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Easter Sunday April 4, 2021 10:00 AM

The Reverend Adam C. Bowling - Pastor <u>Adam.Bowling@fupcdc.org</u> 828,448.8914

## WE ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

#### + GATHFRING SONG

## Glorious Day

Jason Ingram, Jonathan Smith, Kristian Stanfill, Sean Curran (CCLI#: 7081388)

#### Verse 1

I was buried beneath my shame Who could carry that kind of weight It was my tomb 'til I met You

#### Verse 2

I was breathing but not alive All my failures I tried to hide It was my tomb 'til I met You

#### Chorus

('Cause when) You called my name (and)
I ran out of that grave
Out of the darkness into Your glorious day
You called my name (and) I ran out of that grave
Out of the darkness into Your glorious day

#### Verse 3

Now Your mercy has saved my soul Now Your freedom is all that I know The old made new Jesus when I met You

## **Bridge**

I needed rescue my sin was heavy
But chains break at the weight of Your glory
I needed shelter I was an orphan
Now You call me a citizen of Heaven
When I was broken You were my healing
Now Your love is the air that I'm breathing
I have a future my eyes are open

#### WELCOME

+ CALL TO WORSHIP (based on 1 Peter 1:3-5)

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Praise the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

He has given us new life and hope.

He has raised Jesus from the dead.

God has claimed us as his own.

He has brought us out of darkness.

He has made us light to the world.

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

## + OPENING HYMN

Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

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

2 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!

3 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!

4 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 THE DAY

Elizabeth Glyer

O God of all our days, we come this morning with eager anticipation. We seek to know you, to see you, to touch you. Open our hearts, that we might experience you anew. Open our lives, that we may be faithful witnesses to your resurrection. May we, with shouts of joy, proclaim your steadfast, liberating love to all people, everywhere.

Amen.

## CALL TO CONFESSION

Elizabeth Glyer

Even the obstacle of death has been removed between us and God. If death no longer stands in our way, we can be sure that our sin does not either. Let us confess our sins that they may be washed away by the mercy of our risen Lord. Praying together. . .

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Elizabeth Glyer

Loving God, we confess that at times we do not share in the joy of the resurrection but are caught in the worries of the world. We confess that we do not always live in the spirit of new life but remain discontent, grumbling and anxious. Forgive us for not sharing in the Good News. Forgive us when we find it more comfortable to worry and complain than to risk the joy and encouragement of new life in Christ. Call us back to your ways, O God, to seek hope and reconciliation, restoration, and peace. Hear us now, as we continue to confess in the silence of our hearts. . .

(A time of silent confession)

#### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Darkness is gone!

Light floods into our souls! Christ is Risen!

His love and mercy are poured out for you.

Rejoice! You have been saved through the gift of Jesus Christ.

Thanks be to God!

Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me, and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me, and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

## + PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

## WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

TIME FOR CHILDREN

Rev. Adam C. Bowling

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Debra Bowles-Wilson

GOSPEL LESSON

John 20:1-18 NRSV

Debra Bowles-Wilson

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. <sup>2</sup> So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him." <sup>3</sup> Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. <sup>4</sup> The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. <sup>5</sup> He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. <sup>6</sup> Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, <sup>7</sup> and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. <sup>8</sup> Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; <sup>9</sup> for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. <sup>10</sup> Then the disciples returned to their homes.

<sup>11</sup> But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; <sup>12</sup> and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. <sup>13</sup> They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him." <sup>14</sup> When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. <sup>15</sup> Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?" Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him

away." 16 Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to him in Hebrew, "Rabbouni!" (which means Teacher). 17 Jesus said to her, "Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'" 18 Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord"; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

**ANTHEM** Resurrection Joy

The FUPCDC Choir

Justin Streletz, Pianist

MESSAGE Named and Claimed Rev. Adam C. Bowling

## INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

If you would like to speak with someone about becoming a Christian, about church membership, or about a special prayer need, please email Pastor Adam, Adam.Bowling@fupcdc.org.

## WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

+ HYMN OF RESPONSE

The Day of Resurrection!

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Mary MacDonald, Rose Aspinall

1 The day of resurrection! Earth, tell it out abroad, the Passover of gladness, the Passover of God. From death to life eternal, from sin's dominion free, our Christ has brought us over with hymns of victory.

