

April 19 2020 -EASTER 2 SUNDAY Worship @ Home Guide

Woodstock Presbyterian Church, 142 E. Court St., Woodstock, VA 22664

Easter Greetings! You are encouraged to use this as a guide for worship at home. A visual version of our worship will broadcast on the church website by Sunday at 9:30am, and will premiere at 11:00am on FaceBook, where it will remain.

*Join at a time convenient for you. Songs and hymns are included
– you are invited to sing, hum, or simply pray over their words.*

*Due to our love of neighbor we gather in Spirit, trusting in our ever-present God,
who conquered death for us. +Pastor Kate*

PRELUDE ALLELUIA! JESUS IS RISEN #205 LUYH
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Prepare your hearts with music



+ Call to Worship

Ps. 150

Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed!

Alleluia! Celebrate God in this sacred space!

Celebrate God in all places under heaven!

Give praise for God's mighty deeds!

Give praise for God's resurrecting power!

Praise God with a fanfare of trumpets.

Praise God with the harp and the cello!

Praise God with tambourines and dancing!

Praise God with flutes and guitars!

Praise God with cymbals and drums!

Let everything with life and breath praise God!

+Opening Hymn #245 Christ the Lord is Risen Today

1 "Christ the Lord is risen today!" Alleluia!
All creation, join to say: Alleluia!
Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia!
Sing, O heavens, and earth reply, Alleluia!

2 Love's redeeming work is done, Alleluia!
Fought the fight, the battle won, Alleluia!
Death in vain forbids him rise, Alleluia!
Christ has opened paradise. Alleluia!

3 Lives again our glorious King, Alleluia!
Where, O death, is now your sting? Alleluia!
Jesus died, our souls to save, Alleluia!
Where your victory, O grave? Alleluia!

4 Hail the Lord of earth and heaven! Alleluia!
Praise to you by both be given, Alleluia!
Every knee to you shall bow, Alleluia!
Risen Christ, triumphant now. Alleluia!

Call to Confession

When we keep our fears and faults locked up inside us,
it is hard to be healed and receive new life.
So let us open ourselves to God in confession,
trusting the Lord's desire to give us peace.

Prayer of Confession*

**God of resurrection and new life,
we confess that in times of trial and suffering
we huddle in fear rather than turn to you in faith.
We see only our dashed expectations and neglect
to perceive your creative goodness.
Knowing that our risen Lord comes to us when we are most afraid,
we boldly share our deepest anxieties.
Seeing Christ's fresh wounds, we bare our own,
our shame and regrets, our mistakes and failures.
Trusting in Jesus' compassion and mercy,
we ask for your forgiveness
so that we can testify to your saving grace.**

(silent prayer)

Forgive us, Lord, we pray.

Teach us to trust your promise

and to believe the good news of salvation:

Christ is alive; Jesus is risen from the dead. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

Christ comes with healing light

into our locked places and shadowy hurts,

resurrecting our spirits and breathing into us new life.

As God's own forgiven people,

go to bring peace, forgiveness, and new life to the world

in the name of Jesus Christ

Friends, believe the good news:

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Alleluia!

+Glory #583

***Glory to God, glory to God,
glory in the highest!***

***Glory to God, glory to God,
alleluia, alleluia!***

Prayer for Illumination

Living God,

as the risen Christ came into the locked room of

the first disciples,

may your Word enter into us,

by the power of your Holy Spirit,

so that we who have not seen may yet believe. Amen.

Reading John 20:19-31

¹⁹When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁰After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." ²²When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

²⁴But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

²⁶A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁷Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." ²⁸Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" ²⁹Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

³⁰Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. ³¹But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

Sermon

*What word, image or phrase caught your attention?
How has the assurance of God's presence comforted you in troubled times?
How are you being led by God today?
What does this word from God prompt you to change?*

+Affirmation of Faith – 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 rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on 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**

Announcements

- *Thank you for a gift of growing things* – new plants and landscaping were donated to add to the beauty of the church.
- *Masks needed & available* – a collection box is in the church entryway – donate masks to be shared with first responders and Blue Ridge Hospice, or come get one if you need one!
- *Worship* – Anyone can record elements of worship! If you can help, please let Lori know and be prepared to email your recording to Pastor Kate by Thursday.
- *Property Ministry Team* is exploring this time to make improvements to Sanctuary, since we are all out of the way. Session will evaluate the financial feasibility.
- *Pastor Nominating Committee* – we are still facing forward in the process of searching for a new pastor! The Nominating Committee is seeking to round out the Pastor Search Committee. Once that is done, we will have a congregational meeting (most likely virtually), and they will be able to begin their work. Most of the beginning of the process is discernment and creating statements about what the congregation is looking for, so should not be hindered by social distancing.

