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Come, Worship the Lord, Our God

April 23, 2017

10:00am

Holy Humor Sunday! Second Sunday in Easter

Bulletin, noun;

1. *Something to read during the sermon;*
2. *A fan used in churches without air conditioning;*
3. *Your receipt for attending church*

Welcome and Announcements

Gathering Prayer:

(Please complete Prayer Concerns)

O Great Laughing God, we come into your presence with joy and longing to be surprised. We thank you that you have given to us the gift of laughter and delight. These things give hints as to the nature of your purpose for us and for all the earth. May we find that in giving up to laughter there is healing and hope and abundance and blessing. Tickle our souls with the brush of your Spirit to renew our worship and our living. Amen. ~ from the United Church of Canada's Bay of Quinte Conference

"Let me have too deep a sense of humor to ever be proud. Let me know my absurdity before I act absurdly. Let me realize that when I am humble, I am most human, most truthful, and most worthy of your consideration. Amen." ~ *Daniel Lord, S.J.*

Prelude: "All Are Welcome"

(Haugen)

Introit: "Hark! The Herald Angel Said"

Hark the herald angel said, "Why seek Jesus with the dead? He's not here, as you can see, grave cloths lie where he would be. On your way now, tell the others, Jesus will be with his brothers. Sisters, too, he wants to see on the hills of Galilee." Hark the herald angel said, "He is risen from the dead!"

Call to Worship *From the United Church of Christ's **Worship Ways** website*

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!

***Opening Hymn of Praise:** "All the People Said Amen!"

(Maher)

Hearts 4 Worship

(Ushers receive prayer concern slips)

***Passing of the Peace:**

Death has lost—Christ has won! We are forgiven, in the name of our savior. May the peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

***Gloria Patri:** "Glory Be to the Father"

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Responsive Reading: Psalm 100, *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.

Our Faithful Response: "When We Are Tempted" ELLACOMBE

See Screen

~ Elizabeth Cosnett, from *Hymns for Everyday Saints*.

Time with Young Disciples: First Presbirdies

Anthem: "All God's Children Got a Place in the Choir"

Stephan Palermo, soloist

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Lessons:

Luke 24:13-49 *The Walk to Emmaus*

¹³Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles^[a] from Jerusalem, ¹⁴and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. ¹⁵While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, ¹⁶but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. ¹⁷And he said to them, "What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?" They stood still, looking sad.^[b] ¹⁸Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?" ¹⁹He asked them, "What things?" They replied, "The things about Jesus of Nazareth,^[c] who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, ²⁰and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. ²¹But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel.^[d] Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. ²²Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, ²³and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. ²⁴Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him." ²⁵Then he said to them, "Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! ²⁶Was it not necessary that the Messiah^[e] should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?" ²⁷Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures. ²⁸As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. ²⁹But they urged him strongly, saying, "Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over." So he went in to stay with them. ³⁰When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. ³¹Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. ³²They said to each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us^[f] while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?" ³³That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. ³⁴They were saying, "The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!" ³⁵Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread. ³⁶While they were talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you."^[g] ³⁷They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. ³⁸He said to them, "Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? ³⁹Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have." ⁴⁰And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet.^[h] ⁴¹While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?" ⁴²They gave him a piece of broiled fish, ⁴³and he took it and ate in their presence. ⁴⁴Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything

written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.”⁴⁵ Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures,⁴⁶ and he said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Messiah[□] is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day,⁴⁷ and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem.⁴⁸ You are witnesses[□] of these things.⁴⁹ And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high.”

Anthem: "When the Saints Go Marching In"

(Kazoos for Christ Band)

Sermon:

The Rev. Leslie Latham

***Confession and Creed for Holy Humor Sunday**

We believe in God, who made us in His image.

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

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.

~ Rev. Robert M. Thompson

***Hymn of Response:** "Christ Joyful (We Lack the Gift of Laughter)" AURELIA See Screen

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer: Holy Humor Version

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. ~ from Oakton United Methodist Church.

Call to the Offering

Offertory: "Jesus Paid It All"

(Snow)

***Praising God's Goodness:**

Doxology # 592

***Prayer of Dedication:**

Unison

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.

Recessional Hymn, noun;

1. *When your class has been so good you get to go play!*
2. *The final hymn which is also the quietest. It's what we sing while we gather up our belongings.*

***Hymn of Sending:** "Sing a Happy Alleluia" HYMN TO JOY

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***Benediction**

***Postlude:** "So Long, Farewell"

(Rodgers & Hammerstein)

* Those who are able, please stand

WORSHIP AIDS:

Large Print Bulletins, Hymnals & Hearing Devices – available from ushers.

Children's Sanctuary - at the rear of the church

Baby Changing Tables - in both rest rooms of Church School Building.

Deacon's Prayer Chain - To activate Prayer Chain call Kathy in the church office @ 692-1319.

