

# Eastertide Worship at Harwich United Methodist Church

## April 18, 2021

### Thought for the Week

*"Modern man listens more willingly to witnesses than to teachers, and if he does listen to teachers, it is because they are witnesses. Pope Paul VI, Evangelii Nuntiandi, no. 41*



### ~~Gathering and Welcome~~

#### Sharing Joys and Concerns

#### Call to Worship

L: Come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before Christ, our Redeemer—

P: **Who was anointed by the spirit of God to bring good news to the poor.**

L: Come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before Christ, our Redeemer—

P: **Who was crucified by the keepers of order for heeding the summons of God.**

L: Come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before Christ, our Redeemer—

P: **Who baptizes us with the Holy Spirit for bringing the reign of God to earth.**

A: **Come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before Christ, our Redeemer!**

#### Opening Hymn

#### Easter People, Raise Your Voices

#304



words by **Rev. William James** (1913-2013)

Easter people, raise your voices, sounds of heaven in earth should ring.

Christ has brought us heaven's choicest; heavenly music, let it ring:

"Alleluia! Alleluia!" Easter people, let us sing.

Fear of death can no more stop us from our pressing here below.

For our Lord empowered us to triumph over every foe.

Alleluia! Alleluia! On to victory now we go.

Every day to us is Easter, with its resurrection song.

When in trouble move the faster to our God who rights the wrong.

"Alleluia! Alleluia!" See the power of heavenly throngs.

### Opening Prayer

O God, who chased the gloom of the disciples with the gospel of Easter and drowned their desert of despair in a sea of grace, surprise us this day. Take from us the presumption that leans on our strength instead of yours, that mistakes our wisdom for yours, and equates our will with yours. Assure us once again that our Lord's promise to be with us always still holds good. And be present with us now, as in the days of Jesus, to make us whole and to make us holy. AMEN.

### Prayer of Confession

Gracious and Patient God, we come before you with so many things which weigh us down. We would like an "easy" faith, one that doesn't cause us to look within ourselves, to identify those many ways in which we have forsaken you. But faith is never easy. It requires our very souls. Forgive us, God, for all those things which we have neglected to do that would have helped someone else to be closer to you. Heal our hearts from the wounds which have been inflicted upon us by the anger and misunderstandings which occur in relationships. Prepare our lives to be of service to you. In silence we wait. We long for your presence and your healing touch. AMEN. (silent prayer)

### Assurance of Pardon

#### Responsorial Psalm 4

L: Answer me when I call, O God of my right!

P: You gave me room when I was in distress.

Be gracious to me, and hear my prayer.

L: How long, O people, shall my honor suffer shame?

P: How long will you love vain words, and seek after lies?

L: But know that the LORD has set apart the righteous as God's own;

P: the LORD hears when I call.

L: Be angry, but<sup>a</sup> do not sin;

P: ponder it oncommune with your own hearts in your beds, and be silent.

L: Offer right sacrifices,

P: and put your trust in the LORD.

L: There are many who say, "O that we might see some good!

P: Lift up the light of your countenance upon us, O LORD!"

L: You have put gladness in my heart more than when their grain and wine abound.

**P: I will both lie down and sleep in peace;  
for you alone, O LORD, make me lie down in safety.**

**~~The Church Proclaims the Word~~**

**Scripture Reading Acts 3:12-19; 1 John 3:1-7; Luke 24:36b-48**

**Reader: The Word of God for the People of God**

**Response: Thanks be to God**

**Message Subpoenaed by the Defense Pastor Dianne Carpenter**

**Hymn Pass It On #572**

It only takes a spark to get a fire going, \_\_\_and soon all those around can warm up in its glowing.\_\_\_\_ That's how it is with God's love \_\_\_\_\_ once you've experienced it; you spread His love to everyone; You want to pass it on.

What a wondrous time is spring, when all the trees are budding;\_\_\_\_ the birds begin to sing, the flowers start their blooming. \_\_\_\_\_ That's how it is with God's love \_\_\_\_\_ once you've experienced it; you you want to sing, it's fresh like spring, you want to pass it on.

