



*Grounded in the grace of God,
we are a vibrant Christian community,
disciples of all ages, gathered for worship and nurture,
scattered to serve and to love.*
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WORSHIP for
EASTER SUNDAY
APRIL 20, 2025

GATHERING

WORDS of WELCOME

Rev. Alex Lester-Abdalla

PRELUDE — *Easter Carillon* - Robert J. Powell

Chancel Choir, Brass, & Organ

INTROIT — *The Strife Is O'er* - VICTORY, arr. Robert J. Powell

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

*The strife is o'er, the battle done;
the victory of life is won;
the song of triumph has begun.*

Alleluia!

*The three sad days are quickly sped;
Christ rises glorious from the dead:
all glory to our risen Head!*

Alleluia!

*Lord, by the stripes which wounded thee,
from death's dread sting thy servants free,
that we may live, and sing to thee:*

Alleluia!

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

CALL to WORSHIP

Rich Ryan, Liturgist

One: He is Risen!

All: He is Risen indeed!

One: Behold the victory of our God.

All: Jesus is alive! Alleluia!

One: Sin and death shall reign no more. Let our hearts resound with joy!

All: Jesus is alive. Alleluia! Praise the Lord!

One: Come let us worship the Lord of life.

HYMN — *Jesus Christ Is Risen Today*

EASTER HYMN

*Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia!
our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!
who did once upon the cross, Alleluia!
suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!*

*Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia!
unto Christ, our heavenly King, Alleluia!
who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia!
sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!*

*But the pains which he endured, Alleluia!
our salvation have procured. Alleluia!
Now above the sky he's King, Alleluia!
where the angels ever sing. Alleluia!*

*Sing we to our God above, Alleluia!
praise eternal as God's love. Alleluia!
Praise our God, ye heavenly host, Alleluia!
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!*

PRAYER of CONFESSION

Resurrected Christ, there is nothing we can do to deserve the grace you have given us. There is no way we can earn your love; there is no way we can be worthy of your forgiveness. And yet you shower these mercies upon us. O Risen Lord, have mercy upon us. Hear us as silently we confess our sin.

SILENT PRAYERS of CONFESSION *Here each worshiper may offer silent prayers of confession.*

PROMISE of FORGIVENESS

One: Friends, believe the good news of this Easter morning and make it your own.

All: **In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Alleluia! Amen.**

RESPONSE to GOD'S GRACE — *Be Not Afraid* - Taizé Community

Voice

Be not a-fraid; sing out for joy! Christ is ri-sen al-le lu-ia!

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LITURGY of the WORD

PRAYER for ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING — *John 11:25-26*

One: Jesus said, "I am the resurrection and the life."

All: **"Those who believe in me, even though they may die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die."**

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM — *The Tree of Life* - SHADES MOUNTAIN, arr. K. Lee Scott

*There in God's garden stands the tree of Wisdom,
whose leaves hold forth the healing of the nations:
tree of all knowledge, tree of all compassion, tree of all beauty.*

Its name is Jesus, name that says, "Our Savior!"

*There on its branches see the scars of suffering;
see there the tendrils of our human selfhood feed on its life blood.*

*Thorns not its own are tangled in its foliage;
our greed has starved it; our despite has choked it.
Yet, look! it lives! its grief has not destroyed it nor fire consumed it.*

*See how its branches reach to us in welcome;
hear what the Voice says, "Come to me, ye weary!
Give me your sickness; give me all your sorrow; I will give blessing."*

*This is my ending; this, my resurrection;
into your hands, Lord, I commit my spirit
This have I searched for; now I can possess it. This ground is holy.
All heaven is singing, "Thanks to Christ whose passion
offers in mercy healing, strength, and pardon.
Peoples and nations, take it; take it freely!" Amen! My Master!*

TIME for YOUNG DISCIPLES

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING — *Job 14:14 & Mark 16:1-7*

Rev. Dr. Tom Kort

If mortals die, will they live again? All the days of my service I would wait until my release should come.

When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. They had been saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?" When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. But he said to them, "Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you."

