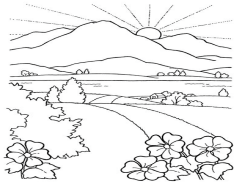


Second Sunday of Easter

April 16, 2023

Theme: "Believe"



"...Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe" John 20:24

GATHERING

Prelude: "I Know That My Redeemer Liveth" Handel

Greeting and Welcome to Worship

Call to Worship: Psalm 135:1-6

Leader: Praise the Lord. Praise the name of the Lord; Praise him, you servants of the Lord.

People: You who minister in the house of the Lord, in the courts of the house of our God.

Leader: Praise the Lord for the Lord is good; sing praise to his name, for that is pleasant.

People: For the Lord has chosen Jacob to be his own. Israel to be his treasured possession.

Leader: I know that the Lord is great, that our Lord is greater than all gods.

People: The Lord does whatever pleases him, in the heavens and on the earth, in the seas and all their depths. Your name, O Lord, endures forever.

*Hymn: #610 "O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing" (see download)
(First verse in Spanish, those who can, please join with the pastor)

***Prayer of the Day**

Risen Christ, whose absence leaves us paralyzed but whose presence is overwhelming; Breathe on us with your abundant life, that where we cannot see we may have courage to believe that we may be raised with you. To you belong honor and glory, forever and ever.

As Jesus taught his disciples to pray, we also pray saying: Our Father, which 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, the power, and the glory forever Amen.

Declaration and Assurance of Pardon

*Hymn: #581 "Glory be to the Father" (see download)

SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Leader: The Peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

(Offer the "wave of peace" to those around you or greet those you comfortably can)

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

Anthem: "They'll Know We Are Christians" Scholtes/Geschke
Bell Choir

*Hymn: "Because He Lives" (see insert) (see download)

Scripture: John 21:1-14 David Homsher

Sermon: "The Last Breakfast" Pastor Nering Huete

Interlude: Instrumental

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

Offering of Tithes and Gifts

Offering Prayer: Our hearts have been made to be willing to bring our tithes and offerings to you. O Lord, because you have given your best, even Jesus Christ our savior, to us. Now use these gifts, we pray, that we may be strengthened in our resolve to serve you and that others may be brought into the circle of faith, hope, and love. Amen

Sharing Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People

*Hymn: #835 “Just a Closer Walk with Thee” (see download)

*Benediction

Postlude “Low in the Grave” Lani Smith

The End of Worship
The Beginning of Service

*Those who are able, please stand

Rev. James Shuler, Interim Pastor
Mrs. Dianne Yuninger, Organist/Choir Director

Prayers of the Congregation

Prayer Person this week: Lucy W. Ames

**The Sanctuary Flowers are Loving Memory of my grandson, Bradley M. Norris
Given by Mary Ellen Rice**

This morning we welcome **Pastor Nering Huete** to the pulpit. He was born in Honduras and is an Honorably Retired Minister of the Presbyterian U.S.A. since 2017.

He came to the U.S. with his family to be a Pastor of a Lancaster Spanish Mennonite congregation in 1984. After 5 years, he received a call from the PA Council of Churches (with whom the Presbyterian Church was very active) to develop a Chaplaincy Ministry among the Spanish speaking Immigrants of Chester County. After eleven years, Pastor Huete was Parish associate of Memorial Presbyterian Church in Lancaster and Church Planter in Chester County. He was the Organizing and first pastor of LA IGLESIA PRESBITERIANA DE TOUGHKENAMON for seventeen years.

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