I wish for you my friend, this happiness that I've found; \_\_\_you can depend on Him,  
It matters not where you're bound.\_\_\_\_I'll shout it from the mountain top;  
I want my world to know; the Lord of Love has come to me, I want to pass it on

**~~Response to the Word~~**

**Affirmation of Faith**

**The Korean Creed**

**Minister: Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is the one true Church,  
apostolic and universal, whose holy faith let us now declare:**

**Minister and People:**

**We believe in the one God, creator and sustainer of all things, Father of all  
nations, the source of all goodness and beauty, all truth and love.**

**We believe in Jesus Christ, God manifest in the flesh, our teacher, example, and  
Redeemer, the Savior of the world.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,**

**God present with us for guidance, for comfort, and for strength.**

**We believe in the forgiveness of sins, in the life of love and prayer,  
and in grace equal to every need.**

**We believe in the Word of God contained in the Old and New Testaments  
as the sufficient rule both of faith and of practice.**

**We believe in the Church, those who are united to the living Lord  
for the purpose of worship and service .**

**We believe in the reign of God as the divine will realized in human society,  
and in the family of God, where we are all brothers and sisters.**

**We believe in the final triumph of righteousness, and in the life everlasting. Amen.**

### **Prayers of the People**

L: O God, who through your power at work in Jesus made the old feel young and the young feel mature, we pray for the outpouring of your power upon our generation.

**P: Baptize our generation in the spirit with which Jesus baptized his.**

L: Instead of lamenting our inability to work miracles of healing, make us supporters of the medicine that can make the lame walk, the deaf hear, and the blind see.

**P: Baptize our generation!**

L: Instead of lamenting our inability to turn children into geniuses, make us backers of the education that can inspire the gifted to care, the average to think, and the slow to try.

**P: Baptize our generation!**

L: Instead of lamenting our inability overnight to rid the world of poverty, make us shapers of the programs that will provide food for the hungry, shelter for the homeless, and clothing for the deprived.

**P: Baptize our generation!**

L: Instead of lamenting our inability to tame hardened criminals, make us designers of plans that can turn anger into resolve, despair into hope, and aimlessness into ambition.

**P: Baptize our generation!**

L: Instead of lamenting our inability to make our neighbors take notice of us, make us doers of deeds that will turn their attention to you.

**All: Baptize our generation in the spirit with which Jesus baptized his. Pour out your power upon us!**

### **The Lord's Prayer**

### **Prayer for the Giving of our Tithes and Offerings**

**~~The Church Goes Forth~~**

## Final Hymn

## We've a story to tell to the nations

#569

1 We've a story to tell to the nations, that shall turn their hearts to the right,  
a story of truth and mercy, a story of peace and light, a story of peace and light.

### Refrain:

For the darkness shall turn to dawning, and the dawning to noonday bright,  
and Christ's great kingdom shall come on earth, the kingdom of love and light.

2 We've a song to be sung to the nations, that shall lift their hearts to the Lord,  
a song that shall conquer evil, and shatter the spear and sword,  
and shatter the spear and sword. [Refrain]

3 We've a message to give to the nations, that the Lord who reigneth above  
has sent us His Son to save us, and show us that God is love,  
and show us that God is love. [Refrain]

4 We've a Savior to show to the nations, who the path of sorrow has trod,  
that all of the world's great peoples may come to the truth of God,  
may come to the truth of God! [Refrain]

## Benediction

## "God Be With You"

### Liturgist:

You are welcome here. No matter who you are. No matter what.

### April 25, 2021: Scripture Passages

Acts 4:5-12; Psalm 23; 1 John 3:16-24; John 10:11-18

## Prayers

Healing Prayers Don Howell, who had knee surgery Thursday

For Lil Murphy who has upcoming surgery after a cancerous polyp  
was found

for Cindy Farrell-Starbuck, Emily-Jeanne Decker at Pleasant Bay, Marjorie Farrell,  
Cindy's mother, Brian Mielke, Ruth Zeller's sister, Lee, Carl Johnson's daughter and  
son-in-law, have Covid.



Bob Porter, Dave Blanchette (cancer), Ann-Marie Haggerty (cancer), Les and Justine (cancer), Bill Bly , Fred and Jo Buess  
Joan Stevens, Mary (Lil Murphy's sister), Pauline Doliber, Dan Murphy, Sandra and Mark Loeffler, Jason Narkon, Dan Carrol, Jackie Winne, Jane Schneeloch, Bruce Zeller, Ruth Crocker, Michael Chatham, Laurie and Pierre Bonin, Greg Legeyt and Karen Daffinee, Declan Smith

### **Calendar**

Today after church April 18 Administrative Council

#### **Register to see the environmental film "Kiss the Ground"**

<https://www.faithclimateactionweek.org/featured-film-kit/?eType=EmailBlastContent&eId=95ef954f-64f3-4e05-a69c-27750eee9178>

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