

August 31, 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.

Prelude

Processional Hymn

"God of Grace and God of Glory"

1. God of grace and God of glo - ry, On Thy peo - ple
2. Lo! the hosts of e - vil round us Scorn Thy Christ, as -
3. Cure Thy chil - dren's war - ring mad - ness, Bend our pride to
4. Set our feet on loft - y plac - es; Gird our lives that

pour Thy power; Crown Thine an - cient church - 's sto - ry, Bring her
sail His ways! Fears and doubts too long have bound us, Free our
Thy con - trol; Shame our wan - ton, self - ish glad - ness, Rich in
they may be Ar - mored with all Christ - like grac - es In the

bud to glo - rious flower. Grant us wis - dom, Grant us cour - age
hearts to work and praise. Grant us wis - dom, Grant us cour - age
things and poor in soul. Grant us wis - dom, Grant us cour - age,
fight to set men free. Grant us wis - dom, Grant us cour - age,

For the fac - ing of this hour, For the fac - ing of this hour.
For the liv - ing of these days, For the liv - ing of these days.
Lest we miss Thy king - dom's goal, Lest we miss Thy king - dom's goal.
That we fail not man nor Thee, That we fail not man nor Thee!

WORDS: Harry Emerson Fosdick

MUSIC: John Hughes; Last stanza setting and choral ending by Richard Kingsmore

CWM RHONDDA

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Call to Worship

Who do we have in heaven besides You, Oh Lord?

And what on earth compares to You?

Praise be to the Lord God forever, who alone does marvelous deeds!

For You are kind to the ungrateful and the wicked.

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

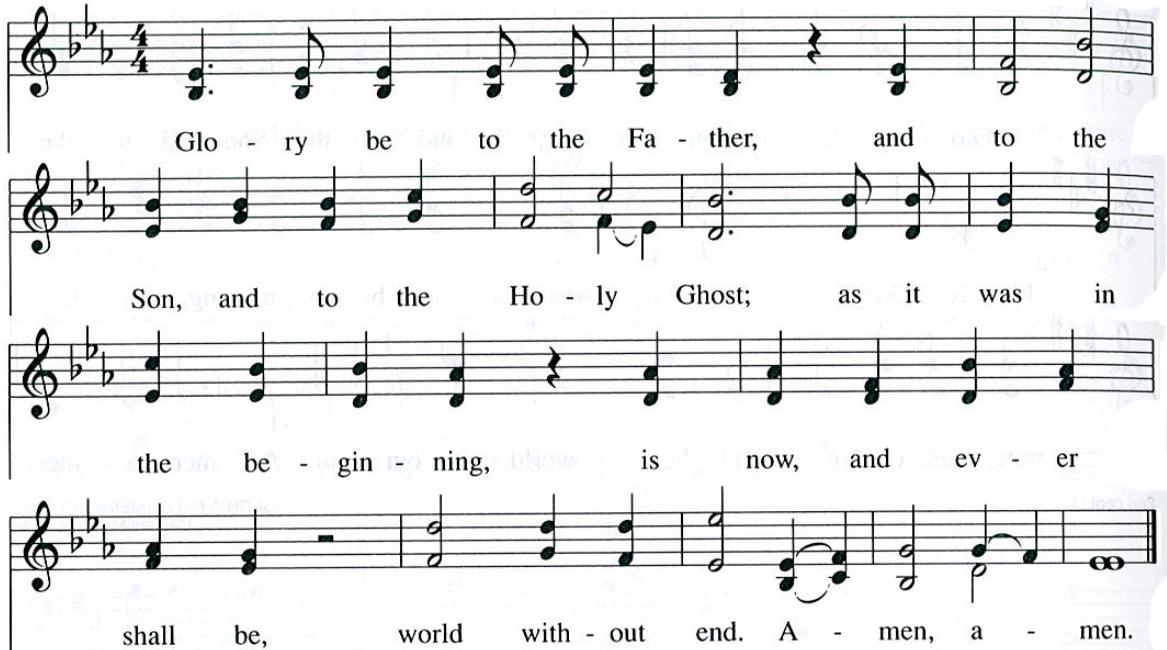
Let us pray together.

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

"Gloria Patri"



Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther, and to the
Son, and to the Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in
the be - gin - ning, is now, and ev - er
shall be, world with - out end. A - men, a - men.

2nd cent.; tr.