2 Let hearts be purged of 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.

3 Now let the heavens be joyful; let earth its song begin; the round world keep high triumph and all that is therein.

Let all things seen and unseen their notes of gladness blend, for Christ the Lord has risen, our joy that has no end.

## SERVICE OF GIVING

Music at the Offering The New Kingdom Overture with Rejoice

Mary MacDonald, Rose Aspinall

The FUPCDC Choir Justin Streletz, Pianist

## + PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Ryan S.

Living God, you give us the greatest gift of all, the gift of new life. Grateful for this gift, we bring our offerings, the work of our hands. Use our gifts to share your word of hope, your promise of forgiveness, and your blessings with all creation. Grateful for your love, we offer ourselves, that we might walk with our neighbors into your garden of love.

Amen.

#### THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

## INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

## GREAT PRAYER OF 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 our thanks and praise. . .

## THE LORD'S PRAYER (Sung) Dana Van Slyke, Soloist

Albert Hay Malotte

. . . 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 sins, as we forgive those who sin 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. Amen.

## COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

Music during Communion The Trumpets Sound, The Angels Sing

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 The trumpets sound; the angels sing; the feast is ready to begin.
 The gates of heaven are open wide, and Jesus welcomes you inside.

#### Refrain:

Sing with thankfulness songs of pure delight.
Come and revel in heaven's love and light.
Take your place at the table of the King.
The feast is ready to begin; the feast is ready to begin.

2 Tables are laden with good things; O taste the peace and joy he brings. He'll fill you up with love divine; he'll turn your water into wine. (Refrain)

3 The hungry heart he satisfies, offers the poor his paradise. Now hear all heaven and earth applaud the amazing goodness of the Lord. (Refrain)

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Lord God, in deep gratitude for this moment, this meal, these people, we give ourselves to you. Take us out to live as changed people because we have shared the living bread and cannot remain the same. Ask much of us, expect much from us, enable much by us, encourage many through us. So, Lord, may we live to your glory, both as inhabitants of earth and citizens of the commonwealth of heaven. Amen.

## WE GO IN GOD'S NAME

## + CLOSING SONG

## Reckless Love

Caleb Culver, Cory Asbury, Ran Jackson (CCLI#: 7089641)

#### Verse 1

Before I spoke a word You were singing over me You have been so so good to me Before I took a breath You breathed Your life in me You have been so so kind to me

#### Chorus

(And) O the overwhelming never-ending reckless

Love of God
O it chases me down fights 'til I'm found

Leaves the ninety-nine
I couldn't earn it I don't deserve it

Still You give Yourself away
O the overwhelming never-ending reckless

Love of God yeah

#### Verse 2

When I was Your foe still Your love fought for me You have been so so good to me When I felt no worth You paid it all for me You have been so so kind to me

## **Bridge**

There's no shadow You won't light up
Mountain You won't climb up
Coming after me
There's no wall You won't kick down
Lie You won't tear down
Coming after me

#### + CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

May God's blessing of new life be yours. May God's gift of peace fill your hearts. May God's promise of forgiveness give you hope. May you go forth to tell the good news:

Christ is risen!
Alleluia!
The tomb is empty.
Alleluia!
Go with joy to meet the risen Christ.
Alleluia! Amen!

## + POSTLUDE

Christ the Lord is Risen Today

EASTER HYMN, Arr. Sharon Elery Rogers

Justin Streletz, Pianist

+ Please stand, in body or in spirit.

The Session has called a Congregational Meeting for Sunday, April 18<sup>th</sup>, at the one worship online service at 10 AM. The purpose of the meeting is to elect Deacons for First United Presbyterian Church of Dale City, VA.

## **Worship Notes**

- \* WELCOME! Whether you are new in the area, a resident of the community, or visiting the FUPCDC website, we are delighted you joined us in worship online. Please fill out the online attendance and please let us know if you have any prayer concerns or needs. To find out more about this church, please email the Church Office at <a href="mailto:office@fupcdc.org">office@fupcdc.org</a> or call at 703-670-7834.
- \* FLOWERS are given by Jim and Rita Clager to the Glory of Our Merciful Lord!

