

CARROLLTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Easter Sunday

April 4, 2021 - 11:00 A.M.



PREPARING TO WORSHIP GOD

CENTERING MOMENT

Our Lord has written the promise of the resurrection, not in books alone, but in every leaf in springtime. - *Martin Luther*

MUSICAL MEDITATION

GATHERING AROUND GOD'S WORD

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Michael Moore

PRELUDE

Easter Proclamation
Brianna Cunningham and Devon Hill, trumpet

Stephen DeCesare

CALL TO WORSHIP

Mary Anne Taylor

This is the day:

when tears are wiped away; shattered hearts are mended; fears are replaced with joy.

This is the day the Lord:

rolls away the stone of fear; throws off death's clothes; goes ahead of us into God's future.

This is the day the Lord has made:

death has no fear for us; sin has lost its power over us; God opens the tombs of our hearts to fill us with life.

This is the day - Easter Day!

Christ is Risen! Hallelujah!

HYMN

Christ the Lord is Risen

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Brianna Cunningham, Linda Handyside, Mike Handyside, Devon Hill songleaders

**"Christ the Lord is risen today!" Alleluia!
All creation, join to say: Alleluia!
Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia!
Sing, O heavens and earth reply, Alleluia!**

**Love's redeeming work is done, Alleluia!
Fought the fight, the battle won, Alleluia!
Death is vain forbids him rise, Alleluia!
Christ has opened paradise. Alleluia!**

CALL TO CONFESSION

Mary Anne Taylor

Very early in the morning, God created all that is good and beautiful. Very early in the morning, a mother placed her newborn in a manger. Very early in the morning, the good news was shared with frightened friends, that Jesus was risen and alive in our midst. Let us confess the fears and the amazement we bring this morning.

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Mary Anne Taylor

On this morning of hallelujahs, we must confess how human we are, Emptier of tombs. We may not have done any great evil, but we have failed to do good when we had the chance. We may not have intentionally hurt anyone, nor have we offered healing to the broken. We easily accept the witness of the angel in the tomb, but find it difficult to share this good news with our friends and neighbors. Bring us new life, Dazzling God. Where we are tired and stressed, give us the energy to serve your creation; transform our hardened hearts into fountains of grace; forgive us of all the damage we have done, and fill us with the joy of your Spirit. In the name of Jesus Christ, who gives us new life, we pray. -- *Silence is kept.* Amen.

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE

God, our Creator, gives us new life; Christ our Redeemer, prepares a Table for us; Holy Spirit, our Joy, calls us to service. This is the good news: the tomb is empty, sin is powerless, death is defeated forever. On this very first day, and every day, we walk as God's people, forgiven and made whole. Thanks be to God. Amen.

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 25:6-9

Rev. Michael Moore

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

MUSICAL REFLECTION

Greet the Morning Sun

Anne Krentz Organ

Handbell Quartet: Linda Handyside, Devon Hill, Candy Rader, Patti Stewart;
Brianna Cunningham, director and wind chimes

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING:

Mark 16:1-8

Rev. Michael Moore

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Thanks be to God!

SERMON

Where Do We Look for the Lord?

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

Mary Anne Taylor

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

Christ is Resen! Shout Hosannah

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Christ is risen! Shout Hosanna! Celebrate this day of days!
Christ is risen! Hush in wonder: all creation is amazed.
In the dessert all surrounding, see, a spreading tree has grown,
Healing leaves of grace abounding bring a taste of love unknown.

Christ is risen! Raise your spirits from the caverns of despair.
Walk with gladness in the morning. See what love can do and dare.
Drink the wine of resurrection, not a servant, but a friend.
Jesus is our strong companion. Joy and peace shall never end.

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

There is a Redeemer

Melody Green

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: Mary Anne Taylor
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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**TO THE GLORY OF GOD AND IN
MEMORY OF**

Frank and Vivian Fidler

by
Mary Anne and Andy Taylor

Celia Miller

by
Linda Stiles

Celia Miller

By
Al and Mim Jones

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by
Mary Anne and Andy Taylor

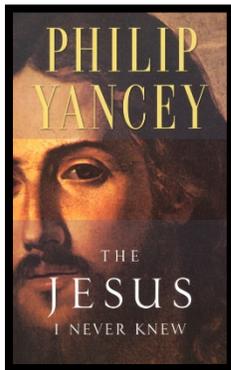
**TO THE GLORY OF GOD AND IN HONOR
OF**

In celebration of our CPC family!

by
Michael and Denise Moore

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.



The book, **The Jesus I Never Knew**, is an attempt to present an unbiased, facts-only look at the person of **Jesus** Christ. Yancey, the book's writer, studies various aspects of **Jesus'** life including His birth, the message He came to bring, and the reasons behind His death, resurrection and ascension.

The 6 week study of this book comes with a study guide to use during the class and with scripture and questions to read at home. The class is for adults and will meet on Tuesdays starting April 6, 5:30-7:00 pm, in-person in Westminster Hall, with masks and social distancing. For more information contact Mary Anne Taylor, tmaryanne45@gmail.com or 770-363-7379.

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.



We will welcome Jane Hubbard to the pulpit April 11th. Jane grew up in Louisville, Kentucky. Her parents offered hospitality to pastors and families in the area often on Sundays for dinner and relaxing. Out of that context, and being called to pastoral care at

first Presbyterian Church Douglasville, she now serves the Presbytery. Jane is currently Pastor to Pastor Coordinator for the Presbytery of Greater Atlanta. She coordinates volunteers to provide pastoral care and support to pastors and Christian educations in the greater Atlanta area. She is also Clergy and Non-profit Executive Coach/Global Engagement Practitioner/Leadership Facilitator.

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

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

HAPPENING THIS WEEK

<u>Date/Time</u>	<u>Activity</u>	<u>Leadership</u>
Monday, April 5		
Tuesday, April 6		
2:00 p.m.	Open Hands - Food	Outreach Team
5:30-7:00 p.m.	Disciple Fast Tracks-Westminster Hall	
Wednesday, April 7		
6:00-6:30 p.m.		
Thursday, April 8		
11:00 a.m.	Soup Kitchen	Outreach Team
2:00 p.m.	Open Hands - Food	Outreach Team
Friday, April 9		
Saturday, April 10		
Sunday, April 11		
11:00 a.m.	Live Outdoor Worship Service With Elder Jane Hubbard (Weather Permitting) Team #1 Backpacking	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)