

April 25, 2021
9:00am
Easter IV: Confirmation

to **know** Christ &
to make Him **known**.



CHURCH OF THE
RESURRECTION

Welcome to Church of the Resurrection

Welcome to the Sunday service at Church of the Resurrection. Whether you are here to investigate the Christian faith for the first time, or have been following Christ for years, we hope that this service will encourage you in your faith. If you want to learn more about Res, or if we can serve you in any way, please visit www.resbalt.org or call the office at 410-560-0456.

SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS

If at any time during the service you begin to feel ill, please leave immediately and seek medical attention.

When Entering

- Please use sanitizing stations when entering.
- All adults and children age 5 and above wear a mask at all times.
- Please maintain social distance:
 - Kindly refrain from physical contact when greeting one another.
 - Sit with six feet of separation between households.
- Bring your own Bible and pen. No materials are available in the pews.
- If you need to use the restrooms before the service starts, please exit using the center aisle.

During the Service

- Please refrain from singing, except where noted.
- If you need to exit during the service, please use the side aisles/exits.
- Please follow clergy and usher instructions for communion.

When Exiting

- Remain in your pew until dismissed by an usher.
- For anyone desiring prayer, please proceed to the chapel, behind the altar area.
- Please take your bulletin home, or deposit in the recycle bin as you exit.
- All are welcome to meet outside or on the playground for fellowship after the service.

Thank you for wearing your mask, covering both mouth and nose,
for today's entire worship service.

*"Let each of us look not only to our own interests, but also to the
interests of others" (Philippians 2:4).*

Prelude

Welcome and Preparation for Worship

Opening Hymn - *"The Day of Resurrection"*

Those present in the sanctuary are asked to refrain from singing the Opening Hymn.

The day of resurrection! Earth, tell it out abroad;
The Passover of gladness, the Passover of God.
From death to life eternal, from earth unto the sky,
Our Christ hath brought us over, with hymns of victory.

Our hearts be pure from evil, that we may see aright
The Lord in rays eternal of resurrection light;
And, listening to his accents, may hear so calm and plain
His own "All hail!" and, hearing, may raise the victor strain.

Now let the heavens be joyful, let earth her song begin,
The round world keep high triumph, and all that is therein;
Let all things seen and unseen their notes in gladness blend,
For Christ the Lord hath risen, our joy that hath no end.

Call to Worship

(please stand)

The Lord will pour out his Spirit upon all flesh, **And your sons and daughters shall prophesy.**
Your old men shall dream dreams, **And your young men shall see visions.**
You shall know that the Lord is in the midst of his people, **That he is the Lord and there is none else.**
And it shall come to pass **That everyone who calls on the Name of the Lord shall be saved.**

**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.**

Songs of Praise - *"Reformation Song"*

Your Word alone is solid ground, the mighty rock on which we build
In every line the truth is found, and every page with glory filled

Through faith alone we come to You, we have no merit we can claim
Sure that Your promises are true, we place our hope in Jesus' name

Gloria gloria glory to God alone
Gloria gloria glory to God alone

In Christ alone we're justified, his righteousness is all our plea
Your law's demands are satisfied, his perfect work has set us free (Chorus)

By grace alone we have been saved, all that we are has come from You
Hearts that were once by sin enslaved, now by Your pow'r have been made new (Chorus)

And on this Reformation day, we join with saints of old to sing
We lift our hearts as one in praise, glory to Christ our gracious King (Chorus)

Collect of the Day

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

O God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the Good Shepherd of your people: Grant that, when we hear his voice, we may know him who calls us each by name, and follow where he leads; who, with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

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(please be seated)

First Reading - Acts 4:32-37

³²Now the full number of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one said that any of the things that belonged to him was his own, but they had everything in common. ³³And with great power the apostles were giving their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. ³⁴There was not a needy person among them, for as many as were owners of lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold ³⁵and laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need. ³⁶Thus Joseph, who was also called by the apostles Barnabas (which means son of encouragement), a Levite, a native of Cyprus, ³⁷sold a field that belonged to him and brought the money and laid it at the apostles' feet.

