

CARROLLTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

3rd Sunday of Easter

April 18, 2021 - 11:00 A.M.



PREPARING TO WORSHIP GOD

CENTERING MOMENT

...it is not dutiful observance that keeps us from sin, but something far greater: it is love. And this love is not something which we develop by our own powers alone. It is a sublime gift of the divine mercy, and the fact that we live in the realization of this mercy and this gift is the greatest source of growth for our love and for our holiness. - Thomas Merton

MUSICAL MEDITATION

GATHERING AROUND GOD'S WORD

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Michael Moore

PRELUDE

This Is My Song

Jean Sibelius

CALL TO WORSHIP

Pat Sheffield

We are witnesses,
to the love God has poured into us.
We are witnesses of God's love,
sharing it with each person we meet.
We are witnesses to everyone we encounter,
little children like us, sisters and brothers in God's family.

HYMN

Precious Lord, Take My Hand

834

Brianna Cunningham, Devon Hill, and Shawn Morris, songleaders

Precious Lord, take my hand; lead me on, help me stand;
I am tired, I am weak, I am worn.
Through the storm, through the night, lead me on to the light;
Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

When my way grows drear, Lord, linger near;
when my life is almost gone, hear my cry,
hear my cry, hear my call, hold my hand lest I fall;
take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

CALL TO CONFESSION

Pat Sheffield

We know how easy it is to trick ourselves into believing that every thought is pure, every act is just, every choice is correct. But if we want to be God's children, to grow in hope, to walk in the Light, we must admit our mistakes, so we may open ourselves to the healing mercy of God's love. Join me, please, as we pray together, saying,

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Pat Sheffield

Emptier of tombs, we find ourselves running down the street after lies, rather than walking with you. We find it easy to love other people, as long as they don't annoy or bother us. We hunger for love and search for affirmation, yet find it difficult to let others love us for who we are. Forgive us, Compassionate Heart. You listen to the whispers of our hearts, and then sing of the promises of hope. You grace us with peace, so our hearts can rest in you. You continue to transform us into Easter people, brothers and sisters of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. -- *Silence is kept*. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE

Not everything has been revealed to us, but this we do know: as God's children, we are blessed, we are loved, we are forgiven. Our lives have been transformed by the abundant mercy given to us in Christ Jesus our Lord. Thanks be to God! Amen.

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 4

Rev. Michael Moore

This is the Word of the Lord!
Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM

The Work of Christmas Dan Forrest
Mike Handyside, bass

When the song of the angels is stilled,
When the star in the sky is gone,
When the kings and princes are home,
When the shepherds are back with their flock,
The work of Christmas begins:

To find the lost,
To heal the broken,
To feed the hungry,
To release the prisoner,

To rebuild the nations,
To bring peace among brothers,
To make music from the heart.
—Howard Thurman

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING: Luke 24:36B-48 Rev. Michael Moore
This is the Word of the Lord!
Thanks be to God!

SERMON We are Witnesses Rev. Michael Moore

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (from the Belhar Confession)
We believe that God wishes to teach the church to do what is good
and to seek the right; that the church must therefore stand by people
in any form of suffering and need... that the church must witness
against and strive against any form of injustice, so that justice may
roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

(When you hear Lord in your mercy, please respond by saying: hear our 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

WORDS OF GRACE AND THANKSGIVING

God's love is revealed in those who seek to be faithful in sharing their gifts, so
the hungry might be fed, so the lonely might be comforted, so the forgotten
will be remembered, so our sisters and brothers might know God's grace and
love in their lives. Amen.

FOLLOWING GOD'S WORD INTO THE WORLD

HYMN

Go to the World

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Go to the world! Go into all the earth.
Go preach the cross where Christ renews life's worth,
Baptizing as the sign of our rebirth.
Alleluia. Alleluia.

Go to the world! Go into every place.
Go live the word of God's redeeming grace.
Go seek God's presence in each time and space.
Alleluia. Alleluia.

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Postlude on SALVATION

Lani Smith

The liturgy was written by Pastor Michael's friend and colleague, Thom M. Shuman and is found in his book, Where the Broken Gather © 2014

WORSHIP LEADERSHIP

Pastor: Rev. Michael Moore
Music Director and Organist: Dawn McCord
Pianist: Leslie Goldsmith
Liturgist: Pat Sheffield
Sound Technician: Bryant Hand
Virtual Worship Technicians: Keith and Robin Ellison
Musical Meditations: Mary Anne Taylor and Bryant Hand
Handbell Director: Brianna Cunningham
Ushers: Jeb Brown and Mark McCord



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ANNOUNCEMENTS



Pastor Michael's Installation Service will be Sunday afternoon, May 2nd at 3pm via Zoom. The Zoom link and information will be sent out the week before and will also be in the bulletin and Heartbeat.

There are many ministries that Carrollton Presbyterian Church supports in our community and beyond. You may give of your time, talent, and tithes by contacting the church office, mailing a check to the church or by giving online through Realm Communications or carrolltonpresbyterian.church. Thank you for this prayerful consideration of your gifts.

Pastor Michael is available to visit and/or meet with members of our CPC family. Please reach out to schedule a time by phone (970-699-8014), email (pastormichael@carrolltonpresbyterian.net), or simply stopping by the Old Manse (Mon-Thu). Meetings can be at the Old Manse in a larger space or in his office (both masked and distanced), outdoors at the church, or outdoors at your home now that the weather is getting better. He and Denise are excited about the opportunities to greet and meet folks at our Sunday outdoor worship services as well.

BEGINNER TAI CHI



Want to improve your balance and fellowship with friends? Beginning Tai Chi starts on April 18th. Wear comfortable clothes and shoes and join us at 9:30-10:15 (the Sunday School Hour). We'll gather on the back lawn of the church and we're masking to protect our vulnerable. Call Mimi Gentry if you want more details. Mimi Gentry 770-630-1097

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Friday 10:00am - 2:00pm.

HAPPENING THIS WEEK

<u>Date/Time</u>	<u>Activity</u>	<u>Leadership</u>
Monday, April 19		
Tuesday, April 20		
2:00 p.m.	Open Hands - Food	Outreach Team
5:30-7:00 p.m.	Disciple Fast Tracks-Westminster Hall	
Wednesday, April 21		
6:00-6:30 p.m.		
Thursday, April 22		
11:00 a.m.	Soup Kitchen	Outreach Team
2:00 p.m.	Open Hands - Food	Outreach Team
Friday, April 23		
Saturday, April 24		
Sunday, April 25		
11:00 a.m.	Live Outdoor Worship Service (Weather Permitting)	Worship Team

* For more information on any of these events, please contact the church office, or an elder serving on the appropriate leadership team.

Session Members: Jay Horsley (Admin), Mimi Gentry (Communications), Bennett Brown (Fellowship), Dena Wilson (Worship), Chase Robinson (Stewardship & Finance), Bette Stuckey (Member Care), Lisa Somerlot (Christian Ed.), Jackie Warren (Buildings & Grounds), Jeb Brown (Buildings & Grounds), Linda Handyside (Outreach), and Jeff Branyon (Outreach)