

Service of Divine Worship – April 11, 2010

Bible Memory Verse: “The Heavens are telling the glory of God, and the firmament proclaims His handiwork.” Ps. 19: 1

PRELUDE

(Please take this time for quiet reflection and prayer.)

We Gather To Worship our God

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

ELDER, JOANNE DiBLASI

PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST AND COLLECTION OF PRAYER REQUESTS

+ GLORY BE TO THE FATHER #813

**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.**

We Enter into God's Grace

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP

“O DRAW ME, LORD”

PRAISE BAND

PRAYER OF WELCOMING

ELDER, JOANNE DiBLASI

MINUTE FOR MISSION

IHN NETWORK EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

+ SONGS OF PRAISE

**Lord, I Lift Your Name on High
Lord, I lift your name on high
Lord, I love to sing your praises
I'm so glad you're in my life
I'm so glad you came to save us**

**You came from heaven to earth, to show the way
From the earth to the cross, my debt to pay
From the cross to the grave
From the grave to the sky
Lord, I lift your name on high**

All Heaven Declares

**All heav'n declares the glory of the risen Lord.
Who can compare with the beauty of the Lord?**

**Forever He will be the Lamb upon the throne.
I gladly bow the knee and worship Him alone.**

**I will proclaim the glory of the risen Lord.
Who once was slain to reconcile man to God.**

**Forever He will be the Lamb upon the throne.
I gladly bow the knee and worship Him alone.
Forever You will be the Lamb upon the throne.
I gladly bow the knee and worship You alone.**

Shout to the Lord

**My Jesus, My Savior, Lord there is none like You
All of my days I want to praise the wonders of Your mighty love
My comfort, my shelter, Tower of refuge and strength
Let every breath, and all that I am never cease to worship You**

**Shout to the Lord, all the earth, let us sing
Power and majesty, praise to the King
Mountains bow down and the seas will roar at the sound of Your name
I sing for joy at the works of Your hands
Forever I'll love You, forever I'll stand
Nothing compares to the promise I have in You**

Ministry of Prayer and Grace

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (SILENT)

REV. DR. PETER W. GREGORY

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND OUR LORD'S PRAYER

REV. DR. PETER W. GREGORY

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.

We Are Attentive to God's Word

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING PSALM 133

ANTHEM "STRONGER" FIELDING/MORGAN
ADULT CHOIR AND PRAISE BAND

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES REV. DR. PETER W. GREGORY

BRINGING OUR GIFTS TO GOD
OFFERTORY
+ DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING I JOHN 3: 1-7

+ HYMN OF PREPARATION #389 "SPIRIT OF THE LIVING GOD"

GOSPEL LESSON JOHN 20: 19-31

PASTOR: The Word of the Lord
ALL: Praise be to God

MESSAGE "EYES WIDE SHUT" REV. DR. PETER W. GREGORY

We Respond With Prayer and Thanksgiving

+ HYMN OF RESPONSE #399 "WE ARE GOD'S PEOPLE"

WORDS OF BLESSING AND BENEDICTION REV. DR. PETER W. GREGORY

+ Please Stand if you are Able

WELCOME TO FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

"On this Sunday after Easter, the joy remains and the celebration continues. The Lord is risen! He is risen indeed! And you are each warmly welcomed to worship Him."

VISITORS: We welcome you. If you would like a visit from Pastor Gregory, please fill out the card in the pew or the one in your visitor's bag and place in the offering plate. Thank you.

ABOUT TODAY'S SERMON *In his post-resurrection ministry, Jesus appeared to many people in various situations, the Road to Emmaus, to Mary and Martha, to the Disciples in many places. Today He came to them behind closed doors. Doors closed because of fear. So what doors do we close off to the Lord, because of fear? Because Jesus challenges us to open our doors to those whom we have kept out? Do we choose to close our eyes because we do not want to see what Jesus is showing us? -- Pastor Gregory*

If you are in need of pastoral care please call the church office (during office hours) 609-397-0650; 8 – 12 Tuesday through Friday. If it's after office hours please call one of the Elders on call for month of April: George Warner at 215-794-0160 or Bob Holland at 609-397-2688.

OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

TODAY

Lay Leader, Joanne DiBlasi

Greeting today Chris and Dana Garrenger

Tucker Griffiths is the **Deacon** on stair glide duty

Nursery for church hour is provided for infants and children up to five years old. Karen and Angelo Armano is the **nursery helper** this morning.

Coffee Hour after worship

7:00 PM, Famalia De Hoy

9:30 PM Soccer

MONDAY

7:30 PM, Scouts

9:30 PM, Soccer

TUESDAY

7:15 PM, Praise Band

9:00 PM, AA

WEDNESDAY

7:00 PM, Women's Bible Study

9:30 Soccer

THURSDAY

6:15 PM, Bell Choir

7:30 PM, Adult Choir Rehearsal

7 PM, Famalias De Hoy

9:30 PM Soccer

FRIDAY

5:30 PM, AA

NEXT SUNDAY

9:00 AM, Sunday School for all ages
10:30 AM, Morning Worship
Coffee Hour
7 PM, Famalias De Hoy
9:30 PM, Soccer

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**Sign Up To Help With Shad Festival – The dates for this year’s Shad Fest are April 24 and 25.
Worship Time will be at 10:00 on April 25.
Your help will be need for the Fish Pond and with the Deacons table.**

The Summer Season, June 20th to September 12, Pastor Gregory will once again preach on your requested themes and topics. The request form is in the April *Light*. Please return to the church office by May 15.

PRAYER CHAIN If you have any prayer needs during the week that you want the prayer chain to pray for please call Karen Seymour at 215-862-9359 or e-mail the church office.

PRAYER CONCERNS: our senior saints; our military at home and abroad; Naomi (daughter of Ursula Chirico) undergoing cancer treatment; Barbara Hendricks (sister-in-law of Grace Hendricks) recuperating after hip surgery; Marian Hartpence, Health issues; Rick Shaw, health issues now at home; Joyce Hayes (mother of Pat Buchanan) health issues.

HOME BOUND: Mr. Lowell Hunter, at home; Theresa Castle, at home

SCHEDULED FOR NEXT SUNDAY: April 18, 2010

Lay Leader: Bob Holland

Greeting: Mrs. Pat Buchanan

Deacon scheduled for stairglide: Grace Hendricks

Church Hour Nursery: Katie Gregory

Hymn Tyme

“We Are God’s People”

Bryan Jeffrey Leech”

Bryan describes himself as “half and half, having spent almost as many years in the United States as in his native England. When Bryan was 18, he became a Christian. After a stint in the British Navy, he enrolled in London Bible College and then came to the U. S. to study at Barrington College and North Park Seminary. From 1958 through 1957 he pastored churches in Boston and then California, where he wrote, “We are God’s People” in 1975. In his own words, Bryan tells the story about how he came to write today’s hymn:

“We had at that time very few popular hymns relating to the church. So, on a gray, smoggy morning at a friend’s office in Southern California, I decided to work toward remedying this lack by writing one of my own. The day was the 4th of July 1975. I sat at a typewriter in his office and did not get up until I had written all 4 verses. The result was “We Are God’s People”. It turned out to be the favorite of all my hymn texts. I love singing it and I especially the mixture of the metaphors in it, some biblical and some my own, which illustrate the true nature of the church: ‘We are a temple, the Spirit’s dwelling place, formed in great weakness, a cup to hold God’s grace; we die alone, for on its own each ember loses fire, yet joined in one the flame burns on to give warmth and light, to inspire.’”