GLORIA PATRI (GREATOREX)
Henry W. Greatorex, 1851

The Collect of the Day

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

Almighty God, You have so linked our lives one with another that all we do affects, for good or ill, all other lives: So guide us in the work we do, that we may do it not for self alone, but for the common good; and, as we seek a proper return for our own labor, make us mindful of the rightful aspirations of other workers, and arouse our concern for those who are out of work; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Old Testament Reading

Deuteronomy 6:4-9

⁴"Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. ⁵You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. ⁶And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. ⁷You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise. ⁸You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. ⁹You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.

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

Psalm Reading *(read in unison)*

Psalm 90:13-17

Return, O Lord! How long? Have pity on your servants!

Satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast love, that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.

Make us glad for as many days as you have afflicted us, and for as many years as we have seen evil.

Let your work be shown to your servants, and your glorious power to their children.

**Let the favor of the Lord our God be upon us, and establish the work of our hands upon us;
yes, establish the work of our hands!**

New Testament Reading

1 Thessalonians 4:9-12

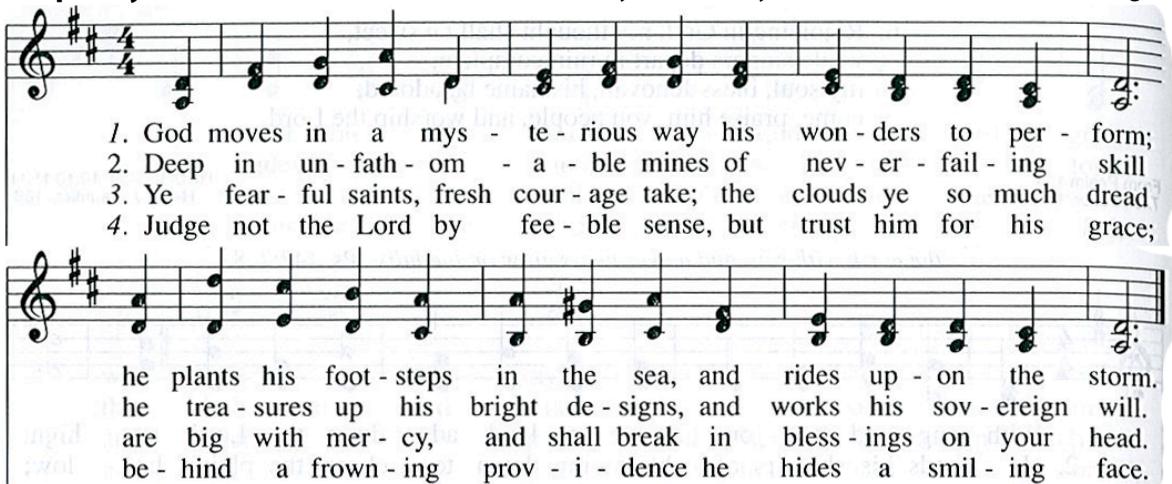
⁹Now concerning brotherly love you have no need for anyone to write to you, for you yourselves have been taught by God to love one another, ¹⁰for that indeed is what you are doing to all the brothers throughout Macedonia. But we urge you, brothers, to do this more and more, ¹¹and to aspire to live quietly, and to mind your own affairs, and to work with your hands, as we instructed you, ¹²so that you may walk properly before outsiders and be dependent on no one.

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

Gospel Hymn

"God Moves in a Mysterious Way"

(verses 1-3 before reading)



1. God moves in a mys - te - rious way his won - ders to per - form;
2. Deep in un - fath - om - a - ble mines of nev - er - fail - ing skill
3. Ye fear - ful saints, fresh cour - age take; the clouds ye so much dread
4. Judge not the Lord by fee - ble sense, but trust him for his grace;

he plants his foot - steps in the sea, and rides up - on the storm,
he trea - sures up his bright de - signs, and works his sov - ereign will.
are big with mer - cy, and shall break in bless - ings on your head.
be - hind a frown - ing prov - i - dence he hides a smil - ing face.