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

Second Reading - 1 John 2:12-17

¹²I am writing to you, little children, because your sins are forgiven for his name's sake. ¹³I am writing to you, fathers, because you know him who is from the beginning. I am writing to you, young men, because you have overcome the evil one. I write to you, children, because you know the Father. ¹⁴I write to you, fathers, because you know him who is from the beginning. I write to you, young men, because you are strong, and the word of God abides in you, and you have overcome the evil one. ¹⁵Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. ¹⁶For all that is in the world—the desires of the flesh and the desires of the eyes and pride of life—is not from the Father but is from the world. ¹⁷And the world is passing away along with its desires, but whoever does the will of God abides forever.

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

Sermon - *The Rt. Rev. John Guernsey*

Sermon Notes:

The Apostles' Creed

(please stand)

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth; I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Confession of Sin

Let us humbly confess our sins to Almighty God with a time of silent, personal confession.

Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, maker and judge of us all: We acknowledge and lament our many sins and offenses, which we have committed by thought, word, and deed against your divine majesty, provoking most justly your righteous anger against us. We are deeply sorry for these our transgressions; the burden of them is more than we can bear. Have mercy upon us, Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; for your Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, forgive us all that is past; and grant that we may evermore serve and please you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Absolution

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who in his great mercy has promised forgiveness of sins to all those who sincerely repent and with true faith turn to him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Confirmation

The Presentation and Exhortation

Presenters: **Reverend Father in God, we present Geneva Lee Smallman to receive the laying on of hands.**

Bishop: Has she been adequately prepared?

Presenters: **She has.**

Dearly beloved, it is essential that those who wish to be Confirmed in this Church publicly confess Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior; become his disciples; know and affirm the Nicene Creed, the Lord's Prayer, and the Ten Commandments; and have received instruction in the Holy Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments and the Catechism of the Church. God's grace is imparted in Baptism, through which we are made God's children by adoption and given the Holy Spirit. By the power of the Spirit, manifested in gifts and fruit, we are enabled to be God's people for the sake of the world.

Now, Geneva desires publicly to confess her faith in Jesus Christ as Savior and her commitment to follow him as Lord. She also desires the strengthening of grace through the laying on of hands, that the Holy Spirit may fill her more and more for her ministry in the Church and in the world.

Geneva confesses her faith in Jesus Christ, and her desire to be confirmed.

The Examination

Bishop: Do you, here in the presence of God and the Church, renew the solemn promises and vows made at your Baptism and commit to keep them? *Candidate: I do.*

Do you renounce the devil and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?

I renounce them.

Do you renounce the empty promises and deadly deceits of this world that corrupt and destroy the creatures of God? ***I renounce them.***

Do you renounce the sinful desires of the flesh that draw you from the love of God?

I renounce them.

Do you turn to Jesus Christ and confess him as your Lord and Savior? ***I do.***

Do you joyfully receive the Christian Faith, as revealed in the Holy Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments? ***I do.***

Will you obediently keep God's holy will and commandments, and walk in them all the days of your life? ***I will, the Lord being my helper.***

Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support these persons in their life in Christ?

Congregation: We will.

(Confirmation sponsors come forward)

Prayer and the Laying on of Hands

Let us pray. Almighty and everliving God, we beseech you to strengthen this your servant, Geneva, for witness and ministry through the power of your Holy Spirit. Daily increase in her your manifold virtues of grace: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and true godliness, and the spirit of holy fear, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Confirmation: Strengthen, O Lord, with your Holy Spirit, your servant *Geneva*; empower *her* for your service; and sustain *her* all the days of *her* life. Amen. **Amen.**

Almighty and everliving God, let your fatherly hand ever be upon this your servant, Geneva; let your Holy Spirit ever be with her; and so lead her in the knowledge and obedience of your Holy Word, that she may faithfully serve you in this life, and joyfully dwell with you in the life to come; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

(please stand)

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

Announcements

(please be seated)

Offertory

Tonya Burton, Viola

Doxology

Those present in the sanctuary are invited to sing the Doxology. (please stand)

Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise Him all creatures here below. Alleluia, Alleluia!
Praise Him above ye heavenly hosts. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
O praise Him, O praise Him! Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia! Amen.