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God!**

SERMON

Does Anyone Remember Easter?

Rev. Dr. Kort

HYMN — *Christ Is Alive!*, arr. Z. B. Highben

TRURO

*Christ is alive! Let Christians sing,
The cross stands empty to the sky.
Let streets and homes with praises ring,
Love, drowned in death, shall never die.*

*Christ is alive! No longer bound
to the distant years in Palestine,
but saving, healing, here and now,
and touching every place and time.*

*In every insult, rift, and war
where color, scorn, or wealth divide,
Christ suffers still, yet loves the more,
and lives, where even hope has died.*

*Women and men, in age and youth,
can feel the Spirit, hear the all,
and find the way, the life, the truth,
revealed in Jesus, freed for all.*

*Christ is alive, and comes to bring
good news to this and every age,
till earth and sky and ocean ring
with joy, with justice, love and praise.*

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.

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.

OFFERING

Invitation to Give

Offertory Music — *Because He Lives* - Bill Gither

Doxology — *Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow*

Yun Kang
OLD HUNDREDTH

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Amen.*

Prayer of Dedication

S E N D I N G

HYMN — *Thine Is the Glory*

JUDAS MACCABEUS

*Thine is the glory, risen, conquering Son;
endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.
Angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away,
kept the folded graveclothes where thy body lay.
Thine is the glory, risen, conquering Son;
endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.*

*Lo! Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb;
lovingly he greets us, scatters fear and gloom.
Let the church with gladness hymns of triumph sing,
for the Lord now liveth; death hath lost its sting.*

*Thine is the glory, risen, conquering Son;
endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.*

*No more we doubt thee, glorious Prince of life!
Life is naught without thee; aid us in our strife.
Make us more than conquerors through thy deathless love;
bring us safe through Jordan to thy home above.*

*Thine is the glory, risen, conquering Son;
endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.*

CHARGE and BLESSING

BENEDICTION RESPONSE & POSTLUDE — *Thine Is the Glory*

From *Judas Maccabaens* - G. F. Handel

ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Please note all announcements for Sunday bulletins are due by noon the Tuesday before they are to be published. Please email announcements to Bulletin@MPCusa.org.*

REGARDING TODAY'S SERVICE

We welcome the following musicians to our worship service today: Neal Kindig and Nick Goldkranz, Trumpets; Steve Sweetsir and Tasha Shapiro, French Horns; and Luke Kulesa, Timpani.

MISSION STUDY REPORT

The Mission Report (MSR) Committee has sent an e-mail requesting an included survey to be completed by all congregants. This survey will greatly assist the committee in its report of MPC and consequently used by the Pastor Nominating Committee in its search for a new senior pastor. A hard copy of the survey is also available in the Welcome Center.

The MSR Committee has also scheduled a series of group sessions to discuss the mission of MPC (past, present and future). You may sign up for one of the listed group sessions either in the Welcome Center or by sending an e-mail to the committee at mpc2025missionstudy@gmail.com.

- Sunday, April 27, 11:45 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. in Chapel
- Tuesday, May 6, 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. in Lounge
- Wednesday, May 14, 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. – via Zoom (info will be sent to all who sign up)

We are on this exciting journey together, knowing God is with us each step of the way!

COMMUNITY MEALS RETURN

Our next Community Meal is Tuesday, April 29, with the anticipation of about forty people for dinner from 6:00 - 7:00 p.m. If you are interested in helping, dessert bakers and kitchen helpers are needed. Desserts can be dropped off in the kitchen by the afternoon or prior to the dinner that day. Kitchen helpers are to arrive around 4:00 p.m. to be ready to serve dinner at 6:00 p.m. Guests are usually leaving before 7:00 p.m. and clean-up ends around 7:15-7:30pm. Please reply to MPCCodeBlue@gmail.com if you are interested.