5. His purposes will ripen fast,
unfolding ev'ry hour;
the bud may have a bitter taste,
but sweet will be the flow'r.

6. Blind unbelief is sure to err,
and scan his work in vain;
God is his own interpreter,
and he will make it plain.

Gospel Reading

Matthew 20:1-16

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

¹“For the kingdom of heaven is like a master of a house who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. ² After agreeing with the laborers for a denarius[a] a day, he sent them into his vineyard. ³ And going out about the third hour he saw others standing idle in the marketplace, ⁴ and to them he said, ‘You go into the vineyard too, and whatever is right I will give you.’ ⁵ So they went. Going out again about the sixth hour and the ninth hour, he did the same. ⁶ And about the eleventh hour he went out and found others standing. And he said to them, ‘Why do you stand here idle all day?’ ⁷ They said to him, ‘Because no one has hired us.’ He said to them, ‘You go into the vineyard too.’ ⁸ And when evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his foreman, ‘Call the laborers and pay them their wages, beginning with the last, up to the first.’ ⁹ And when those hired about the eleventh hour came, each of them received a denarius. ¹⁰ Now when those hired first came, they thought they would receive more, but each of them also received a denarius. ¹¹ And on receiving it they grumbled at the master of the house, ¹² saying, ‘These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.’ ¹³ But he replied to one of them, ‘Friend, I am doing you no wrong. Did you not agree with me for a denarius?’ ¹⁴ Take what belongs to you and go. I choose to give to this last worker as I give to you. ¹⁵ Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or do you begrudge my generosity?’ ¹⁶ So the last will be first, and the first last.”

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

Gospel Hymn Continued: “God Moves in a Mysterious Way” verses 4-6

The Sermon

“Working For an Unfair Landlord”

The Rev. David Drake

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 Korean Anglican Church in Baltimore, MD and New Creation Church in Hagerstown, MD. **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.

We pray for the persecuted Church around the world;

That You would protect Your people and that Your truth would reign.

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.)

O God, the author of peace and lover of concord, to know you is eternal life and to serve you is perfect freedom: Defend us, your humble servants, in all assaults of our enemies; that we, surely trusting in your defense, may not fear the power of any adversaries; through the might of 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)

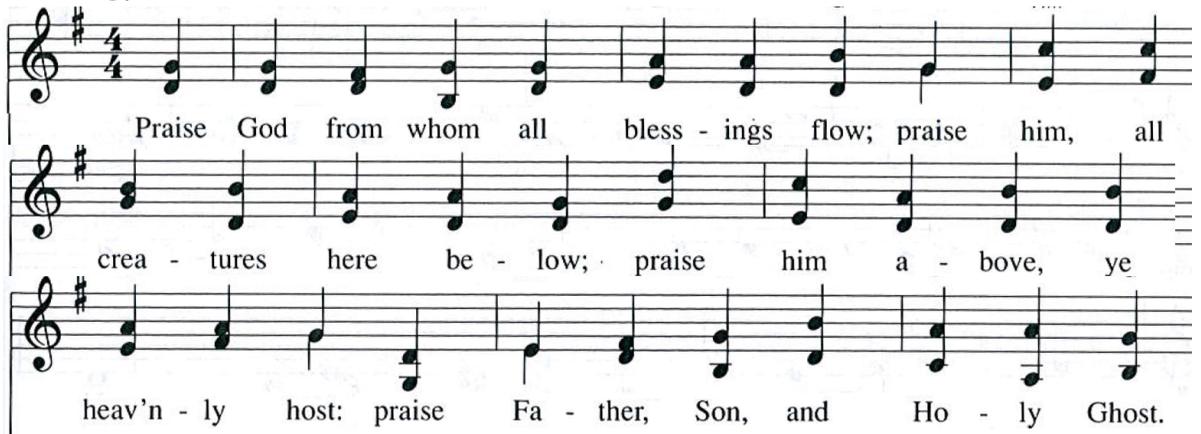
The peace of the Lord be always with you; **And also with you.**

Announcements

Offertory

Doxology

Tallis Canon



Praise God from whom all bless - ings flow; praise him, all
crea - tures here be - low; praise him a - bove, ye
heav'n - ly host: praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

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Holy Communion

The Great Thanksgiving

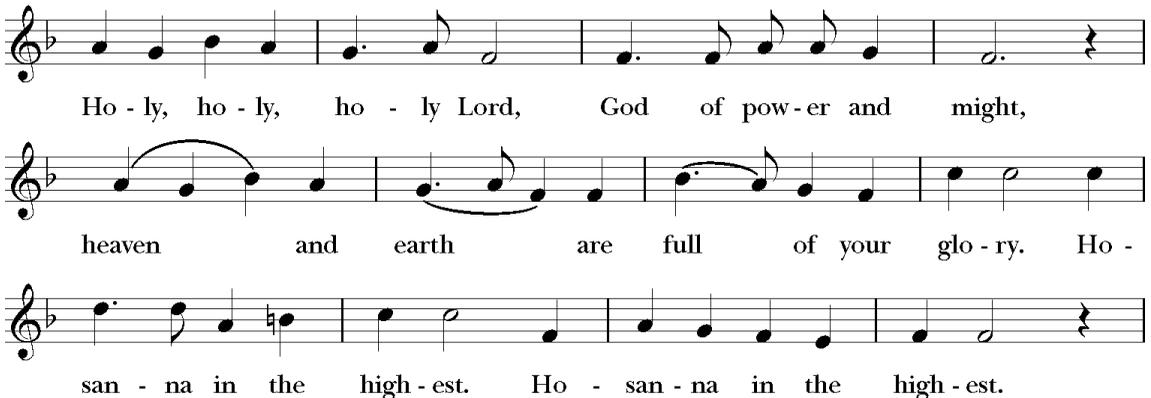
The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

