

July 20, 2014  
10am & 5:30pm

to **know** Christ &  
to make Him **known**.



CHURCH OF THE  
**RESURRECTION**

# Welcome to Church of the Resurrection!

We are so glad you are here to worship today. Let us know how we can serve you.  
Visit the "Getting Connected" Table in the foyer for more information about Resurrection.



**Flowers for Today's Services Given:**  
**To the Glory of God and in Loving Memory of our parents**



**John and Betty Fox**  
**James and Katherine Tomney**  
*Given by Jim and Deb Tomney*

## Prelude

"Be Still My Soul" Katharina Amalia Dorothea von Schlegell

## Processional Hymn

"Come Thou Fount"

1. Come, Thou Fount of ev - 'ry bless - ing, Tune my heart to sing Thy grace;  
2. Here I raise mine Eb - e - ne - zer; Hith - er' by Thy help I'm come;  
3. O to grace how great a debt - or Dai - ly I'm con - strained to be!

Streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing, Call for songs of loud - est praise:  
And I hope, by Thy good plea - sure, Safe - ly to ar - rive at home:  
Let Thy grace, Lord, like a fet - ter, Bind my wan - d'ring heart to Thee:

Teach me some me - lo - dious son - net, Sung by flam - ing tongues a - bove;  
Je - sus sought me when a stran - ger, Wan - d'ring from the fold of God;  
Prone to wan - der, Lord, I feel it, Prone to leave the God I love;

Praise the mount! I'm fixed up - on it, Mount of Thy re - deem - ing love.  
He, to res - cue me from dan - ger, In - ter - posed His pre - cious blood.  
Here's my heart, Lord, take and seal it; Seal it for Thy courts a - bove.

WORDS: Robert Robinson

MUSIC: Traditional American melody; John Wyeth's *Repository of Sacred Music*;

Last stanza setting and choral ending by Billy Payne

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## Call to Worship

Come let us praise and exalt the King of heaven!

**Everything He does is right, and His ways are just and true!**

Great is the Lord and most worthy of praise!

**His dominion extends to the heavens, and His Kingdom endures forever!**

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. **And blessed be His kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

Let us pray together.

**Almighty God, to You all hearts are open, all desires known, and from You no secrets are hid:**

**Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of Your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love You, and worthily magnify Your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## Gloria

"Blessed Assurance"

Fanny J. Crosby

1. Bless-ed as - sur - ance, Je - sus is mine! Oh, what a fore - taste of  
glo - ry di - vine! Heir of sal - va - tion, pur - chase of God,  
*Chorus*  
Born of His Spir - it, washed in His blood. This is my sto - ry, this is my  
song, Prais - ing my Sav - ior all the day long; This is my sto - ry,  
this is my song, Prais - ing my Sav - ior all the day long.

WORDS: Fanny J. Crosby  
MUSIC: Phoebe Palmer Knapp

ASSURANCE  
Irregular meter

## The Collect of the Day

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.** Let us pray.

