

College Hill

Presbyterian Church

4th Sunday of Easter

10:30 a.m.

April 21, 2024

Assemble in God's Name

Preservice Music

Greetings and Announcements

PRELUDE Melodie from *The Practical Organist, Book 3*—Alexandre Guilmant (1837-1911)

*CALL TO WORSHIP

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not be in want.

God makes me lie down in green pastures.

God guides me beside the still waters.

God restores my soul.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life.

I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever!

***HYMN #17** “Sing Praise to God, You Heavens!” (Wie lieblich ist der Maien)

*OPENING PRAYER

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy One, source of life and love and power, we yearn for hope. But we look in all the wrong places. Forgive us for straying from your path. Free us to see you and seek you out. Hear us now as we confess in the silence of our hearts...

*KYRIE ELEISON

Lord, have mercy upon us;

Christ, have mercy upon us;

Lord, have mercy upon us.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*GLORIA PATRI #581

Glory be to the Father,

and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;

as it was in the beginning,

is now and ever shall be,

world without end, amen, amen.

Proclaim God's Word

CHILDREN'S TIME

SCRIPTURE

Psalm 23 (OT. p.501)

John 10:11-18 (NT, p.103)

SERMON

Of Scammers and Sheep

Give Thanks to God

*HYMN #801 "The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want" (Crimond)

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (The Apostles' Creed)

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth;
and in Jesus Christ, His only Son Our Lord,
Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,
Was crucified, dead and buried.
He descended into Hell;
The third day He arose again from the dead;
He ascended into Heaven,
and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father almighty;
From thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body and the life everlasting. Amen**

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERING "Shepherd Me, O God"--Marty Haugen (b.1950)/arr. Mark Hayes (b.1953)

Shepherd me, O God, beyond my wants, beyond my fears, from death into life.

*God is my shepherd, so nothing shall I want.
I rest in the meadows of faithfulness and love.
I walk by the quiet waters of peace.*

*Gently you raise me and heal my weary soul.
You lead me by pathways of righteousness and truth.
My spirit shall sing the music of your name.*

*Though I should wander the valley of death,
I fear no evil, for you are at my side.
Your rod and your staff, my comfort and my hope.*

*You have set me a banquet of love
In the face of hatred,
Crowning me with love beyond my pow'r to hold.*

*Surely your kindness and mercy follow me
All the days of my life
I will dwell in the house of my God forevermore.*

Please sign, pass and return the red friendship pad!

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

We yearn, O God, to be led to life. Take what we offer and turn it into the peace we crave for ourselves and for our world. Through Christ we pray. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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 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.

Go in God's Name

***HYMN #485** "We Know That Christ Is Raised" (Engelberg)

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE Grand Chorus in March Form, in Gregorian Tonality–A. Guilment
from *The Practical Organist, Book 7*

*Please rise, in body or spirit

Service Notes

Assisting in Worship Today

Liturgist	Allan Robertson
Zoom Producer	Daniel Brashler
Ushers	Glen Engler, Bob Foltz, Lou Johnson, Scott Novick, Rich Wamsley

The flowers in the chancel this morning are given by Jane Fetterman, "in loving memory of our parents."

Flower chair for the month of April is Becky Rosenbauer.

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Director of Music	Mr. Thomas Dressler
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ABOUT THIS WEEK'S MUSIC: Alexandre Guilmant (1837-1922) was one of the great French organists of the 19th-early 20th centuries. French organ music had fallen into a period of decay, with the exception of the music of César Franck (1822-1890). There were two great organist/composers who helped improve the art of organ playing in France--Guilmant and Charles-Marie Widor (1844-1937.) They based their style on studying the music of Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750) but the style they created was quite different, for a more modern type of instrument, and using more modern techniques. Guilmant was extremely popular in the United States, and his music was played often by American organists up til at least the middle of the 20th century. In fact, because of his popularity in the United States, it is extremely likely that pieces like those heard this morning would have been played at College Hill when the church was new. He visited the United States three times for concert tours, and his remarks and observations had a deep influence on both American organ playing and the design of organs.

The writer of the text of today's opening hymn (#17--Sing Praise to God, You Heavens!) was Rev. Herman G. Stuempfle, Jr. (1923-2007). Stuempfle was a graduate of Susquehanna University and Lutheran Theological Seminary at Gettysburg. He later became the President of the Gettysburg seminary. He is known as one of the most respected hymn text writers of the 20th and early 21st centuries, and his hymn texts are found in many modern hymn collections. His text for our opening hymn is paired in our hymnal with a tune that was originally a German love song celebrating the joys of spring. Stuempfle's nephew, Michael Stuempfle (1950-2023), was a tenor, and Thomas Dressler worked with him at the church of St. John the Evangelist in Lambertville, New Jersey, during the 1990s.

Growing in Love of God and Neighbor:
This Week's Announcements

IT'S TIME TO TALK ABOUT THE FUTURE OF COLLEGE HILL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

You are invited to join in a crucial conversation -to join with others in dreaming about the future of this church. We need YOUR input to become the church God knows we can be! Go to our website or call the church office to RSVP for a House Party TODAY!

The Front Porch is a new worship experience for College Hill Presbyterian Church, open to all people! Join us at 9 AM in the sanctuary on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month for simple music, shared prayer and conversation about our faith. (Our next meeting will be **May 5**). No matter who you are, no matter where you are on life's journey, you are welcome on The Front Porch!

FAITH FORMATION



Fish N' Chyps, our middle and high school youth group will meet today from 6:00-7:30pm. The youth will enjoy a campfire and s'mores! Please reach out to Lauren Joujan (kids@collegethillpc.org) with questions or for more information.