FLOWERS NEEDED IN MAY

If you would like to provide flowers for our worship service on a Sunday in May, please contact DeeAnn Martin at 215-493-3865 or email deemar918@aol.com. The cost of an arrangement is \$37 and may be given in memory of a loved one, to celebrate a special occasion, or in gratitude for a person, ministry or act of kindness. These flowers not only add to the beauty of our worship service but they are also used as an outreach ministry to our MPC family.

MEN'S RETREAT RESCHEDULED

The Men's Fellowship day retreat to Camp Johnsonburg has been rescheduled for Sat. May 10th due to the rain on the original date. We are hoping that many of you can join in on this new date. If you have questions or would like to participate, please contact Pastor Alex or Beth Curtiss.

MEMORIAL GARDEN DEDICATION & PICNIC

Join us on Sunday, May 4, for the dedication of Memorial Garden, followed by a picnic. The picnic will be held in Memorial Garden (weather permitting) or Fellowship Hall. Bring a side or dessert to share. Sign up in the Welcome Center or contact the church office at 215-295-4191 or office@mpcusa.org.

APRIL FOOD CENTER REQUEST

During April, the requested food donation will be canned tuna. A shopping cart has been put in the Welcome Center to receive your donations. As always, thank you for your generosity!

ADULT EDUCATION CLASS SCHEDULE

On April 27, an open forum for people to stop by and learn more about Adult Education at MPC will be held. Suggestions for future topics for 2025/26 season will be welcomed and discussed.

Classes are held at 9:30 a.m. each Sunday in the Conference Room, located on the second floor.

STAMP OUT HUNGER FOOD DRIVE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The annual Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive, sponsored by the National Letter Carriers' Association, will be held on Saturday, May 10, at the Morrisville Methodist Church, located at 501 W. Maple Avenue in Morrisville. MPC and the Food Center have been involved for many years, and the Food Center benefits greatly from the large amount of food collected in the 19067 zip code. Help is needed from 10:00 a.m. thru 7:00 p.m. It's a fun day and a great community effort. Please join us and bring a friend! Sign up online at MPCusa.org/food-center. Email MPCfoodcenter@gmail.com with any questions you may have.

AN AMAZING EASTER BLESSING!

The Deacons received \$3,775 over the past four weeks to go toward our Easter Food Baskets for those in need during this Easter holiday. 96 families will be provided a nutritious and healthy meal for themselves and loved ones in this season of faith and hope. The Deacons pray that mercy, grace, and peace be yours as we thank you for your most generous gifts.

COME JOIN BROWN BAG BIBLE STUDY

Brown Bag Bible Study is continuing their reading of the Gospel of Luke through the remainder of the education year. The Bible Study meets Wednesday's from noon to 1:00 p.m. in the Conference Room located on the second floor. Bring your lunch and join in for a lively discussion of the week's readings. Can't make it to church? Then join us on Zoom. Call the church office to add your name to receive the Zoom link each week. This is a great time to deepen your faith and join in discussions with friends from the congregation.

Brown Bag Bible Study Reading List for Lent: Gospel of Luke

4/23: 20:9-19; 20-26; 27-40; 20:41-21:4

4/30: 21:5-19; 20-33; 34-38; 22:1-23

5/7: 22:24-38; 39-53; 54-71; 23:1-12

5/14: 23:13-26; 27-43; 44-56; 24:1-12

5/21: 24:13-27; 28-3; 36-53.

CLOTHING CENTER SPRING & SUMMER DONATIONS

The Clothing Center is only accepting clean and gently used spring and summer clothes, as well as spring decorations (no Easter decorations, please). Fall or winter clothing is no longer being accepted as there is no space to store off-season wear. We are also NOT accepting Christmas or winter decorations at this time. All donated items (housewares, linens, accessories, etc.) must be washed and clean.

We are also NOT able to accept computers, tablets, stereos, phones, baby strollers, carriers, car seats, or highchairs at any time.

Donations can be dropped off any time the church is open. Please place items on the shelves downstairs by the elevator. Do not leave items outside by the church doors!!!

Come and shop each Thursday from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. until June 12, when we will close for the summer.