Offering

*The Church and the world need generosity now more than ever.
Out of gratitude for all that we have received,
let us lend ourselves to the glory of God and the love of neighbor.
Woodstock Presbyterian Church remains dedicated
to supporting our local, national, and worldwide ministries,
as well as keeping our full staff employed.
Every prayer and penny count. Checks can be mailed to the church.*

+Hymn 223 When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

1 When I survey the wondrous cross
on which the Prince of glory died,
my richest gain I count but loss,
and pour contempt on all my pride.

2 Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast,
save in the death of Christ my God;
all the vain things that charm me most,
I sacrifice them to his blood.

3 See, from his head, his hands, his feet,
sorrow and love flow mingled down;
did e'er such love and sorrow meet,
or thorns compose so rich a crown?

4 Were the whole realm of nature mine,
that were a present far too small;
love so amazing, so divine,
demands my soul, my life, my all.

Prayers of Intercession*

God of redemption and resurrection,
we come to you as we are, rejoicing that our Lord is alive,
yet still afraid of the chaos around and within us.

We cannot help but doubt your goodness when so much suffering surrounds us.
The pandemic continues to cause sickness and take life.
Resources are scarce in the places they are needed the most.
People all over the world are desperate for life's basic necessities.
Our Easter alleluias get stuck in our throats
when we survey the pain of your glorious creation.

Come, Risen Lord, walk among us,
show us your wounds, give us your peace,
breathe the Spirit into our weariness and worries.

God of pursuing grace and mercy,
we come to you as we are, grateful for the gift of reconciliation,
yet still unsure if we have the courage to go and extend your forgiveness to others.
We are prone to hold grudges
and too often find satisfaction in the downfall of our enemies.
Partisanship continues despite our need
to come together to defeat the scourge of injustice,
ever growing inequity and the pervasiveness of poverty.

Our Easter alleluias feel hypocritical when we look around at the systemic sin
in which we participate.

Come, Risen Lord, walk among us, show us you are alive,
grant us the peace that passes understanding,
embolden us with the Spirit so that we might speak your Word and do your will.

God of loving kindness and relentless reconciliation,
we come to you as we are, praising you for your unwillingness to leave us alone,
yet tired in the face of the world's overwhelming needs.
We believe that Jesus is our Lord and God.
We know he commands us to follow his example of servant leadership.
We remember all he taught us about the least and the last, asking and receiving,
moving mountains with mustard seed faith.
Knowing that you come to us, just as we are,
keeping your promises and never abandoning us,
we shout our Easter alleluias
echoing the heavenly chorus that spurs us on to run the race set before us.

You are here, risen Lord, wounded and standing before us.
Your sure presence gives us peace.
Your Spirit, our Advocate, Comforter and Teacher,
will show us the way and accomplish your plans.

Lord's Prayer

*We lift our prayers with our siblings in Christ around the globe,
praying as Christ taught:*

**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;
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**

+Hymn 235 O Sons and Daughters Let Us Sing

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

1 O sons and daughters, let us sing
with heavenly hosts to Christ our King;
today the grave has lost its sting!
Alleluia! Alleluia!

2 That night the apostles met in fear;
among them came their Lord most dear,
and said, "My peace be with you here."
Alleluia! Alleluia!

3 When Thomas first the tidings heard,
how they had seen the risen Lord,
he doubted the disciples' word.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

4 "My pierced side, O Thomas, see;
and look upon my hands, my feet;
not faithless, but believing be."
Alleluia! Alleluia!

5 No longer Thomas then denied;
he saw the feet, the hands, the side;

"You are my Lord and God!" he cried.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

6 How blest are they who have not seen,
and yet whose faith has constant been,
for they eternal life shall win.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

+Charge

Beloved church,
behold the victory of our God:
Jesus, our Lord, has conquered the grave.
Christ is risen! Alleluia!
Sin and death shall reign no more.
Christ is risen! Alleluia!
Let this place resound with joy.
Christ is risen! Alleluia!
Thanks be to God.

+Sung Blessing #591 (refrain only)

Halle, Halle, Halleluia! X3

Halleluia! Halleluia!

Postlude 244 This Joyful Eastertide

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