## Old Testament Reading

Daniel 3:1-6,12-13, 16-19, 23-29

King Nebuchadnezzar made an image of gold, whose height was sixty cubits and its breadth six cubits. He set it up on the plain of Dura, in the province of Babylon. <sup>2</sup> Then King Nebuchadnezzar sent to gather the satraps, the prefects, and the governors, the counselors, the treasurers, the justices, the magistrates, and all the officials of the provinces to come to the dedication of the image that King Nebuchadnezzar had set up. <sup>3</sup> Then the satraps, the prefects, and the governors, the counselors, the treasurers, the justices, the magistrates, and all the officials of the provinces gathered for the dedication of the image that King Nebuchadnezzar had set up. And they stood before the image that Nebuchadnezzar had set up. <sup>4</sup> And the herald proclaimed aloud, "You are commanded, O peoples, nations, and languages, <sup>5</sup> that when you hear the sound of the horn, pipe, lyre, trigon, harp, bagpipe, and every kind of music, you are to fall down and worship the golden image that King Nebuchadnezzar has set up. <sup>6</sup> And whoever does not fall down and worship shall immediately be cast into a burning fiery furnace." [...] <sup>12</sup> "There are certain Jews whom you have appointed over the affairs of the province of Babylon: Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego. These men, O king, pay no attention to you; they do not serve your gods or worship the golden image that you have set up." <sup>13</sup> Then Nebuchadnezzar in furious rage commanded that Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego be brought. So they brought these men before the king... <sup>16</sup> Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego answered and said to the king, "O Nebuchadnezzar, we have no need to answer you in this matter. <sup>17</sup> If this be so, our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the burning fiery furnace, and he will deliver us out of your hand, O king. <sup>18</sup> But if not, be it known to you, O king, that we will not serve your gods or worship the golden image that you have set up." <sup>19</sup> Then Nebuchadnezzar was filled with fury, and the expression of his face was changed against Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego. He ordered the furnace heated seven times more than it was usually heated. [...] <sup>23</sup> And these three men, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, fell bound into the burning fiery furnace. <sup>24</sup> Then King Nebuchadnezzar was astonished and rose up in haste. He declared to his counselors, "Did we not cast three men bound into the fire?" They answered and said to the king, "True, O king." <sup>25</sup> He answered and said, "But I see four men unbound, walking in the midst of the fire, and they are not hurt; and the appearance of the fourth is like a son of the gods." <sup>26</sup> Then Nebuchadnezzar came near to the door of the burning fiery furnace; he declared, "Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, servants of the Most High God, come out, and come here!" Then Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego came out from the fire. <sup>27</sup> And the satraps, the prefects, the governors, and the king's counselors gathered together and saw that the fire had not had any power over the bodies of those men. The hair of their heads was not singed, their cloaks were not harmed, and no smell of fire had come upon them. <sup>28</sup> Nebuchadnezzar answered and said, "Blessed be the God of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, who has sent his angel and delivered his servants, who trusted in him, and set aside the king's command, and yielded up their bodies rather than serve and worship any god except their own God. <sup>29</sup> Therefore I make a decree: Any people, nation, or language that speaks anything against the God of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego shall be torn limb from limb, and their houses laid in ruins, for there is no other god who is able to rescue in this way."

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm Reading *(read responsively by half verse, beginning with the women)*

Psalm 37:1-7

Fret not yourself because of evildoers; **be not envious of wrongdoers!**

For they will soon fade like the grass **and wither like the green herb.**

Trust in the Lord, and do good; **dwelt in the land and befriend faithfulness.**

Delight yourself in the Lord, **and he will give you the desires of your heart.**

Commit your way to the Lord; **trust in him, and he will act.**

He will bring forth your righteousness as the light, **and your justice as the noonday.**

Be still before the Lord and wait patiently for him; fret not yourself over the one who prospers in his way, **over the man who carries out evil devices!**

## New Testament Reading

1 Peter 3:13-16

<sup>13</sup> Now who is there to harm you if you are zealous for what is good? <sup>14</sup> But even if you should suffer for righteousness' sake, you will be blessed. Have no fear of them, nor be troubled, <sup>15</sup> but in your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect, <sup>16</sup> having a good conscience, so that, when you are slandered, those who revile your good behavior in Christ may be put to shame.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

## Gospel Hymn

"O Christ, the Word Incarnate"

Hymn #632

1 O Christ, the Word In - car - nate, O Wis - dom from on high,  
2 The Church from our dear Mas - ter re - ceived the word di - vine,  
3 O make thy Church, dear Sa - vior, a lamp of pur - est gold,

O Truth, un - changed, un - chang - ing, O Light of our dark sky;  
and still that light is lift - ed o'er all the earth to shine.  
to bear be - fore the na - tions thy true light as of old;

we praise thee for the ra - diance that from the scrip - ture's page,  
It is the chart and com - pass that o'er life's surg - ing sea,  
O teach thy wan - dering pil - grims by this their path to trace,

a lan - tern to our foot - steps, shines on from age to age.  
mid mists and rocks and quick - sands, still guides, O Christ, to thee.  
till, clouds and dark - ness end - ed, they see thee face to face.

