

Elderton Presbyterian Church
Third Sunday of Easter
April 15, 2018

ORDER OF WORSHIP

ACOLYTE – Kirsten Manarelli

GATHERING

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Choral Introit

*Call to Worship: (**responsively**)

O God, be gracious to me and hear my prayer.

Know that God has set us apart and hears us when we call.

O God, lift up the light of your countenance upon us.

O God, be gracious to us and hear our prayer.

*Prayer of Invocation

*Hymn No. 108

“Christ Is Alive!”

TRURO

*Unison Prayer of Confession:

We come into your presence with thanks, Creator God, for all that fills our lives with joy: the love of family and friends, the comfort of our homes, the challenge of work, and the delight of leisure. Forgive us that too often we have taken all these for granted, failing to see them as your gifts. In this time of worship stretch our understanding, that we may know our lives in the perspective of your sovereign authority. Teach us to live in the world with faithfulness to your intention for the world, and to be at home wherever your spirit leads us; through Jesus Christ your faithful witness.

*Silent Prayer of Confession

*Assurance of Forgiveness

*Gloria Patri – page 579

THE WORD

Anthem

“The Lamb Has Overcome”

CYMBALA/KIRKLAND

Joys, Concerns and God Sightings

Prayers of the People and the Lord’s Prayer

Children’s Sermon

*Hymn No. 324 “Open My Eyes That I May See”

OPEN MY EYES

First Scripture Reading:

Psalms 4

(pew Bible page 475 O.T.)

Second Scripture Reading: Luke 24:36-48 (pew Bible page 84 N.T.)

Sermon

What’s Next?

Rev. Sweeney

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD

*Affirmation of Faith

The Apostles’ Creed

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Presentation of Our Offerings

Offertory

*Doxology and Prayer

SENDING

*Hymn No. (see insert) “I know That My Redeemer Lives” DUKE STREET

*Benediction

*Congregational Response: “Because He Lives” (CCLI # 3058448)

Because He Lives I can face tomorrow.

Because He Lives all fear is gone.

Because I know He holds the future,

And life is worth the living just because He lives

*Postlude

(*) Congregation Standing

We ask that all visitors please fill out the Welcome card found in the pew racks and place in the offering plate. We also ask that our members use this card to request other needs.

A nursery is available for your convenience located in the Adult Sunday School Room. Nursery begins after the Children’s Sermon. **(for children 5 years old and younger)**

Thursday, April 19 – Session will meet with the **COM** at 7:00 p.m.

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS: All those mentioned in prayer

PRAYER CHAIN REQUEST CONTACT – Martha Dyott (724-801-8447)

GREETERS TODAY – Bob & Loretta Coleman

GREETERS NEXT WEEK – Mark & Regina Schrecengost

NURSERY TODAY – Laurie Pritt, Laney Johnston

NURSERY NEXT WEEK – Brenda Salley, Shelby Clowser