## Connect with Us

- \* WE ARE ON FACEBOOK: If you use Facebook, become a Facebook friend, and become a fan of First United Presbyterian. Make friends with others from the church.
- \* WE ARE ON INSTAGRAM: Find us on Instagram @fupcdc.
- \* **FUPCDC WEBSITE:** For detailed news and information, visit the church website at <a href="https://fupcdc.org">https://fupcdc.org</a>.
- \* FUPCDC YOUTUBE CHANNEL: To view worship services and videos, visit the FUPCDC Youtube channel, https://www.youtube.com/c/FUPCDC. You can also find our channel by searching for "FUPCDC Video".
- \* TEXT ALERTS: Remind is a free text messaging service that will help our church communicate quickly and efficiently. On your cell phone, start a new message to 81010. In the message, type @fupcdc and send. You can unsubscribe at any time.

## Ministry in Action

- SPRING CLEAN UP: Spring is here and everything outside is blooming! It's a beautiful time of the year. The outside worship services are starting soon and we need your help getting the outside of the church ready. The Spring cleanup is on April 17<sup>th</sup>, starting at 9 AM and we need your help. There are trees to be trimmed, flower beds to clean. The courtyard area needs work and the play area too. If you are able to come up for a couple hours, we can get a lot of work done as a group. If you have tools, great, bring them! If not, that's fine too we'll have things to use. Please remember to wear your mask(s), keep social distance and do not attend if you have been exposed or have symptoms. The Rain date is April 24<sup>th</sup>.
- SAFETY AND SECURITY: The session has approved (with recommendation from the Safety and Security Committee) that the church will remain closed for all indoor activities until June 12, 2021. The committee remains committed to evaluate all information, statistics and CDC recommendations on a monthly basis. In addition, the committee approved outdoor service gatherings over the next 3 months, please watch for that information. Session has also formed a church reopening task force to identify those items we will need to do in order to reopen the facility. Please keep all of this in your prayers and if you have any questions, please contact me: Jon Guest 703-586-7718 or jon.guest@fupcdc.org.
- FRIENDS ARE FLOWERS IN THE GARDEN OF LIFE!: The gardens surrounding our church at FUPCDC are looking for some new friends to love them! A few of the areas only require periodic weeding and other areas are visible so others can enjoy the beauty of God's creation! Could you use some great fresh air and exercise? Please contact me at: gretchenasnyder@aol.com!
- LITTLE HANDS PRESCHOOL FUNDRAISER: Mark your calendars for Monday, April 12<sup>th</sup>, from 10:30 AM to 10:00 PM for a fundraiser at MOD Pizza,13800 Smoketown Road, Woodbridge, 571-260-0066, modpizza.com, to benefit Little Hands Preschool. Orders can be placed online for Take Out, Delivery, or Pick Up. 20% of the price of your order will be donated to the preschool. Thank You! Please use Promo Code: GR183213L. More information is on page 19 of the bulletin.
- \* DISCOVER FIRST UNITED PROGRAM: Prospective members and friends of the church are invited to join us via Zoom at 7 PM on Sunday, April 11<sup>th</sup>. This event is designed to introduce you and your family to the church and is open to anyone interested in learning more about our worshiping community. Register by calling the church office at 703-670-7834,or emailing Pastor Adam at <a href="mailto:adam.bowling@fupcdc.org">adam.bowling@fupcdc.org</a>.
- \* ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING: The day is here! If you would like to join other Presbyterians in sharing God's love with our neighbors-in-need around the world, you can give to the One Great Hour of Sharing Offering by mailing your check to the church. Please indicate "One Great Hour of Sharing" in the memo line. If you would like to give online, please go to <a href="https://fupcdc.org/give-online">https://fupcdc.org/give-online</a> and click on Give Now, then Designated Giving (in the note field please indicate "One Great Hour of Sharing"). Thank you! "You shall be called repairers of the breach." Isaiah 58:12