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## Gospel Reading

Luke 6:27-31

The Holy Gospel of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ according to Luke. **Glory to You, Lord Christ.**

<sup>27</sup> "But I say to you who hear, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, <sup>28</sup> bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. <sup>29</sup> To one who strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also, and from one who takes away your cloak do not withhold your tunic either. <sup>30</sup> Give to everyone who begs from you, and from one who takes away your goods do not demand them back. <sup>31</sup> And as you wish that others would do to you, do so to them.

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to You, Lord Christ.**

**Gospel Hymn Continued: "O Christ, the Word Incarnate" verse 3**

### The Nicene Creed

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through Him all things were made. For us and for our salvation He came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit He became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake He was crucified under Pontius Pilate; He suffered death and was buried. On the third day He rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and His kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son He is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic\* and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

\* 'catholic' refers to the universal Christian church, regardless of denominational affiliation

## The Prayers of the People

Father, we pray for Your holy catholic Church; **That we all may be one.**

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve You;

**That Your Name may be glorified by all people.**

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

**That they may be faithful ministers of Your Word and Sacraments.**

Today, we pray for Church of the Apostles in Fairfax, VA and Church of the Epiphany in Herndon, VA.

**That You, O Lord, would guide, strengthen and sustain our Diocese.**

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

**That there may be justice and peace on the earth.**

Give us grace to do Your will in all that we undertake;

**That our works may find favor in Your sight.**

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

**That they may be delivered from their distress.**

We pray for the lives of the unborn;

**That they may be protected and delivered safely.**

We pray for our service men and women;

**That they may serve with courage and be brought safely home.**

We praise You for Your saints who have entered into joy;

**May we also come to share in Your heavenly kingdom.**

Let us now pray for our own needs and those of others, and give thanks for the blessings of this life.

*(The people may add their own petitions and thanksgivings.)*

Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## The Confession of Sin

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

**Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against You in thought, word and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of Your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in Your will, and walk in Your ways, to the glory of Your Name. Amen.**

## The Absolution and Peace

Almighty God, have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

*(please stand)*

The peace of the Lord be always with you; **And also with you.**

## Announcements

### Offertory

### Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him all creatures here below.  
Praise Him above ye heavenly hosts Praise Father Son and Holy Ghost

# Holy Communion

## The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

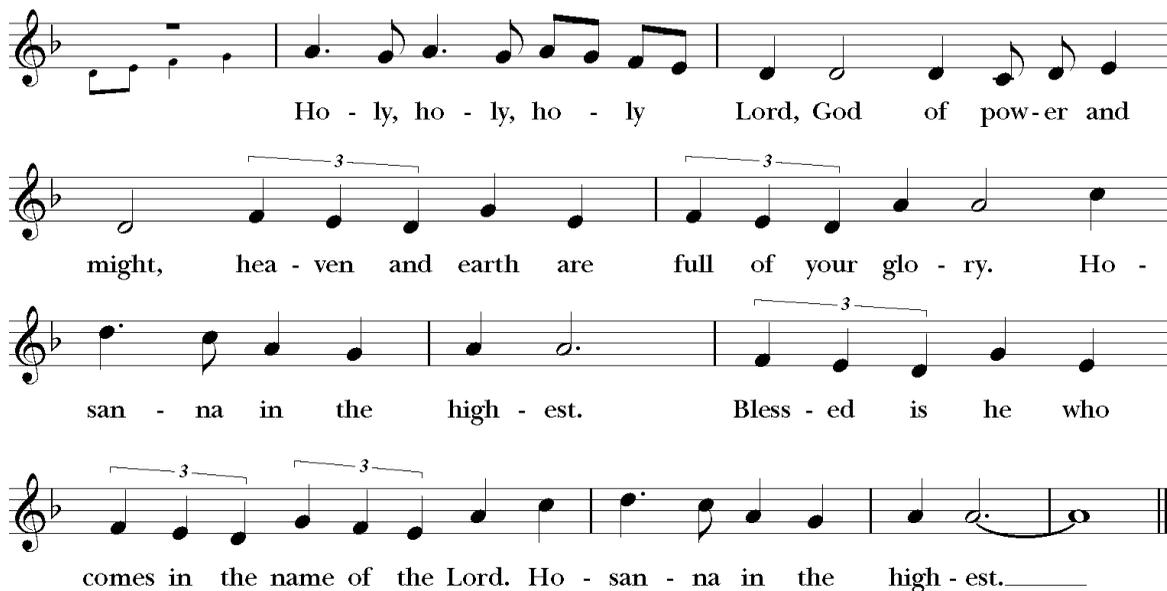
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