Holy Communion

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

It is right, our duty and our joy, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, but chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was offered for us, and has taken away the sin of the world; who by his death has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again has won for us everlasting life. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus

Those present in the sanctuary are invited to sing the Sanctus.

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Holy, holy holy, Lord God of Hosts; Heaven and earth are full of thy glory. Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High. Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

(please sit or kneel)

All praise and glory is yours, O God our heavenly Father, for in your tender mercy, you gave your only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the Cross for our redemption. He made there, by his one oblation* of himself once offered, a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; and he instituted, and in his Holy Gospel commanded us to continue, a perpetual memory of his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

**oblation: an offering to God.*

So now, O merciful Father, in your great goodness, we ask you to bless and sanctify, with your Word and Holy Spirit, these gifts of bread and wine, that we, receiving them according to your Son our Savior Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed Body and Blood.

For on the night that he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat; this is my Body, which is given for you: Do this in remembrance of me." Likewise, after supper, Jesus took the cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for 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 in remembrance of me."

Therefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, according to the institution of your dearly beloved Son our Savior Jesus Christ, we your humble servants celebrate and make here before your divine Majesty, with these holy gifts, the memorial your Son commanded us to make; remembering his blessed passion* and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension, and his promise to come again. **passion: suffering*

And here we offer and present to you, O Lord, ourselves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice. We humbly pray that all who partake of this Holy Communion may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ, be filled with your grace and heavenly benediction, and be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him. 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.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray,

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!

Prayer for Spiritual Communion

While some of us are receiving communion today, many of our congregation are still unable to do so. Therefore, let us pray together: **Now, in union, O Lord with faithful believers at every altar of Your Church, where Holy Communion is celebrated, I desire to offer my praise and thanksgiving too. I present to You my soul and body with the earnest prayer that I will remain united to you. And since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, I pray that you would come spiritually into my heart. I unite myself to you and embrace you with all the affections of my soul. Let nothing separate me from you, that I may live and die in the assurance of Your love. Amen.**

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.

(please be seated)

*All those in the sanctuary who have received Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior are invited to partake in Communion, regardless of denominational affiliation. Family units will be invited to come forward one at a time as directed by an usher. Please reach out your hand and a wafer will be dropped into your hand. **Please return to your seat, turn down your mask, and partake of the bread in your seat.** Please immediately replace your mask after partaking of the bread. No wine will be offered at this time. Please continue to worship silently, enjoying the communion music.*

Those participating online who picked up pre-consecrated communion elements from the church are invited to partake at this time. Online participants are invited to continue in worship during the communion music.

Communion Music

Those present in the sanctuary are asked to refrain from singing.

"Jesus Paid It All"

I hear the Savior say, thy strength indeed is small
Child of weakness watch and pray, find in Me thine all in all

Chorus

Jesus paid it all, all to Him I owe
Sin had left a crimson stain, He washed it white as snow

Lord now indeed I find, Thy pow'r and Thine alone
Can change the leper's spots, and melt the heart of stone (*Chorus*)

And when before the throne, I stand in Him complete
Jesus died my soul to save, my lips shall still repeat (*Chorus*)

Oh praise the One Who paid my debt
And raised this life up from the dead (*Chorus*)

"The Potter's Hand"

Beautiful Lord wonderful Saviour, I know for sure all of my days are
Held in Your hand crafted into, Your perfect plan

You gently call me into Your presence, guiding me by Your Holy Spirit
Teach me dear Lord to live all of my life, through Your eyes

Pre-Chorus

I'm captured by Your holy calling, set me apart I know
You're drawing Me to Yourself, lead me Lord I pray

Chorus

Take me mould me, use me fill me, I give my life, to the Potter's hand
Call me guide me, lead me walk beside me I give my life, to the Potter's hand