- \* OUTDOOR LAWN/PARKING LOT WORSHIP: We look forward to Outdoor Lawn/Parking Lot Worship for the following Sundays (weather dependent). We will still live stream worship these Sundays for those unable to join us on the lawn or from their vehicles.
  - Sunday, April 25th 10 AM
  - Sunday, May 9<sup>th</sup> 10 AM (Mother's Day)
  - Sunday, May 23<sup>rd</sup> 10 AM (Pentecost)
  - Sunday, June 6<sup>th</sup> 10 AM (Installation and Ordination of Church Officers)
- \* THESE DAYS: "These Days" (Daily Devotions for Living by Faith) April/May/June 2021 are here! Please contact the Church Office at <a href="mailto:office@fupcdc.org">office@fupcdc.org</a> or 703-670-7834, to receive your book.
- \* NEW BIBLE BUDDIES STUDY: ANNA MARY LYDIA DORCUS MARY MARTHA MARY MAGDALENE ELIZABETH: Can we connect with any of these brave, complex, ancient sisters in the faith? Can their stories of dedication remind us of our Christian Call? You are invited to join the Ladies' Bible Study to learn more about their stories: From Daughters to Disciples: Women's Stories From the New Testament by Lynn Japinga. This new Bible study begins on Monday, April 12, 2021 at 7:00 PM via Zoom. For more information, please contact Betty Matthews through the church office, office@fupcdc.org or 703-670-7834.
- ROMANS STUDY: Join us April 11<sup>th</sup> through June 6<sup>th</sup> for a 9-week study on the book of Romans. With a scholar's mind and a pastor's heart, N.T. Wright (and FUPCDC leader Curtis Hoagland) will walk you through Romans with this guide designed especially with everyday folks in mind. Perfect for group use, this study uses the popular inductive method combined with Wright's thoughtful insights to bring contemporary application of Scripture to life. This course is designed to help you understand Scripture in fresh ways under the guidance of one of the world's leading New Testament scholars. Thoughtful questions, prayer suggestions, and useful background and cultural information will guide our group more deeply into God's Word. We will look at the early church of Rome and some of their struggles, and how they compare to our world today. Discover how you can participate more fully in God's kingdom. We hope you can join us each Sunday from 8:30 AM 9:30 AM on Zoom. Class Link; http://www.fupcdc.org/class
- NEW FLOWER SIGN UP: Thank you for responding so positively to the new way of signing up to donate flowers using the Sign Up Genius. There are only two dates open for this year, August 29th and December 12th. If you have already signed up, please send the \$40.00 payment via a check to the church office made out to FUPCDC. Please write flowers and the Sunday you signed up for in the memo section. In addition, after the service the flowers are typically given to a congregational member who is in need of feeling some love from the congregation. If you wish to keep the flowers instead, just indicate this in the comment section or email me. If you have any trouble signing up, please email me at <a href="mailto:gailzcobb@gmail.com">gailzcobb@gmail.com</a> and I will be happy to help you!
- PASTOR'S WEDNESDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY: Pastor Adam's Bible Study on Wednesday at 7:00 PM, via Zoom, is continuing the study of the Gospel of Matthew. All are welcome. This Bible study will resume on Wednesday, April 14<sup>th</sup>. If you would like to join this study, please contact Pastor Adam at adam.bowling@fupcdc.org.