It is right and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to You, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, for you are the source of light and life, you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord. Therefore we praise You, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing these words to proclaim the glory of Your Name:

## Sanctus

Hymn #S129



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and  
might, hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who  
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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*(All may sit or kneel)*

Holy and gracious Father: In Your infinite love You made us for Yourself; and, when we had rebelled against You, fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, You, in Your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, Your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to You, the God and Father of all. He stretched out His arms upon the cross, and offered Himself, in obedience to Your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night He was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when He had given thanks to You, He broke it, and gave it to His disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper He took the cup of wine; and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.** *(Sung)*

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling His death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer You these gifts. Sanctify them by Your Holy Spirit to be for Your people the Body and Blood of Your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in Him.

Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve You in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all Your saints into the joy of Your eternal kingdom. All this we ask through Your Son Jesus Christ: By Him, and with Him, and in Him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is Yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.** *(Sung)*

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

**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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

### **The Breaking of the Bread**

Alleluia! Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

**Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on Him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

*\*Gluten free wafers are available. Please ask at the altar rail.\**

*\*\*A prayer team is available for any who desire prayer for themselves or others during Communion in the Narthex, at the back of the church.\*\**

# Communion Music

## "We Fall Down"

Chris Tomlin

We fall down, we lay our crowns at the feet of Je -  
- sus; The great-ness of mer-cy and love at the feet  
of Je - sus. And we cry, "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho -  
- ly." And we cry, "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly." And we cry,  
"Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly is the Lamb."

WORDS: Chris Tomlin

MUSIC: Chris Tomlin

WE FALL DOWN

Irregular meter

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## "Holy is the Lord"

Chris Tomlin & Louis Giglio

We stand and lift up our hands, \_\_\_ for the joy \_\_\_ of the Lord \_\_\_ is our strength. \_\_\_  
We bow down \_\_\_ and wor - ship Him now. \_\_\_ How great, \_\_\_



— how awe - some is He. — And to- geth - er we — sing, — ev - 'ry - one —



— sing. — Ho - ly is — the Lord — God — Al - might -



y. — The earth — is filled — with His glo - ry. Ho - ly is — the Lord —



— God — Al - might - y. — The earth — is filled — with His glo -



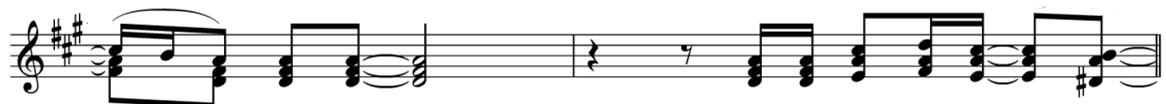
- ry. — The earth — is filled — with His glo - ry. —



It is ris - ing up — all — a - round. — It's the an -



- them of — the Lord's — re - nown. — It's ris -



re - nown. — And to - geth - er we — sing,



- ry. — The earth — is filled — with His glo - ry. —

## "O Church Arise"



1. O Church, a - rise, and put your ar - mor on; hear the  
 2. Our call to war, to love the cap - tive soul, but  
 3. Come see the cross, where love and mer - cy meet, As the  
 4. So Spir - it, come, put strength in ev - 'ry stride, give



call of Christ our Cap - tain. For now the weak can say that  
 rage a - gainst the cap - tor; and with the sword that makes the  
 Son of God is strick - en; Then see His foes lie crushed be -  
 grace for ev - 'ry hur - dle, that we may run with faith to