"He Will Hold Me Fast"

When I fear my faith will fail, Christ will hold me fast
When the tempter would prevail, He will hold me fast
I could never keep my hold, through life's fearful path
For my love is often cold, He must hold me fast

Chorus

He will hold me fast, He will hold me fast
For my Savior loves me so, He will hold me fast

Those He saves are His delight, Christ will hold me fast
Precious in His holy sight, He will hold me fast
He'll not let my soul be lost, His Promises shall last
Bought by Him at such a cost, He will hold me fast (*Chorus*)

For my life He bled and died, Christ will hold me fast
Justice has been satisfied, He will hold me fast
Raised with Him to endless life, He will hold me fast
Till our faith is turned to sight, when He comes at last (*Chorus*)

Post Communion Prayer

(please stand)

Heavenly Father, we thank You for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of Your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the body of Your Son, and heirs of Your eternal Kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work You have given us to do, to love and serve You as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to You, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

The Blessing

May the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Closing Hymn - "Come Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain"

(please be seated)

Those present in the sanctuary are asked to refrain from singing the Closing Hymn.

Come, ye faithful, raise the strain, of triumphant gladness!
God hath brought his Israel, into joy from sadness:
loosed from Pharaoh's bitter yoke, Jacob's sons and daughters,
led them with unmoistened foot, through the Red Sea waters.

'Tis the spring of souls today: Christ hath burst his prison,
and from three days' sleep in death, as a sun hath risen;
all the winter of our sins, long and dark, is flying
from his light, to whom we give, laud and praise undying.

Now the queen of seasons, bright, with the day of splendor,
with the royal feast of feasts, comes its joy to render;
comes to glad Jerusalem, who with true affection
welcomes in unwearied strains Jesus' resurrection.

Dismissal

Alleluia, Alleluia! Let us go forth in the power of the Holy Spirit.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia!

Postlude

*Those present in the sanctuary are asked to remain seated
until an usher dismisses you by family unit during the postlude.*

All are welcome to meet outside or on the playground for fellowship after the service.

Dear Resurrection Family and Friends,

We are thrilled to announce that we will be holding our annual ResCamp 2021 this summer, June 28 – July 2! As Resurrection's biggest outreach event each year, ResCamp invites kids and families from all over the Baltimore area for a week of fun and exploring who Christ is and how we can know Him.

After a year of loss and isolation, kids are hungry for relationship and connection. We have the opportunity to welcome them here to experience Christ's love through relationship with peers and with leaders, and ultimately to invite them into a relationship with the one who will never leave nor forsake them. This year's camp is called Basic Elements, and through games, skits, music, and science experiments kids and leaders will investigate and discover the basic elements of knowing Jesus and putting their trust in Him. A lot will be new for ResCamp this summer and we've worked hard to be able to offer camp in a way that is safe and fun for everyone involved. God has certainly blessed us with an amazing property and building so well suited to holding camp in a COVID-safe way.

Every year a team of 50+ volunteers help make our ResCamp an unforgettable week and we need you! Especially in a year when relationship and connection are so vital, we need dedicated folks who are excited to help out in any way they can: serving as a counselor, running a station, helping behind-the-scenes with admin and decorations, cleaning up after camp each day – there's an option for everyone! It is an all-church event and we hope you will consider joining the team. To learn more about how you can help, visit the Camp Volunteer page at resbalt.org/campvolunteers.

Registration for camp opens on Sunday! Details about camp, registration, our COVID-19 safety measures are available at resbalt.org/camp. Don't miss out on one of the best weeks of summer!

In Christ,
~ Claire Trainor, Director of Children's Ministry

Coming Up at Church of the Resurrection

Outdoor ResMovie Nights

Friday, May 7 at 6:30pm | Our entire Res Family is invited to campus for our outdoor summer movie series, kicking off in May. Bring a blanket, a picnic dinner, and come hang out with your Res friends and family. Movie starts at 7:30pm. We hope to see you there!



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