MPC Clothing Center Open House

Saturday, April 26, 2025

9:00 a.m. - Noon

Come and shop for some great spring and summer deals before our

last day on Thursday, June 12

when we will close for our summer hiatus.

Easter Memorial Contributions - Easter Tulips

IN LOVING MEMORY OF:

Nancy & Terry, our beloved parents
and much missed Grammy and Pops

Jim Faridy, Eugene & Anna Kutch, Dale Blewett,
Edwin Faridy, Martha & Guy Blewett,
Martha & Phillip Faridy, Anna & Andrew Elko

Elizabeth "Betsy" Jurey, my loving mother

Our mother, Inez H. Mitchell

Richard & Delores Perry

Robert D. Barone, Sr.

Charles A. Hill, my husband

Our fathers: Glen Stoddard & Richard Jacobsen

My parents, Tim & Liz Krochmalny

David Yantz

Paul Flesch

Elaine & Ray Low

Genevieve Wagner

My dear friend/sister, Annette

Martha Rork

IN CELEBRATION OF:

My husband, John Damiani and his birthday

TO GIVE THANKS FOR:

My Uncle, Bill Burgess

The person receiving this plant

My grandsons, Kai & Luke Mercer

My caring and devoted parents. I love you dearly!

BY:

Robb, Elizabeth, Nick, & Riley Dugan

Lisa, Dave, & Vincent Kutch

Jill Jurey

Donna & John Damiani

Dale K. Perry

Dale K. Perry

Connie Hill

Shellie Stoddard & Eric Jacobsen

Dawn Flook

Sandy, Amanda, Chris & Laura

Gail Flesch and family

Phyllis & Larry Low

Phyllis & Larry Low

Wendy McMenamin

Cynthia Laird

BY:

Donna Damiani

BY:

Jill Jurey

Dave Koch

Kathleen Foster

Jackie Moruzzi

Easter Memorial Contributions - Music

IN LOVING MEMORY OF:

My parents, Marion & Herb Robinson,
who so enjoyed their visits to MPC.

Our parents

Elizabeth "Betsy" Jurey, my loving mother

Our parents: Bill & Helen Borden,
Burt & Nancy C. Anderson

My parents, Warren & Dorothy Bietsch

Our loving parents & grandparents:
Lewis & Peggy Kohn, Sarah & Earl Levan

"Aunt Dets" Betsy Jurey

Charles & Frances Burgess

My sister, Betsy Jurey

Richard & Delores Perry

Robert D. Barone, Sr.

Charles A. Hill, my husband

Howard's sister, Gay Lindsay

Betsy Jurey

Dave Yantz

C. Donald Moyer; Donald & Linda Moyer;
John Moyer; our family

David Yantz

Our sons, Ryan & Timothy

David Slover, Linda Tadlock, Betsy Jurey,
Dorine & Warren McGary, Terry Danbury

Our parents

Edith Berchtenbreiter

Jim Laird

IN CELEBRATION OF:

Our grandchildren: Layla, Benjamin, James,
Sloane & Colin

BY:

Ann Clements

Tim & Carol Carpenter

Jill Jurey

Nancy & Roger Anderson

Heather Bray

The Levan Family

Meghan, Tony & Anton Burghardt

Bill & Melonie Burgess

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Dale K. Perry

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Connie Hill

Howard & Joan Barley

Dave Koch

Dave Koch

Mary W. Moyer & Julie Moyer

Sandy, Amanda, Chris & Laura

Clark & DeeAnn Martin

John & Nancy Kernan

David & Nancy Powers

Judie Miller

Cynthia Laird

BY:

Gail & Drew Hunger

Easter Memorial Contributions - Music (cont'd)

TO GIVE THANKS FOR:

We give thanks for the Music Ministry at
Morrisville Presbyterian Church

The musical gifts of Yun Kang to the
Worship Service

BY:

Charlie & Peggy Guenzel

Cheryl Barron

Easter Memorial Contributions - Food Basket

IN LOVING MEMORY OF:

Bruce R. Jablon

Marie & Ray Elmer

Our parents

George A. Hunger, Sr.

