

LIVESTREAM WORSHIP

Second Sunday in Easter

11:00 a.m.—April 19, 2020

1ST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, TONAWANDA

Rev. Leslie Latham, Pastor

KENMORE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Rev. Rebecca Chaffee, Interim Pastor

MARYVALE DRIVE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Rev. Dorothy Pearman, Pastor

MUSIC FOR WORSHIP PROVIDED BY: Emma Haupt and Kurt Ebsary

GATHERING

WELCOME AND CANDLE LIGHTING

PRELUDE

“St. Anne” Fugue

J. S. Bach

CALL TO WORSHIP

Sing a new song!

A joyful melody of springtime glory and rebirth.

Sing praise to our Still-Laughing Easter God!

Who has rolled away the bindings of yesterday.

Immerse your anxiety and despair in the fountain of new birth.

We place our visions and hopes on the table of wine and wheat.

For God has taken ordinary things,

And made them extraordinary. Sing a new song!

PRAYER

“The Promise”

Madeleine L’Engle

HYMN (page 4-5)

“Thine is the Glory”

JUDAS MACCABEUS

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Robert M. Thompson

We believe in God, in whose image we are made.

We live, we love, we laugh, because we are like God.

We believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God, our Lord and Savior.

He had the last laugh on the devil when He rose from the dead.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, co-equal and co-eternal with the Father and the Son,

Our counselor, our guide, our motivator, our joy!

Forgive us, Lord, when we take ourselves too seriously;

when we don't claim the happiness that is rightfully ours as your children;

when we forget that you will have the last laugh in this world.

Restore to us the joy of our salvation, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Please respond with those portions of the liturgy printed in ***bold italics***.

THE PEACE

TIME FOR READINGS, PRAYERS, AND LAUGHTER WITH OLD AND YOUNG DISCIPLES

CENTERING PRAYER

Bay of Quinte Conference
United Church of Canada

INTROIT

"Hark! The Herald Angel Said"

MENDELSSOHN

Hark the her - ald an - gel said, "Why seek Je - sus with the dead?"



He's not here, as you can see, grave cloths lie where he would be.



On your way now, tell the o - thers, Je - sus will be with his bro - thers.



Sis - ters, too, he wants to see on the hills of Ga - li - lee."



Hark the her - ald an - gel said, "He is ri - sen from the dead."

RESPONSIVE READING

Psalm 100 (from *The Message*)

On your feet now - applaud GOD!

Bring a gift of laughter, sing yourselves into his presence.

Know this: GOD is God, and God, GOD. He made us; we didn't make him.

We're his people, his well-tended sheep.

Enter with the password: "Thank you!"

Make yourselves at home, talking praise.

Thank him. Worship him.

For GOD is sheer beauty,

all-generous in love,

loyal always and ever.

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HYMN (page 6)

“When We Are Tempted”

ELLACOMBE

SCRIPTURE LESSON

John 20:19-31

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“Hard to Believe”

Rev. Rebecca Chaffee

HYMN (page 7)

*“That Easter Day
with Joy was Bright”*

**PUER NOBIS
NASCITUR**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*Amid the laughter and celebration of this day,
it’s good that we pause and remember that many carry burdens
that need not be carried alone...*

RESPONSE: Lord, in your mercy, ***hear our prayer.***

LORD’S PRAYER

Holy Humor Version, Oakton UMC

***Our Father in heaven, let Your holy name be known,
let Your kingdom come,
and Your will be done on earth as in heaven.
Give us today the bread that we need,
and forgive us our wrongs,
and OK...we’ll forgive those who have done wrong to us, too.
Do not lead us into trial, but save us from evil.
For we want for You alone to rule in our hearts.
You have power to transform,
and in the light of Your smile is Your glory. Amen.***

WAYS YOU CAN RESPOND

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

***Thank you, God, for the joy you have given us which bubbles over
into laughter and fun!
Thank you for renewing our joy.
We pray that you will use these, our gifts,
to bring joy to all the world.
We pray in the name of the risen Lord, Amen.***

SENDING

HYMN (page 8)

“Sing a Happy Alleluia”

HYMN TO JOY

Please respond with those portions of the liturgy printed in ***bold italics.***

CHARGE

Scattered from one another,
we can still go with God into the world.

***We will offer healing and hope
to all who wander in the shadows of life.***

Separated from one another,
we can still go with Jesus to serve others.

***We will listen to the ignored;
we will speak out for the forgotten.***

Alone, stuck wherever we live,
we can still join the Spirit in offering steadfast love.

***We will hold on to the fallen;
we will rebuild shattered communities.***

BENEDICTION**POSTLUDE**

"Toccata"

Charles-Marie Widor

OPENING HYMN*"Thine is the Glory"*

1 Thine is the glo - ry, ris - en, con-quiring Son; end - less is
2 Lo! Je - sus meets us, ris - en from the tomb; lov - ing - ly
3 No more we doubt thee, glo - rious Prince of life! Life is naught

the vic - tory thou o'er death hast won. An - gels in bright rai - ment
he greets us, scat - ters fear and gloom. Let the church with glad - ness
with - out thee; aid us in our strife. Make us more than con-querors

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rolled the stone a - way, kept the fold - ed grave - clothes
 hymns of tri - umph sing, for the Lord now liv - eth;
 through thy death - less love; bring us safe through Jor - dan

Refrain

where thy bod - y lay.
 death hath lost its sting. Thine is the glo - ry, ris - en, con - quering
 to thy home a - bove.

Son; end - less is the vic - tory thou o'er death hast won.

RESPONSE HYMN

“When We Are Tempted”



1. When we are tempt-ed in our pride to diz - zy heights of sin,
 2. When cher-ished in - sti - tu-tions stand be - fore your throne of grace,



be - neath our feet, O Lord, pro - vide a ripe ba - na - na skin, and
 with good in - ten-tions in each hand and egg on ev - ery face, teach



when we yearn at some - one's head to let a brick-bat fly, give
 us to que - ry grand de - signs with laugh-ter born of tears, for



us the grace to use in - stead a well - aimed cus - tard pie.
 deep in earth's jam - but - ty mines your rain - bow still ap - pears.

SERMON HYMN

“That Easter Day with Joy was Bright”

1 That Eas - ter day with joy was bright; the sun shone
 2 He bade them see his hands, his side, where yet the
 3 From ev - ery weap - on death can wield, your own re -

out with fair - er light when, to their long - ing
 glo - rious wounds a - bide, the to - kens true which
 deemed for - ev - er shield; O Lord of all, with

eyes re - stored, the a - pos - tles saw their ris - en Lord.
 made it plain their Lord in - deed was risen a - gain.
 us a - bide in this our joy - ful Eas - ter - tide.

CLOSING HYMN
“Sing a Happy Alleluia”

1) Sing a hap - py al - le - lu - ia, sing it out with heart and style—
 2) We're the proof of God's good hu - mor, we're the twin - kle in God's eye,
 3) Sa - rah laughed at God's good ti - ming, Ma - ry sang and Da - vid danced,
 4) Ev - 'ry day sing al - le - lu - ia! We are loved, though so ab - surd,

we're the e - cho of God's laugh - ter, we're the i - mage of God's smile.
 made to shine, re - flect the glo - ry, gi - ven light and space to fly.
 Je - sus smiled and hugged the chil - dren, so is life for us en - hanced.
 hu - man, fool - ish, cho - sen peo - ple, God still takes us at our word!

Al - le - lu - ia, all cre - a - tion, al - le - lu - ia, e - v'ry - one!

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