The Rev. Jim Raun
*celebrating the 42nd anniversary of
his ordination to the Priesthood*

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 #S125



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na in the high-est. 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

"The Communion Hymn"



1. Be - hold the Lamb who bears our sins a - way, slain for us:
2. The bod - y of our Sav-iour, Je - sus Christ, torn for you:
3. The blood that cleans - es ev - 'ry stain of sin, shed for you:
4. And so with thank - ful - ness and faith we rise to re - spond



And we re - mem - ber the prom - ise made that all who come in faith find for -
Eat and re - mem - ber the wounds that heal, the death that brings us life, paid the
Drink and re - mem - ber He drained death's cup that all may en - ter in to re -
and to re - mem - ber our call to fol - low in the steps of Christ as His



-give - ness at the cross. So, we share in this Bread of Life, and we
price to make us one. So, we share in this Bread of Life, and we
-ceive the life of God. So, we share in this Bread of Life, and we
bod - y here on earth. As we share in His suf - fer - ing, we pro -



drink of His sac - ri - fice, as a sign of our bonds of peace
drink of His sac - ri - fice, as a sign of our bonds of love
drink of His sac - ri - fice, as a sign of our bonds of grace
-claim: Christ will come a - gain! And we'll join in the feast of heav'n



a-round the ta - ble of the King.
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a-round the ta - ble of the King.

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"Enough"

Chris Tomlin and Louie Giglio



All of You is more than e-nough for all of me, for ev-'ry thirst



and ev - 'ry need. You sat - is - fy me with Your love,

and all I have in You is more than e-nough.

1. You're my sup-ply, my breath of life; Still more awe -
2. You're my sac - ri - fice of great - est price; Still more awe -

- some than I know. You're my re-ward, worth liv - ing for;
- some than I know. You're my com - ing King, You ev - 'ry-thing;

Still more awe - some than I know. And all of You is more than e-nough
Still more awe - some than I know.

for all of me, for ev - 'ry thirst and ev - 'ry need.

You sat - is - fy me with Your love, and all I have in You

is more than e-nough.

More than all I want, more than all I need, You are more

than e-nough for me. More than all I know, more than all I can say

You are more than e-nough. than e-nough. And all of You

"At the Name of Jesus"

1. At the name of Je - sus, Ev - 'ry knee shall bow,
2. Hum - bled for a sea - son, To re - ceive a name
3. In your hearts en - throne Him; There let Him sub - due
4. Watch, for this Lord Je - sus Shall re - turn a - gain,

Ev - 'ry tongue con - fess Him King of glo - ry now;
From the lips of sin - ners Un - to whom He came,
All that is not ho - ly, All that is not true;
With His Fa - ther's glo - ry O'er the earth to reign;

'Tis the Fa - ther's plea - sure We should call Him Lord,
Faith - ful - ly He bore it, Spot - less to the last,
Crown Him as your cap - tain In temp - ta - tion's hour;
For the day is com - ing When each knee shall bow,

Who from the be - gin - ning Was the might - y Word.
Brought it back vic - to - rious When from death He passed.
Let His will en - fold you In its light and power.
So let hearts con - fess Him King of glo - ry now.

WORDS: Caroline M. Noel
MUSIC: James Mountain

WYE VALLEY (abridged)
6.5.6.5.D.

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

Be on your guard; stand firm in the faith; be men and women of courage; be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus; Do everything in love. And may the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

Recessional Hymn

"Grace Greater than Our Sin"

1. Mar - vel - ous grace of our lov - ing Lord, Grace that ex - ceeds our
2. Dark is the stain that we can - not hide, What can a - vail to
3. Mar - vel - ous, in - fi - nite, match - less grace, Free - ly be - stowed on
sin and our guilt, Yon - der on Cal - va - ry's mount out - poured,
wash it a - way? Look! There is flow - ing a crim - son tide;
all who be - lieve; All who are long - ing to see His face,
There where the blood of the Lamb was spilt. Grace, grace,
Whit - er than snow you may be to - day.
Will you this mo - ment His grace re - ceive?
God's grace, Grace that will par - don and cleanse with - in; Grace,
grace, God's grace, Grace that is great - er than all our sin.