Gino & Dolores Moruzzi

Armen & Alta Yazujian

Our parents: Bill & Helen Borden,

Burt & Nancy C. Anderson

Our dear friend, Harry Dent

Our parents: Grace & James Doster,
Sally and George Hunger

My sister, Nancy Landes

Dorothea C. Rimler

Jack Rimler

Harry G. Dent

Grandparents, Willam & Ethel Anderson

My dear husband, George Lauver

Charles A. Hill, my husband

Howard's brother, Gary

Our parents: Russ & MaryKay Barley,
Stan and Betty Krebs

Parents, Edith & Charles Koch

Marks Family: Theodore A., Caroline N.,
Theodore G. Marks

BY:

Diane Jablon, Kellie & Tom Lewis

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Tim & Carol Carpenter

Dorothy Hunger

Jeff & Jackie Moruzzi, Wendy Yazujian

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Nancy & Roger Anderson

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Gail and Drew Hunger

Heather Bray

Curt Rimler

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William Anderson

Myrtle Lauver

Connie Hill

Howard & Joan Barley

Howard & Joan Barley

David Koch, son

Joan G. Marks

Easter Memorial Contributions - Food Basket (cont'd)

IN LOVING MEMORY OF:

Jerry Ashmen, my husband
John & Mina Masine, parents
Gerald & Dot Ashmen, parents-in-law
Bob & Susan Brindle family
Bill & Helen Komazec family
Parents and brother: John Jr., Marilyn & Van Ellis
Grandparents: John & Olive Ellis
My daughter: Rebecca (Becky) Marseglia
MaryAnn Johnson
Our Loved Ones
Laverne Rogers

BY:

Joan Ashmen
Joan Ashmen
Joan Ashmen
Joan Ashmen
Joan Ashmen
Diane Ellis-Marseglia
Diane Ellis-Marseglia
Diane Ellis-Marseglia
Kathleen Foster
Kathleen & Steve Foster
Judie Miller

TO GIVE THANKS FOR:

Our first great grandchild, Jane Marie Lambert
Deacons' Food Ministry

BY:

Ross & Alice Gray
Jim Lytle & Christy Stephenson



MPC Weekly Calendar

SUNDAY, April 20 - Easter Sunday

9:00 a.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
9:15	Mission Study Team	Room 202
10:30	Worship Service	Sanctuary & Livestream
		Room 220
Noon	Adonai Tabernacle	

MONDAY, April 21

Church Office closed

5:30 p.m.	Food Packing	Room 4
5:30	MPC Book Discussions	Conference Room
6:30	Mostly Motets	Music Room
7:00	Boy Scout Troop 3	Fellowship Hall
7:00	Boy Scout Troop 3	Lounge
	Parent Meeting	
7:00	Cub Scout Pack 3	Room 220
7:30	Trustees Meeting	Room 208

TUESDAY, April 22

9:00 a.m.	Produce Prep	Room 4
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WEDNESDAY, April 23

9:00 a.m.	Food Center Distribution	Parking Lot
6:00 p.m.	Youth Club	Fellowship Hall
7:00	Girl Scout Troop 2888	Room 220
7:15	Chancel Chimes	Sanctuary

THURSDAY, April 24

9:00 a.m.	Ivins Outreach Center	Lounge
10:00	Clothing Center	Room 4
7:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir	Sanctuary

FRIDAY, April 25

10:45 a.m.	Weekday Nursery School	Room 220
11:00 a.m.	Ivins Outreach Center	Lounge

SATURDAY, April 26

9:00 a.m.	Clothing Center	Room 4
	Open House	
9:00	Snipes Farm Earth Day	Offsite

SUNDAY, April 27

8:30 a.m.	God's Thunder	Room 121
9:15	Mission Study Team	Room 202
10:30	Worship Service	Sanctuary & Livestream
11:30	Fellowship Hour	Lounge
11:45	Mission Study Team Session	Chapel
11:45	Teen Choir	Music Room
Noon	Adonai Tabernacle	Room 220

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