

May 14, 2023 Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.
Seventh Sunday of Easter/Youth Sunday
Slackwood Presbyterian Church
2020 Brunswick Avenue, Lawrenceville, NJ 08648

GATHER TO WORSHIP

As a consideration to all who seek to worship this morning, please turn off or mute cell phones and other electronic devices.

Bell of Invitation

Prelude “God of the Sparrow” Oliver Valentino
Welcome & Announcements Colette and Amy Valentino

OUR APPROACH TO GOD

Call to Worship Oliver Valentino

Leader: Open our ears

People: to hear your word.

Leader: Open our eyes

People: to see your presence.

Leader: Open our arms

People: to the embrace of community.

Leader: Open our minds

People: to the beauty of truth.

Leader: Open our hearts

People: to the joy of new life.

*Hymn #22 “God of the Sparrow” ROEDER

*Call to Confession Miles Buck

*Prayer of Confession (In Unison)

God of glory: we are so busy watching the skies for signs of your presence that we forget to look around to see those we can serve in your name. We are so intent on finding just the right way to tell someone off, that we forget the words of forgiveness you have taught to us. We are so convinced we can figure out your schedule that we forget to open ourselves to the presence of your Spirit within us. Mighty source of our lives, forgive us for all that we have done to others. Fill us with the wisdom to resist evil

in our lives and strengthen us in that faith which is given to us through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. (*moment for silent prayer*). Amen.

*Words of Assurance

*Gloria Patri (#248, 3rd verse)

Christ is risen! Earth and heaven
nevermore shall be the same.

Break the bread of new creation
where the world is still in pain.

Tell its grim, demonic chorus:

“Christ is risen! Get you gone!”

God the First and Last is with us.
sing Hosanna everyone!

HEARING OF THE WORD

Anthem Dennis Jernigan

“You Are My Strength When I Am Weak”

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading – Acts 1:6-14

Peyton Valentino

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

Sermon “In The Meantime” Rev. David Bowman

*Affirmation of Faith

Noelle Buck

The Apostles’ Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; He descended into hell. On the third day He rose again; He ascended into heaven, He is seated at the right hand of the Father, and He will come 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.

*Hymn #726

KELVINGROVE

“Will You Come and Follow Me”

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

Nabila Elshabarasi

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.

Recognition of Teachers

Mark Thomas

Call for Offering

Claire Buck

Offertory "I Danced in The Morning" Peyton Valentino

*Doxology (#606)

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

*Hymn #705 "You Are Holy" YOU ARE HOLY

*Charge and Benediction

DEPART TO SERVE

*Those who are able may stand.

Welcome to everyone who is worshipping this morning. If you are visiting, we hope you will feel very welcome. Please stay for a time of fellowship and refreshments outside near the front doors to the sanctuary.

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Announcements

Christ's Ministers in the World: All members of the church

Interim Pastor: The Rev. David Bowman

Parish Associate: The Rev. James Klotz

Director of Music: Dr. Shelley Sanders Zuckerman

Director of Family Ministries: Starr Alleyne

Ushers: Amanda, Eric, Luke & Matthew Johansen

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The **Adult Forum** meets each Sunday at 9:00 a.m. via Zoom. The link to the meeting is sent in the Saturday announcements email.

The **Youth** meet each Sunday at 9:15 a.m. in the youth room on the second floor.

The **choir rehearses** at 9:30 a.m. in the sanctuary.

There will be a meeting following the worship service for families interested in the **fall confirmation class**.

Those people/places remembered in the prayers of the people last week are: Shirley, Neil, Celesta, Lorna, Steven, Shawn, Kim, Jessica, Cassandra, Karla & Aaron, Julie, Brooke, those impacted by violence and nature, travel mercies for Sandy & John, those seeking a better/safer place to live, Ann, Chip, Erin, Riley, Faith, Jill, Delores, Laura, Vince, Ebbie, Judy, Nona, Bob, Beth, Jack, Scott, Walt & Phyllis, Mylan, Arlene, Marilyn, Jim, Jac, Kim, Leila, Ben, Tania.

Next Sunday, May 28 is **Pentecost Sunday**. The liturgical color is red. (Hint for when you decide what to wear to church.)

Reminder: If anyone has any interesting 'Life Notes' to share in the congregational journal, remember it's always available in Fellowship Hall. And if you have filled your first Life Note journal and need another, please ask Sandy, Mark, or Starr.

Save the Dates:

June 17 -- Movie "Just Mercy" will be shown in fellowship hall at 2:00 p.m. Everyone is welcome.

Aug. 19 -- Summer Community Fair at the church