



WALLACE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Rev. Dustin and Sherri Ellington, in Lusaka, Zambia, Africa.

THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Third Sunday of Easter

April 18, 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

"Thine Is the Glory" arranged by Lloyd Larson

*Lo, Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb.
Lovingly He greets us, scatters fear and gloom:
Let His church with gladness hymns of triumph sing,
for the Lord now liveth; Death hath lost its sting.
Thine is the glory, risen, conquering Son;
Endless is the victory, Thou o'er death hast won.*

Welcome and Announcements

Opening Sentences

Leader: We are here today because the disciples once said:

All: "We have seen the Lord!"

*Leader: We are here on this Easter morning because Jesus still comes into
our locked spaces and says:*

All: "Peace be with you. Receive the Holy Spirit."

Leader: We are here today like doubting Thomas who finally cried:

All: "My Lord and my God"

*Leader: We are here as a congregation only because many faithful disciples
have listened to Jesus' words:*

**All: "Do not be afraid. Do not be afraid! Go and tell, 'Jesus has been
raised!'"**

*Hymn #238

"Thine Is the Glory"

JUDAS MACCABEUS

Unison Prayer of Confession

**Wondrous God, we confess that at times our doubts and fears
override our hope and faith. Forgive us when we lose sight of the joy of
your love and instead fall into despair and gloom. Lift up our spirits,
Lord, and help us to remember the promise of new life here and now,
not just the hope of resurrection for the future. We give thanks for your
Son, Jesus the Christ, who continues to offer us new life, who
continues to turn us around and upside down, who continues to break
down the walls of death in our own life. Forgive us, restore us and
renew us. In the name of our risen Savior, Jesus the Christ, we pray.
Lord, hear our prayers . . .**

(A time for silent prayers of confession . . .

*"Doubts are the
ants in the pants
of faith. They
keep it awake and
moving."
Frederick
Buechner,
American writer
and Presbyterian
minister*

*Today's Prayer of
Confession was
written by Rev.
Mindi Welton-
Mitchell, an
ordained
American Baptist
minister serving in
Seattle, WA.*

*"I believe; help my unbelief!"
Mark 9:24, what the father of the boy with an unclean spirit says to Jesus.*

Responsive Assurance of Pardon

Leader: The peace of God be with you. Receive God's forgiveness and the promise of the Spirit, for Jesus is risen from the dead.

All: He is present in our midst, and we see the presence of Christ reflected in each other's faces.

Leader: Happy are those who have not seen, yet have come to believe.

All: Christ is risen! Alleluia!

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

Holy God, by the power of your Holy Spirit, grant us the trust to believe the Gospel not because we see it but because we have been seen by it and transformed through it. Amen.

Old Testament Lesson

Genesis 15:1-6

Epistle Lesson

Romans 4:13-25

Gospel Lesson

John 20:19-31

Sermon

"Beyond Belief"

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

*"The affirmation that Jesus is the Christ is an act of faith and consequently of daring courage. But doubt is not the opposite of faith; it is an element of faith. Therefore, there is no faith without risk."
Paul Tillich, 20th century German-American Lutheran theologian, from Systematic Theology, Volume 2*

The
LORD'S
Prayer

*"Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen."
Hebrews 11:1*



*When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. And Jesus came and said to them, "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."
Matthew 28: 17-20*

Offertory

"Be Thou My Vision" *arranged by Dan Forrest*

*Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart
Naught be all else to me, save that thou art.
Thou my best thought, by day or by night,
Waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.*

*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.**

*Hymn #817

"We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight" DUNLAP'S CREEK

Benediction

Postlude

**All who are able may stand.*

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, April 18	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
Monday, April 19		No Zoom Bible Study
Tuesday-Monday, April 20-26		Minister on Vacation
Wednesday, April 21		No Zoom Bible Study



NOTES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

* **Philip Gladden** will be on vacation Tuesday - Monday, April 20-26. Please contact the church office (285-2808) or Clerk of Session Hope Turnbull (910-284-2813) in an emergency.

* There will be no Monday night or Wednesday morning Zoom Bible study this week.



The beautiful flowers in the sanctuary today are given by Dan & Tanya Robinson in loving memory Dr. John D. (Jack) Robinson, Jr., on his birthday, which was April 15.



**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.

