the sunlight, mine is the morning
Born of the one light Eden saw play.
Praise with elation, praise every morning
God's recreation of the new day.*



*Doxology and Prayer of Dedication
*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.*

The Affirmation of Faith: The 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 Ghost,
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 Ghost;
the holy catholic Church;
the communion of saints;
the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body;
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

*"May the God of
hope fill you with
all joy and peace
in believing, so
that you may
abound in hope
by the power of
the Holy Spirit."
Romans 15:13*

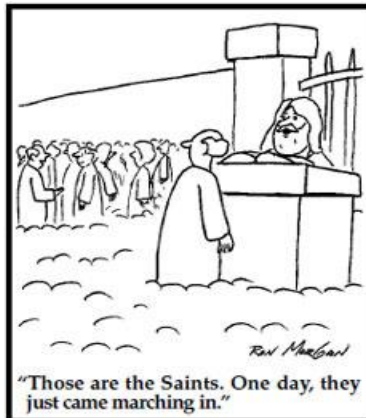
*Hymn #134 (verses 1 & 2) **"Joy to the World"**

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Benediction

Postlude

**All who are able may stand.*



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**HOLY
HUMOR
SUNDAY**

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, April 11	9:30 am	Adult Zoom Sunday School Class
	10:00 am	Living Stones Children's Zoom Sunday School Class
	11:00 am	Worship — In Person and Live Stream
	7:00 pm	Worship & Music Ministry Team Meeting via Zoom
Monday, April 12	7:00-8:00 pm	Zoom Bible Study
Tuesday, April 13	7:00 pm	Session Meeting via Zoom
Wednesday, April 14	10:00-11:00 am	Zoom Bible Study

NOTES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

* **Please join** the minister for a Zoom Bible study on either Monday night, April 12 from 7:00 - 8:00 p.m. or Wednesday morning, April 14 from 10:00 - 11:00 a.m. This week we will read the story of Stephen's witness in Acts 6:1 - 7:2a, 44-60. Zoom invitations will be emailed on Monday.

* **The session** will meet via Zoom on Tuesday, April 13 at 7:00 p.m. If you have any business or concerns for the session to consider, please speak to one of the elders or the minister.



The flowers in the sanctuary today are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Mr. and Mrs. B.C. Sheffield, Jr. by the Ludlum family.



FEED OUR HUNGRY CHILDREN/ BACKPACK MINISTRY OFFERING SUNDAY, April 25



As public school students returned to class mid-March, this monthly offering becomes even more important to provide much needed food for students whose families are experiencing economic hardship. Thank you for your generous support.



REV. JERROD LOWRY TO PREACH ON SUNDAY, APRIL 25



Rev. Jerrod Lowry will be our preacher on Sunday, April 25. Rev. Lowry serves as the General Presbyter/Stated Clerk of the Presbytery of Coastal Carolina. Prior to beginning that call in October 2018, he was pastor of the Community of Grace (PCUSA) in Sandy, Utah for eight years. He was ordained in 2006 in the Presbytery of New Hope and is a graduate of Johnson C. Smith Theological Seminary in Atlanta. Rev. Lowry is married to Molly. They have three children and live in Wilmington.



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