they are strong in the strength that God has giv - en. With shield of  
 wound - ed whole, we will fight with faith and val - or. When faced with  
 neath His feet, For the Con - quer - or has ris - en! And as the  
 win the prize of a ser - vant good and faith - ful. As saints of



faith and belt of truth, we'll stand a - gainst the dev - il's  
 trials on ev - 'ry side, we know the out - come is se -  
 stone is rolled a - way, and Christ e - mer - ges from the  
 old still line the wav. re - tell - ing tri - umphs of His



lies; an ar - my bold, whose bat - tle -  
 cure, and Christ will have the prize for  
 grave, this vic - t'ry march con - tin - ues  
 grace, we hear their calls, and hun - ger



cry is Love, reach - ing out to those in dark - ness.  
 which He died, an in - her - it - ance of na - tions.  
 till the day ev - 'ry eye and heart shall see Him.  
 for the day when with Christ, we stand in glo - ry.

## Post Communion Prayer

**Eternal God, heavenly Father, You have graciously accepted us as living members of Your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and You have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of His Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve You with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## The Blessing

To Him who is able to do immeasurably more than we can ever ask or imagine, according to His power that is at work with in us, to Him be the glory in the Church and in Christ Jesus. And may the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

## Recessional Hymn

"Holy, Holy, Holy"

Hymn #362



1 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord — God Al - might - y!  
\*2 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! All the saints a - dore thee,  
3 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Though the dark - ness hide thee,  
4 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord — God Al - might - y!



Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to thee:  
cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea;  
though the sin - ful hu - man eye thy glo - ry may not see,  
All thy works shall praise thy Name, in earth, and sky, and sea;



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Mer - ci - ful and might - y,  
cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim fall - ing down be - fore thee,  
on - ly thou art ho - ly; there is none be - side thee,  
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Mer - ci - ful and might - y,



God in three Per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty.  
which wert, and art, and ev - er - more shalt be.  
per - fect in power, in love, and pu - ri - ty.  
God in three Per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty.

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## Dismissal

Alleluia! Alleluia! Let us go forth with boldness to love and serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia!**

## Postlude

"Prelude & Fugue in C Major"

J.S. Bach

# Serving Today at Resurrection

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10am

**Readers:** Dedi Whitaker  
Stacia Gallagher  
Steve Mickletz  
**Crucifer:** Patrick Baranauskas  
**Torchbearers:** Edie Townsend & Ethan Bosley  
**Chalicians:** Edie Townsend  
**Flowers:** Dedi Whitaker  
**Altar Guild:** Cecilia Reilly  
**Intercessor:** Evy Tomlin  
**Prayer Team:** Gert Rutkowski & Jim Haynes  
**Fellowship:** Sarah Layng  
**Ushers:** Nell Baumiller  
Diane Reich  
Shanna Hayward

5:30pm

**Readers:** Joan Smith  
Kjerstin Kauffman  
Neale Smith  
**Crucifer:** Bryan Biba  
**Torchbearers:** Dorothy & Katherine Underwood  
**Chalicians:** Karen Underwood  
**Flowers:** Dedi Whitaker  
**Altar Guild:** Cecilia Reilly  
**Intercessor:** Dave Martak  
**Prayer Team:** Dorian & MaryKate Newcomb  
**Fellowship:** Sarah Layng  
**Ushers:** Phil Briscoe  
Trit Farley  
Morgan Watson

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## What's Happening at Resurrection

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**ARE YOU RECEIVING OUR WEEKLY E-NEWSLETTER?** - Most of our weekly announcements come via our once-weekly e-newsletter on Friday mornings. Please contact **Kari Edwards** ([kari@resbalt.org](mailto:kari@resbalt.org)) if you would like to be added to our list or sign up by visiting our website: [resbaltimore.org/weekly-e-newsletter](http://resbaltimore.org/weekly-e-newsletter). Don't miss out on what's going on at Resurrection!



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### ResKidz Children's Ministry

During both of the summer services from June 29 - August 31, we will be offering childcare for children ages 0-8 each Sunday. Children 9 and older are to join their families in the service. There will be no Sunday School lessons during this time. For questions or concerns, please contact **Claire Trainor**, Director of ResKidz Children's Ministry at [claire@resbalt.org](mailto:claire@resbalt.org).