- \* CHILDREN'S EDUCATION: Every Sunday, 8:45 9:30 AM, we join King's Grant Presbyterian Church in Virginia Beach, VA, via Zoom, for children in 2<sup>nd</sup> grade to 6<sup>th</sup> grade. If you would like your child to participate, please contact Pastor Adam at <u>adam.bowling@fupcdc.org</u>. There will be no meeting TODAY, Easter Sunday, April 4<sup>th</sup>.
- \* HORIZONS BIBLE STUDY: "Into the Light: Finding Hope through Prayers of Lament" is the title of the 2020 2021 women's Bible study. We will meet via Zoom on the second Monday of each month, at 9:30 AM. This is a study on the hope we can find in the scriptures. Contact Sara Porter, saraporter@comcast.net, or 703-670-8737 for more information.
- \* FUPCDC CONTEMPLATIVE YOGA CLASS VIA ZOOM: Join us for a time to prayerfully release your cares and recharge physically, spiritually, and emotionally. The Contemplative Yoga group has a spot just for you on Saturdays from 8:30-9:10 AM on Zoom. Classes are always free, just click this link to sign up: CLICK HERE TO VIEW THE SIGNUP.
- \* SPREAD THE WARMTH: Are you looking for a worthwhile project to do while staying at home? Do you knit or crochet? If so, we have the perfect project for you. Our group makes hats and scarves for our friends in the community who are in need of something warm to wear during the winter. We also make hats for those suffering from cancer. If you would like to help or to find out more information about our group, please contact Elizabeth Glyer at lizglyer@gmail.com.
- \* MEN'S GROUP: In lieu of our monthly Men's Breakfast, we now have several small groups of men that meet weekly for 30 minutes for devotion and prayer time. This is a phone-in conference call. We have slots available on Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday. Please contact Sam Parris for your slot: 703-946-7266 or email at <a href="mailto:samparris@aol.com">samparris@aol.com</a>.
- \* SPREAD THE BREAD: Spread the Bread is our ministry for people experiencing homelessness. We currently provide a meal each Sunday at 12:20 PM for around 50 people in Prince William County. Volunteer opportunities include making sandwiches, donating drinks and chips, prayer, and more! If you would like to help in any way, please email Jon Guest, <a href="mailto:jon.a.guest@gmail.com">jon.a.guest@gmail.com</a>.
- \* SPREAD THE LOVE: We need volunteers to write cards/notes to those in quarantine or to folks who are experiencing isolation due to COVID-19. Other volunteer opportunities include making phone calls to check in with people who may need socialization. If you would like to volunteer for Spread the Love or suggest people to receive cards or calls, please email Sam Parris, <a href="mailto:samiparris@aol.com">samiparris@aol.com</a>.
- \* EMAIL PRAYER CHAIN: We need volunteers to receive one to two emails a week with prayer requests...and pray! If you would like to volunteer to pray, please contact the Church Office, office@fupcdc.org.

## Student Ministry News

\* TEXT MESSAGES: Sign up for Text Messages: Text @youthfupc to 81010.

## Joys and Concerns

## All those who are ill or facing difficulties, including:

| Ť  | Fred Evans         | *   | Ann Hoagland          | *    | Emmanuel Dankyi-Ankoma         | * | Jeannine Menzie  |
|----|--------------------|-----|-----------------------|------|--------------------------------|---|------------------|
| Ť  | Maureen            | *   | Tim Elliott           | *    | Lee and Giselle Watenpaugh     | * | Larry Menzie     |
| Ť  | Sandy Stamps       | *   | Graceann Case         | *    | Grace Ofosu-Addo               | * | Norman Cox       |
| *  | Dale Clements      | *   | Marti Glyer           | *    | Baby Louisa Wostenholme        | * | Lynn Wilson      |
| *  | Faison Family      | *   | Amanda Peck           | *    | Savannah Simmerman             | * | Leigh Anderson   |
| *  | Tanya              | *   | Mary Jackson          | *    | Jim and Jerolyn Randles        | * | Linda Ford       |
| *  | Andrea Tootell     | *   | Mildred Shenk         | *    | Sam Parris' Dad                | * | Nate Johnson     |
| *  | David Behrens      | *   | Debbie Niederriter    | *    | Bill and Laura Parris          | * | Sandy Godfrey    |
| *  | Melissa Behrens    | *   | Chuck Niederriter     | *    | Jason, Adriana, Mikhail Corbin | * | Phil Albrecht    |
| *  | Sue                | *   | Barb McGill           | *    | Hunter and Annette Martin      | * | Gary Albrecht    |
| *  | Waddell            | *   | Dan McGill            | *    | Marjorie Lawrence              | * | Mike Gundel      |
| *  | Mini Moyer         | *   | Amanda                | *    | Dineen                         | * | Jeanette Gregory |
| *  | James Hicks        | *   | Marla DuBois          |      |                                |   |                  |
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- Prayers for Andrea Kent Porter and her family on the death of her father.
- \* Please lift Charles Crawford, his 4-year old daughter, Ellie, and his family up in prayer. His wife, Stephanie passed on March 20, 2021. Charles is currently an Army musician serving in Kaiserslautern, Germany. Charles rang with our youth bell choir, Celebration. Some of you will remember him and his family, who were long time members and very active in the church.
- \* Please keep Shari Crosby, daughter Lauren, and their family in your prayers as they mourn the passing of husband, father, and grandfather, Ken Crosby, who was involved in a fatal car accident.

