

8:30 am Worship Ministry (Traditional, Sanctuary)

Welcome Desk Greeter: Deacon Susan Horn

Greeters: Elder Joyce Peacock; Trustee Mike Ramage; Stephen Minister Jim Cole

Ushers: Donald Patrick, Peter Honeyford, Bill Conner, Rick Dougherty, Jim Wiggans, Michael Welch

Sound Technician: Harris Ransom

Pulpit Flower Arrangers: Gretchen Birdsall, Sigrid Wares and Carol Benner

Delivery Arranger: Martha Derry

Flower Deliverers: Sarah Armstrong and Jane Kenney

11:00 am Worship Ministry (Contemporary, Miller Commons)

Worship Leader: Martin Bass

Greeters: Elder Stephanie Mann; Deacon Mike Hock

Flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Betsy Smith by Steve Smith.

Welcome, Rev. Stuart Strachan! Stuart Strachan, Jr. is an ordained Presbyterian Minister. His primary passion is equipping the saints for the ministry of the Church. He loves preaching, teaching, and helping churches cast vision for what it means to follow Jesus in the 21st century. He has served churches in a variety of capacities in California, Colorado, Pennsylvania, and Washington. Rev. Strachan served as a Seminary Intern in 2008. Stuart is married to Colleen and is the father of Jack and Emma. In his free time, Stu enjoys golf, reading a good book, and watching baseball.

Nursery Care is available in the Preschool area for those with young children (birth-age 4). The David Room (back of the Sanctuary) is available for parents with infants/toddlers. The worship service can be viewed via TV monitor.

Members and Guests: Please take a moment to sign the Friendship pads in the pews so we can accurately record worship attendance and welcome visitors.



Kids (K-3rd grade): Don't forget to pick up your **worship bags** and check for your worship mission.

Prayer Opportunity: An Elder will be available in the Prayer Room after this service for private prayer.

Next Sunday, May 5: Sermon title: "*Fear Not!*"; Scripture: Matthew 28:1-10.

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Please Join Us for Worship

8:30 am Traditional (*Sanctuary*)

11:00 am Contemporary (*Miller Commons*)

GATHERING THOUGHT

THE FPCM WAY OF THE WEEK

15. GIVE CHEERFULLY. Rejoice, you get to give!^a Think of giving as a privilege rather than an obligation, a joy instead of a burden. As you consider all that's been entrusted to you—time, abilities, and money—ask, "How is God calling me to share what I've been given?"^b

^a "You must each decide in your heart how much to give. And don't give reluctantly or in response to pressure. For God loves a person who gives cheerfully." (II Corinthians 9:7)

^b "Give and you will receive. Your gift will return to you in full—pressed down, shaken together to make room for more, running over, and poured into your lap. The amount you give will determine the amount you get back." (Luke 6:38)

Sunday, April 28, 2019

Second Sunday of Easter

ORDER OF WORSHIP

8:30 am Sanctuary

WELCOME AND WORK OF GOD’S PEOPLE

Chris Palmer

Acolyte: Alivia Nawrocki

Beadle: Elder Steve Shaffer

MUSIC IN PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

O Filii et Fillae

Kathy Gunsallus
Peeters

CALL TO WORSHIP*

Elder Shaffer

Alleluia! Christ the Lord is risen.

He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

We know that since Christ was raised from the dead, He cannot die again; death no longer has mastery over Him.

The death He died, He died to sin once and for all; but the life He lives, He lives to God.

Let us then rejoice with all of heaven and earth. Exult, all creation, around God’s throne!

Jesus Christ, our King, is risen! Shout songs of salvation!

Rejoice! Sing, choirs of angels! Jesus Christ, our King, is risen! Let us worship God.

HYMN NO. 517*

The Solid Rock

PRAYER OF ADORATION*

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH* (The Apostles’ Creed)

CALL TO CONFESSION

Rev. Stuart Spencer

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God, In raising Jesus from the grave, You shattered the power of sin and death. We confess that we remain captive to fear, doubt, and dread. We are bound by ways that lead to death and misery. Forgive us, God of mercy. Help us to trust Your power to change our lives and make us new that we may know the joy of the life abundant given in Jesus Christ, the risen Lord. Amen.

Silence for personal prayer

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Hear now the words of Jesus for all who are truly sorry and who seek to renew their lives: Your sins and mine are forgiven. Jesus says, “Go in peace and follow me.”

Lead us now, O God, to acknowledge Your costly generosity by living as forgiven people

until heaven and earth rejoice and the whole earth cries “Glory!” Amen.

RESPONSE NO. 805*

Glory Be to the Father

COMMISSIONING OF STEPHEN MINISTERS

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION AND THE LORD’S PRAYER (*‘debts’*)

Caitlyn Posey

OFFERTORY

The Holy City
Bruce Melson, Baritone

Adams
Kathy Gunsallus, Piano

PRAYER OF DEDICATION*

Rev. Spencer

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Matthew 13:1-13; Romans 8:28-38

SERMON

Sowing a Seed of Hope Through Story

Rev. Stuart Strachan

HYMN NO. 369*

Lord of All Hopefulness

WAY OF THE WEEK

Gil Warren

MUSIC IN PREPARATION FOR SERVICE

Christ ist Erstanden

Kathy Gunsallus
H. Bach

BENEDICTION*

Rev. Strachan

GREETING*

The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

As a sign of their forgiveness in Christ, the people share the peace of Christ, greeting one another with these or similar words: “The peace of Christ be with you”, “Peace be with you”, or simply “Peace”.

*Those who are able are invited to stand

***Seating interlude