

Prelude "To God Be the Glory" arr Mary Ellen Kerrick

Welcome and Announcements Reverend H. Neely Gaston, D.D.

Call to Worship (using *The Shorter Catechism*, question 105)

What do we pray for in the fifth petition of the Lord's prayer?

In the fifth petition, which is, "And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors," we pray that God, for Christ's sake, would freely pardon all our sins; which we are encouraged to ask, because by his grace we are enabled from the heart of God to forgive others.

As a forgiven and forgiving church, let us worship our forgiving God.

*Hymn 55 "To God Be the Glory" TO GOD BE THE GLORY

*Invocation and The Lord's Prayer

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.

Bible Song 275 "From the Depths" Unknown

Psalter Reading Psalm 130 (*Trinity Hymnal* page 833)

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ His only Son, our Lord Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary; suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; and the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic* Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

*universal or world-wide

Gloria Patri "Glory Be to the Father" [TH 734] MEINEKE

Children's Sermon

Silent Prayer "Hear Our Prayer, O Lord" WHELPTON

Prayer

Offertory "Offertory" Kaspar Ett

*Doxology "Praise God from Whom All Blessing Flow" [TH 731] OLD HUNDREDTH

Prayer

Scripture Matthew 18:21-35

²¹ Then Peter came to Jesus and asked, "Lord, how many times shall I forgive my brother or sister who sins against me? Up to seven times?" ²² Jesus answered, "I tell you, not seven times, but seventy-seven times. ²³ "Therefore, the kingdom of heaven is like a king who wanted to settle accounts with his servants. ²⁴ As he began the settlement, a man who owed him ten thousand bags of gold^[a] was brought to him. ²⁵ Since he was not able to pay, the master ordered that he and his wife and his children and all that he had be sold to repay the debt. ²⁶ "At this the servant fell on his knees before him. 'Be patient with me,' he begged, 'and I will pay back everything.' ²⁷ The servant's master took pity on him, canceled the debt and let him go. ²⁸ "But when that servant went out, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred silver coins.^[b] He grabbed him and began to choke him. 'Pay back what you owe me!' he demanded. ²⁹ "His fellow servant fell to his knees and begged him, 'Be patient with me, and I will pay it back.' ³⁰ "But he refused. Instead, he went off and had the man thrown into prison until he could pay the debt. ³¹ When the other servants saw what had happened, they were outraged and went and told their master everything that had happened. ³² "Then the master called the servant in. 'You wicked servant,' he said, 'I canceled all that debt of yours because you begged me to. ³³ Shouldn't you have had mercy on your fellow servant just as I had on you?' ³⁴ In anger his master handed him over to the jailers to be tortured, until he should pay back all he owed. ³⁵ "This is how my heavenly Father will treat each of you unless you forgive your brother or sister from your heart."

Sermon "Forgiveness and the Law of Love"

Prayer

*Hymn 494 "Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive" (st. 1, 4) DOVE OF PEACE
(Elders assisting with Communion will come forward.)

Communion
 Invitation to the Table
 Words of Institution
 Distribution of the Elements
 Partaking of the Elements

*Hymn 359 “Blest Be the Tie That Binds” (st. 1) DENNIS

*Closing Prayer

*Benediction

*Postlude “Prelude in E minor” J. S. Bach

Announcements for April 3, 2022

Next Sunday is Palm Sunday. All adults and children who are able and desire to do so may gather in the room beside the choir room at 10:45am to receive palms and process in with the choir.

There will be an Easter Egg Hunt for the children following our service next Sunday. Please let Katherine Dodson know if there will be any additional children participating.

The ARP Church is collecting an Easter Offering to support some of the ministries of our denomination. The Easter Season Special Offering is for the benefit of: ARP Foundation/Stewardship Ministries, Bonclarken Conference Center, Erskine College, and World Witness. Please consider giving to these special causes through the month of April.

We are planning to partner with Dean Locke at Edgemoor ARP Church to provide a copy The Graduate Survival Guide by bestselling author Anthony O’Neal to each graduate in Chester County. Our goal is to purchase 350 books at \$10 each. Our Women’s Ministry is planning to provide ten books. If you are willing to help, please make your check out to Nancy Bailey and on the memo line write senior book.

Special Offering:
 In Memory of Tyson Melton on his birthday by Lucy Melton

Upcoming Events

Wednesday, April 6, 2022
 6:00 p.m. - Fellowship Meal, Bible Study, Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, April 7, 2022
 6:00-8:00 p.m. – Girl Scouts meet in Fellowship Hall

Sunday, April 10, 2022 Palm Sunday (Egg Hunt)
 10:00 a.m. - Adult Bible Study
 11:00 a.m.- Worship
 Easter Egg Hunt
 No Deacon’s meeting

Wednesday April 13, 2022
 No meal or Bible Study, Choir Rehearsal 6:30 p.m. (Edgemoor)

Thursday, April 14, 2022
 No Scouts

Thursday, April 14, 2022 Maundy Thursday Service at 7:00 p.m. at Edgemoor

Friday, April 15, 2022 Good Friday Service 7:00 p.m. at Union

Sunday, April 17, 2022 Easter Sunday
 7:00 a.m. – Sunrise Worship Service
 Breakfast in Fellowship Hall
 No Sunday School
 11:00 a.m. Worship at Edgemoor

April Birthdays & Anniversaries

April 3 – Sally Rishebarger	April 13 – T. & Sherry Melton
April 6 – Connie Agee	April 16 – Jerry & Carolyn Locke
April 8 – Silas Dimou	April 28 – Debbie Bennett
	April 30 – Joe & Ann Simpson