New Prayer Concerns or Joys

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

Prayer Concerns or Joys Last Week: Bill Carney ~ on dialysis, prayers for health

Continuing Prayers: Scott Greenawalt; Melissa Haacker; Paul Stuermer; Sid Tyrrell; Irving & Alice Hils; Holly Mazurek; Marge Klinger; Betty Kolnacki; Judy Geerkin; Ruth Gebera; Aron; Wilma Bender; Wally Frech; Rosemary Taber; Jack Greenawalt; Willie Day; Sue Klein; Mike Crowell; Larry Rayner; Jackie Rexford; Gail Schurr; Michael Grant; Paul Rayner; Sid Tyrrell; Anthony Dragone; Adehlia Kowsky; Leola Mitchell; Peggy Hess; Russ McClure; Mike Klinger; Bob Erisman

Prayers and caring for our homebound: Lillian Manning; Marge Klinger; Georgia Anson; Fay Tag; Lee Mitchell; Doris Carlson; J. Robert Weber; Ann Thorpe; Ruth Weber

Because God's love is for all - everyone is always welcome.

We pray that God may bless you with peace, inspiration, and strength. We are a community, seeking to learn what it means to follow Jesus. No matter what you may be going through, no matter where you may be on your faith journey – you are most welcome here! If you would like more information, please call Kathy in the church office @ 692-1319

LITURGIST: Marilee Mathias

GREETERS: Ina Charsley

USHERS: Mary Ferro, Tom Dugan, Leslie Dugan, John Faux, Linda Barry

COFFEE HOUR: Betsy Crocker

STEPHEN MINISTERS: are always available to provide confidential support in times of need. Simply call Janet Haacker @ 694-4290.

REMINDER: Please call Pastor Leslie @ 490-0420 or Kathy in the office @ 692-1319 if you or a loved one are ill, hospitalized or in need of a visit.

Today is Holy Humor Sunday: It is appropriate for a day focused on joy and we're relaxing the rules a bit. You are encouraged to come in your pajamas, especially since we're going to have a pancake breakfast immediately following the service. The pancake breakfast is sponsored by our Session to help raise money for our Kitchen Remodeling Project. Adults \$7.00, Kids \$5.00 and kids under 5 eat free. The kazoo band from earlier days may also resurrect. Above all, come prepared to sing and laugh!

"Month of May Sale" May 3, 2017 ~ 10 am to 1:30 pm ~ Mini Boutique, Plant place, Thrift shop; Luncheon 11 am to 1 pm; Chicken Salad Plate ~ Fresh Baked Pie; Coffee, Tea or Punch; Cost of luncheon is \$6.00 and proceeds benefit local charities.

Spaghetti Supper: Sunday May 7th following worship. Pre-order tickets are available. Adults \$7.00, youth 12-18 \$5.00 and children under 12 are free. Proceeds will benefit the youth mission trip for summer 2018. There is a dessert sign up in the narthex. Please see Billy Welch if you are able to help or donate.

Celebration Sunday is just around the corner, and we're putting together another inter-generational song entitled, "Joseph Had a Rainbow Coat." Rehearsals will take place the last 15 minutes of Sunday school time, and are as follows:

April 30, 10:15, in the sanctuary

May 7 at 10:15 in the sanctuary

May 14 at 10:15 in the sanctuary

May 21, Celebration Sunday, Time TBA

It's upbeat and fun - a song we're sure you'll enjoy! Kathy & Marilee

April 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
23 H4W 9a Sunday school 9:30a Kazoo band 10:30a Worship "Holy Humor" 11a Pancake breakfast "Joseph" bell 6:30p	24 A.A. 9a-11a TOPS 6:30p Girl scouts 6-7:30p Session 7p	25 Girl scouts 6:30-8:30p	26 Girl scouts 6:30-8:30p Circle II 9:30a Hebrew scripture class 7-8:15p	27 A.A. 9a-11a Yoga 6:30-7:30p Choir 7:30p cake night	28 UFO 7p Wedding rehearsal 4:30p-6p	29 Wedding 2p <i>Girl scout set up for tea 10-12p</i>
30 Sunday school 9:30a Taize quartet 10:30a Worship Taize` music 11a "Joseph" bell 6:30p <i>Girl scout Mother daughter tea 12-4p</i>	Notes:					

May 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 A.A. 9a-11a TOPS 6:30p Girl scouts 6-7:30p	2 Girl scouts 6:30-8:30p Deacons mtg. 7p	3 Girl scouts 6:30-8:30p Month of May sale 10-1:30p Hebrew scripture class 7-8:15p	4 A.A. 9a-11a Yoga 6:30-7:30p Worship mtg. 6p Choir 7:30p	5 UFO 7p CWU May Friendship breakfast 9:30a St. Paul's United Church of Christ	6
7 Sunday school 9:30a Joseph rehearsal 10:15a Choir 10:30a Worship/communion 11a Spaghetti supper 12:15p Joseph bell 6:30p	8 A.A. 9a-11a TOPS 6:30p Girl scouts 6-7:30p Officer training 6-8p with dinner	9 Girl scouts 6:30-8:30p CE 7p	10 Girl scouts 6:30-8:30p Circle II 9:30a Hebrew scripture class 7-8:15p	11 A.A. 9a-11a Yoga 6:30-7:30p H4W 6:30p Choir 7:30p	12 UFO 7p	13
14 H4W 9a Sunday school 9:30a Joseph rehearsal 10:15a Worship 11a Joseph bell w/narrator 12:30p	15 A.A. 9a-11a TOPS 6:30p Girl scouts 6-7:30p Session 7p	16 Girl scouts 6:30-8:30p	17 Girl scouts 6:30-8:30p Circle II 9:30a Healing service 6:30p	18 A.A. 9a-11a Yoga 6:30-7:30p H4W 6:30p Choir 7:30p cake night	19 UFO 7p	20
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