WORDS: Julia H. Johnston
MUSIC: Daniel B. Towner

MOODY
9.9.9.9. with Chorus

Dismissal

Alleluia! Alleluia! Let us go forth to love and serve the Lord!
Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia!

Postlude

Serving Today at Resurrection

10am

Readers: Lynn Pforr

Keating Drake

Morgan Watson

Crucifer: Griffin Waldhauser

Torchbearers: Vicki Snyder, Delaney Waldhauser

Chalicians: Lynn Pforr, Lance Roth

Flowers: Dedi Whitaker

Altar Guild: Vicki Snyder

Intercessor: Lynn Pforr

Prayer Team: Mary Herring, Joanne Timmel

Fellowship: Barbara McLaughlin

Ushers: John Andrews

John Pforr

5:30pm

Readers: Jean Hippert

Herb Glasby

Marion Glasby

Crucifer: Keating Drake

Torchbearers: Annie Drake, Gracen Drake

Chalicians: John Buxton, Kristin Drake

Flowers: Dedi Whitaker

Altar Guild: Vicki Snyder

Intercessor: Micul Ann Morse

Prayer Team: Vicki Snyder

Fellowship: Barbara McLaughlin

Ushers: Bruce McLaughlin

What's Happening at Resurrection

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) if you would like to be added to our list or sign up by visiting our website: resbaltimore.org/weekly-e-newsletter. Don't miss out on what's going on at Resurrection!

Fall Preview - Mark your calendars!

Connecting with One Another

- **Res Community Picnic** – Sunday, September 7th at 5:00pm
- **Community Parties** – Groups of about 20 meeting together for Dinner Parties and Evening Prayer
- **Res 101** – Saturdays September 13th, 20th, October 4th, and 11th 9-10:30am
- **Middle School/High School Student Retreat** – October 24 - 26
- **Women's Retreat** with guest speaker *Susan Yates* – Friday November 14th - Saturday November 15th

Connecting with Christ

- **Blended Worship Service at 11am** starting September 7th (Advent will return to identical services)
- **Men's Bible Study** – Thursdays at 6:45am
- **Women's Bible Studies** – Wednesdays at 10am and ***NEW*** Wednesdays at 7pm
- **Healing Worship Services** – Sundays October 5th and November 9th at 5:30pm
- **Adult Confirmation Class** – Saturday November 1st, 9 - 11 am

Connecting with Baltimore

- **FaithWorks Ministry Initiatives**
- **Matthew Smith and Indelible Grace Concert** – Saturday, October 18th at 7:30pm
- **Advent with the Maryland State Boychoir** – Saturday, December 6th at **5pm and 7pm** (*time change*)

More announcements on the following pages... please be sure to take a look!

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. For questions or concerns, please contact **Claire Trainor** at claire@resbalt.org.

****There will be a meeting for all parents with children ages birth - 5th grade on Sunday, September 14 at 10:30am** in the education trailer. Childcare is provided.**

Please see the ResKidz Fall Newsletter, available on the Getting Connected Table, for more information about upcoming changes with ResKidz this fall!

Resurrection 101

The Resurrection 101 course is open for regular attenders, guests, and anyone who is interested in learning more about our church. It is also required of all those seeking church membership. The class is divided into 4 sessions:

- What is the Gospel?
- How does the Gospel grow us?
- What is Anglicanism?
- What does it mean to be a member at Church of the Resurrection?

The class will be held on 4 Saturday mornings, September 13, September 20, October 4, and October 11 from 9am - 10:30am

Please note that this is your final opportunity to complete Res 101 before Vestry elections in November. Membership is required to run for a Vestry position or to vote in the elections.

****Childcare is available, but you must register NO LATER THAN September 2. If you register after September 2, we cannot guarantee childcare.**

Visit resbaltimore.org/res101 to register and for more information!

Bathroom Construction

* Please use the bathrooms in the trailers, located behind the church. The walkway is marked and has signs to point you to the appropriate trailer.

* **PARENTS:** For the safety of all children here at Res, please escort all children **ages 12 and under** to the bathrooms in the trailers. **No children may be in either trailer unaccompanied (including during fellowship after the service).** Thank you for your cooperation.

