

The Chevy Chase Presbyterian Church

May 14, 2023

The Sixth Sunday of Easter



“Mary the Universal Mother” by Mary Jane Miller, 2008

**Whoever you are, from wherever you come,
you are welcome here.**

*The Chevy Chase Presbyterian Church seeks to be a congregation where God is the center of our lives;
we celebrate children and youth and equip them with faith to meet life's challenges;
we work for justice in local and global communities.*

We Gather Together

The Prelude

Rhosymedre

Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

The Greeting

The Rev. Keith Thompson

Introit

Make a Joyful Noise

Douglas Wagner (b.1952)

***Call to Worship**

Deacon Ken Lowenberg

We gather to worship as people of Easter,
people who know life is stronger than death.
We gather to worship as children of God,
children loved and claimed by the risen Lord.
We gather to worship as the body of Christ,
the church called out for service in the world.
Easter people, Christ is risen!
Christ is risen indeed!

*Those who are able are invited to stand. **Bold indicates congregational response.**

***Hymn 260**

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus

Hyfrydol

verse 2 - Upper voices of the Congregation

verse 3 - Lower voices of the Congregation

***Corporate Prayer of Confession**

Holy God of Resurrection Life:

When we hesitate to speak of your hope,
forgive us, and give us voice.

When we find it difficult to love one another,
forgive us, and give us fresh compassion.

When we want to stand with the high and mighty,
forgive us, and seat us next to the poor and oppressed.

When we stay locked behind our fears and doubts,
forgive us, and send us out to share your grace.

When we cannot believe your Word of new life,
forgive us, and fill us with your joy.

Time for silent confession

***Assurance of Pardon**

Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation!

The old life is gone, a new life has begun.

Join me in proclaiming this Good News:

We are forgiven, loved, and restored. Alleluia! Amen.

***The Peace**

Since God has forgiven us in Christ,

Let us forgive one another.

The peace of our risen Lord Jesus Christ be with you!

And also with you!

Children are invited to come forward to the chancel area.

***The People's Response**

Lasst uns erfreuen

All creatures of our God and King, Lift up your voice and with us sing.

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thou burning sun with golden beam, Thou silver moon with softer gleam,

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Time with Children

Following the Time with Children, Sunday School is available for children ages 3 – Grade 12.

Childcare is available for children ages 2 and younger.

Gathering Song

Lasst uns erfreuen

All who for love of God forgive, all who in pain or sorrow grieve,

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Christ bears your burdens and your fears; so, even in the midst of tears,

sing praises! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

The Reception of New Members

Philippe and Candace Rouchon, Kevin and Elena O'Quinn, Trudie Toussaint

We Share Community Joys and Concerns

Joys and Concerns

Please come to the microphone to share your prayer request, or write it on the connection card in the pew or in the chat box on zoom.

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

... We ask these things in the name of the one who teaches us to pray together saying, **Our Father and Mother, 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 Hear the Word

Prayer for Illumination

Living God, with joy we celebrate the presence of your risen Word. Enliven our hearts by your Holy Spirit so that we may proclaim the good news of eternal and abundant life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Gospel

John 14:15-21
The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Pew Bible+ NT, page 108

Sermon

Mothering God, Mothering Christ

The Rev. J. Michael McMahon

We Respond to God's Word

*Hymn 7

Mothering God, You Gave Me Birth

Norwich

*Affirmation of Faith

from the PC(USA) Brief Statement of Faith, 1983

We believe in Jesus Christ, born of Mary, who came:

**healing the broken, serving the poor,
liberating the burdened, and reconciling heaven and earth.**

Condemned by the religious and crucified by the state, Jesus died forsaken.

No pain in our hearts, or throughout the whole earth, is unknown to Christ.

Yet, redeeming even death, God raised Jesus from the grave.

**Christ ascended into heaven to be present everywhere
so that nothing is beyond the reach of God's healing touch.**

Christ calls us by name to celebrate life,

**to love and serve others,
to seek justice and resist evil,
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen.**

In life, in death, in life beyond death, we belong to God. Alleluia! Amen.

Offering Ourselves and Our Gifts to God

Music at the Offertory

If Ye Love Me

Thomas Tallis (1505-1586)

*The People's Response

Lasst uns erfreuen

**All creatures, your Creator bless, And worship God in humbleness,
O sing ye! Alleluia!**

**Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son, And praise the Spirit, Three in One!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

*The Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn 295

Go to the World!

Sine nomine

*Charge and Benediction

+ The scripture translation is the NRSV Updated Edition 2021; the pew Bible is 1989 NRSV.

***Leaders in worship include** The Rev. Keith Thompson, Acting Associate Pastor; The Rev. J. Michael McMahon, Preaching; Julie Vidrick Evans, Director of Music; The Chancel Choir; Ken Lowenberg, Liturgist; **The flowers today are presented in God's glory. For future flower dedications, please contact John Cox at johnwcox13@gmail.com or donate on the church's website. Flower donations are \$75.**

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 or just want to check in with us,

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Scan this code with your smartphone and fill out our form online.

WEEKLY CALENDAR May 14 – May 21, 2023		
Sunday, May 14	9:00 – 12:00 10:00 – 11:00 10:15 – 11:15 11:00 – 12:15 11:15 – 12:00 1:00 – 2:30	Nursery Childcare — Room 108 Worship — In-person and Online at https://uso6web.zoom.us/j/83179114222?pwd=UnhZUUpsN2VPdmkwR3NyQ2kzNmN5Zz09 Sunday School — Rooms 180, 370, 360, 350A (Calvin Hall), Firesides Coffee Hour — Chadsey Hall Chapel Choir — Room 308 ESL Classes — Rooms 104, 122, 130
Monday, May 15	2:00 – 3:00	Health Exercise 60+ with Will Yates — Chadsey Hall and Parking Lot
Tuesday, May 16	9:00 – 12:00 12:30 – 2:30 7:00 – 9:00	TAP Open — Office and Waiting Room Needlework Group — Library Session Meeting with Confirmands — Geneva Hall and Online at https://uso6web.zoom.us/j/92292414449?pwd=emJMSE9telN1SUorbGN5eEhpdmdlZz09
Wednesday, May 17	11:00 – 12:00	Bible Study with Pastor Keith — Firesides and Online at https://uso6web.zoom.us/j/84927017477?pwd=bmRjV2p1WjRmelh4SFhsRSttQ9S9UQT0g
Thursday, May 18	7:30 – 9:15	Chancel Choir Rehearsal — 300 and Sanctuary
Friday, May 19	7:45 – 8:45	Men's Spirituality Group Meeting — Chadsey Hall
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