### Summer Drop-In Bible Study

We will be offering our "drop-in" summer Bible Study on **Wednesdays, 7pm-8:15pm**. We will be studying the preaching text for each upcoming Sunday. This Wednesday, we will study Daniel Chapter 4. Join us when you can! **Childcare provided.**

## MD State Boychoir Summer Compline Series

**What is Compline?** Compline is a service of evening prayer and reflection that originated from the daily worship (offices) of the monastic tradition. The service is offered when the work of the day is completed and the quietness of evening settles over the hearts and minds of those who have come together in thankfulness for the blessings of the day and in anticipation of God's gift of a new day. Joining in this ancient tradition of faith unites our hearts with the "cloud of witnesses that have preceded us." A chamber group selected from current MSB members and alumni will be performing summer compline services on the following dates:

Wednesday, July 23 at 8:00 P.M.

Wednesday, August 6 at 8:00 P.M.

Wednesday, August 13 at 8:00 P.M.

Wednesday, August 27 at 8:00 P.M.

All services held at **MSB Center for the Arts, 3400 Norman Avenue Baltimore, MD 21213**. Admission is free, but a freewill offering will be taken. For more info about the Summer Compline Series, call 410-554-8644 or email [info@marylandstateboychoir.org](mailto:info@marylandstateboychoir.org).

## Bathroom Construction Update

### New Bathrooms COMING SOON - Some important information:

- \* Construction to begin on **Monday, July 28 & to last 6 weeks.**
- \* Please retrieve any personal items from the kitchen as soon as possible; **anything left behind (including in the refrigerator and freezer) will be thrown away!**
- \* We will use the trailer bathrooms on Sunday mornings, beginning August 3. Signs will be posted to direct you to the appropriate bathrooms.
- \* During construction of the bathrooms, **ALL CHILDREN 12 and under must be escorted to the bathrooms by a parent/guardian. No children should be in either trailer unaccompanied at any time.** This is for the safety of all children in our church community. Please speak with Claire Trainor if you have questions.
- \* The Fellowship Hall will be closed off as well during construction in order to limit the dust and debris throughout the rest of the church. Please contact a staff member if you should need something from the fellowship hall during construction.

# Dear Resurrection Family and Friends,

For most of us, the summer provides us with a bit of a break. Kids (and adults) are out of school, slower pace at the office, and vacations are scattered throughout these few months of warmer weather and more direct sunlight. In my first summer on staff at Res, I'm also enjoying a lighter workload and a more relaxed atmosphere than when I started (part time, 3 weeks before Christmas & full time, 3 weeks before Easter!). But, perhaps you're finding your summer punctuated by one problem after the next: damage to your home or property from a severe thunderstorm, broken air conditioning, disrupted phone and internet, illness while on vacation, or maybe even some construction on your home or your commute. Sometimes summer isn't all flip flops and sunglasses.

This summer has not been free from challenges for me, but I'm finding myself able to trust God more in these unexpected hiccups in life. I'm reminded that these circumstances are NOT unexpected for God: "For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you, and not to harm you, plans to give you a hope and future" (Jeremiah 29:11). So how do we respond to these challenges, particularly in the time of year that the wisdom of the world tells us should be full of ease and luxury?

First, we should remember that life with Christ is not free from challenges or hardships (John 16:33 & 1 Peter 4:12-13). Far from it! But the hope that we have in Christ makes walking through the fire worth it. God also helps us along the way, through His Word, His Spirit, and even through an encouraging friend in Christ to pray with you and stand alongside you through those challenges.

My prayer for each of you this summer is that you would find your walk with Christ to be worth it. I pray that it would be something that you're challenged to continue to believe each day; and that you would rely on His presence, power, and grace more and more, whether you're facing a troubling time or situation, or relaxing with your toes in the sand.

Seeking joy in the journey with you this summer,  
Kari Edwards

***All are invited to meet one another and enjoy refreshments following the service.***

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