* The fellowship hall is also closed during this time. However, the book table is still available in the partitioned end of the fellowship hall. Please use the door closest to the playground entrance.

Photo Directory Make-Up Date

Did you miss your chance for a picture in the photo directory? We will have a make-up date on **Sunday, September 14 after both services** for those who missed the three previous opportunities. Please be sure to attend this photo session. Contact Kari Edwards at **kari@resbalt.org** if you have questions or concerns.

Prayer Shawl Ministry

The Prayer Shawl Ministry is a group who meets together on the first Saturday of every month here at the church to gather, pray, and either knit or crochet prayer shawls to distribute to members of our church community and beyond. If anyone is interested in joining this group, their first meeting will be **Saturday, September 6 from 1pm-3pm**. Please contact **Micul Ann Morse** (morse2298@yahoo.com) if you have questions or would like more information.

Adult Choir & Resurrection Choristers

The Adult Choir is looking for new voices! They sing at various times during our Sunday services throughout the year as well as other special services at Resurrection. If you like to sing, we would love to have you for an open rehearsal on **Thursday, September 18 7:30 - 9pm**. Everyone from 9th grade through adults are welcome! No audition is necessary. The only requirement is a pleasant singing voice and a desire to serve the Lord through singing. Contact **Stephen Holmes** (**stephen@resbalt.org** or **410-419-2726**) with questions or for more information.

****NEW THIS YEAR: Resurrection Choristers** - Does your child love to sing? Stephen Holmes, our Music Director, will be leading a group of choristers who will sing monthly in our Sunday morning services.

Boys and Girls 3rd-8th Grade
Open House Rehearsal, Thursday, September 18, 5:15pm-6:30pm

Rehearsals – Thursdays, 5:15-6:30pm

September 18, 25

October 9, 16, 23

November 13, 20

December 4, 11, 18

The Resurrection Choristers will sing at our worship services one Sunday each month. For more information please attend the Parent Information Session on Sunday, September 14 between the two services at 10:30am in the Education Trailer, or contact **Stephen Holmes**, **stephen@resbalt.org**.

Dear Resurrection Family and Friends,

⁴⁵ You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. ⁶ And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. ⁷ You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise." - Deuteronomy 6:5-7

We tend to think of church as being the primary place of spiritual formation for our children. Many think, "I want my children to grow up with Christian values so...I'll take them to church." But, when we look at Jesus' ministry, it took place as He encountered people on the road, in their homes, wherever they were. He taught them truth in the context of their life experiences. Parents, as the ones interacting with their children on a daily basis, have the unique opportunity to instill in their children a Christ-like way of living as they daily model what it means to have a relationship with Christ.

As a church, we want to be providing opportunities for parents and their children to **worship together**, as a family. As a church body, we have the opportunity to lead by example. If the children around us are experiencing us genuinely worshipping our God and making daily choices to live our lives for Him, that is what they will remember when they come to the point in their life when it is time for them to decide if they will make Jesus their Lord. If we want our children to learn the joy of worshipping our God, together with other believers, then we absolutely must make a place for them in our Sunday morning worship services.

So what will that look like? How do we invite our families to worship together on Sunday mornings?

Starting **September 7th** we will be transitioning to a new model on Sunday mornings. We will still offer the Nursery room for our youngest members, ages 0-2, and our Preschool classroom for ages 3-4. **All other children, Kindergarten – 5th grade, will start in the service with their family**, then shortly before the sermon, all children (K-5th grade) will leave the sanctuary to have their own, kid-friendly, worship service. The Kid's Worship Service will end in time for the children to be escorted back into the sanctuary to join their families for Communion. The Kid's Worship service will parallel the adult service, with the same scripture passages, so that everyone will be learning the same thing and can share about their times of worship with each other. We will also provide a kid-friendly bulletin to help children follow along with the service and engage with the scripture and the liturgy.

Will this new model provide some challenges? Absolutely. Is it worth it? Absolutely.

Will our services be a little noisier? Yes. It will take some growing and learning on our part. But the opportunity for our kids to truly come to know and understand WHY we worship and HOW we worship will shape the way they worship the Lord for the rest of their lives! Let's remember that the way we welcome children in church directly affects the way they respond to God, to worship, and to one another.

We are excited to partner with our families and equip them as they lead their children in learning the joy of worship. Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have questions about this new model.

--Claire Trainor,
Director of ResKidz Children's and Family Ministry

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

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