## Celebrations of joy with thanksgiving to God:

- "Gundel Family lifts up our church family for all of the support and prayers we received and continue to receive during Michael's procedures. Your prayers are working! Thank you!" Mike, Karen, and Dylan Gundel
- "I'm so very grateful for everyone's support and prayers throughout this challenge. Thank you for your prayers." S. Ryan
- "I want to give my heart-felt thanks to Dana and the Chancel Choir for the beautiful music on Palm Sunday. Words cannot express how much I have missed hearing and seeing you in church. When we are back to normal (what is that?) With Gods help one day we will all be together again. Thanks to all who strive to put together the Sunday service." Blessings, Jean Peterman

## All those serving abroad in our military, including from our church:

- **†** Kelsey Gibson
- <sup>1</sup> 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. Sam Presley, just deployed to Middle East Mike and Ruth Washburg's nephew

## The churches of National Capital Presbytery, especially:

- The Rock Presbyterian Church Bethesda, MD
- Rockville Presbyterian Church Rockville, MD

## Calendar April 4 - 11, 2021

## SUNDAY, April 4 Easter Sunday

NO Children's Education via Zoom

10:00 AM Worship - Communion - Online Live Stream

## MONDAY, April 5

#### **Church Office Closed**

10:00 AM Personnel Committee via Zoom

10:30 AM Holy Fitness via Zoom

8:30 PM Production Meeting via Google Meet

## TUESDAY, April 6

6:00 PM Mission and Outreach Committee via Zoom
7:00 PM Adult Christian Education Committee via Zoom

#### WEDNESDAY, April 7

10:30 AM Holy Fitness via Zoom

## THURSDAY, April 8

7:00 PM LHP Advisory Board Meeting via Zoom

## FRIDAY, April 9

10:30 AM Holy Fitness via Zoom

## SATURDAY, April 10

8:30 AM Contemplative Yoga via Zoom

## SUNDAY, April 11

8:30 AM Romans Study via Zoom

8:45 AM Children's Education via Zoom

10:00 AM Worship - one service - Online Live Stream
 1:15 PM Building and Grounds Committee via Zoom
 7:00 PM Discover First United Program via Zoom

## DEACONS: THE MINISTRY OF COMPASSION AND SERVICE

The ministry of deacon as set forth in Scripture is one of compassion, witness, and service, sharing in the redeeming love of Jesus Christ for the poor, the hungry, the sick, the lost, the friendless, the oppressed, those burdened by unjust policies or structures, or anyone in distress. Persons of spiritual character, honest repute, exemplary lives, brotherly and sisterly love, sincere compassion, and sound judgment should be chosen for this ministry.<sup>1</sup>

## 2021 BOARD OF DEACONS

| Class of 2021   | Class of 2022    | Class of 2023      |
|-----------------|------------------|--------------------|
| Agnes Fokwa     | Debbie Cornelius | Bob Albrecht       |
| Deborah Folly   | Liz Goolgasian   | Sandy Chamberlin   |
| Lisa C. Fortner | Charlotte Stultz | Claudia Cunningham |
| Kathy McNeely   |                  | Pam Emert          |
| Carol Schwalm   |                  | Ellen Nuernberger  |
| Celine Sonkwa   |                  | Tracy Stevens      |
|                 |                  |                    |

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## RULING ELDERS: THE MINISTRY OF DISCERNMENT AND GOVERNANCE

As there were in Old Testament times elders for the government of the people, so the New Testament church provided persons with particular gifts to share in discernment of God's Spirit and governance of God's people. Accordingly, congregations should elect persons of wisdom and maturity of faith, having demonstrated skills in leadership and being compassionate in spirit. Ruling elders are so named not because they "lord it over" the congregation (Matt. 20:25), but because they are chosen by the congregation to discern and measure its fidelity to the Word of God, and to strengthen and nurture its faith and life. Ruling elders, together with teaching elders, exercise leadership, government, spiritual discernment, and discipline and have responsibilities for the life of a congregation as well as the whole church, including ecumenical relationships. When elected by the congregation, they shall serve faithfully as members of the session. When elected as commissioners to higher councils, ruling elders participate and vote with the same authority as teaching elders, and they are eligible for any office.<sup>2</sup>

See current ruling elders of FUPCDC on page 19 of bulletin.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The Constitution of the Presbyterian Church (USA), Part II, Book of Order: 2013/2015, 2013. Published by The Office of the General Assembly, 100 Witherspoon Street, Louisville, KY 40202, p. 26.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> ibid., p. 60

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