



Order of Worship

We regret that we cannot gather in person, but we are grateful to be gathered in spirit. The service of worship begins with the music of the prelude. Through its power and brilliance, may you feel the majesty and glory of God; in its quietness, His peace.

PRELUDE

I Know That My Redeemer Lives

George Shearing

CALL TO WORSHIP

The Reverend Lynn M. Portz

Pastor: How very good and pleasant it is when kindred live together in unity!

People: **It is like the precious oil on the head, running down upon the beard, on the beard of Aaron, running down over the collar of his robes.**

Pastor: It is like the dew of Hermon, which falls on the mountains of Zion.

People: **Mighty King, lover of justice, You have established equity; You have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob.**

Pastor: Extol the LORD our God; worship at His footstool. Holy is the LORD!

People: **For there the LORD ordained His blessing, life for evermore.**

Based upon Psalm 133

▲ HYMN 121

That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright

Puer nobis nascitur

1. That Easter day with joy was bright, the sun shone out with fairer light,
When, to their longing eyes restored, th'apostles saw their risen Lord.
2. O Jesus, King of gentleness, do all our inmost hearts possess,
And we to You will ever raise the tribute of our grateful praise.
3. From every weapon death can wield, Your own redeemed forever shield;
O Lord of all, with us abide in this our joyful Eastertide.

Text: Latin hymn, 5th century. Translation: John Mason Neale, 1852; alt.
Music: Trier manuscript, 15th century. Adaptation: Michael Praetorius, 1609.
Harmonization: George Ratcliffe Woodward, 1910.

▲ PRAYER OF ADORATION

ORISON

This Joyful Eastertide

Ian Higginson

The Shadyside Presbyterian Church Chancel Choir Ensemble

This joyful Eastertide, away with sin and sorrow! My Love, the Crucified, hath sprung to life this morrow. *Had Christ, that once was slain, ne'er burst His three-day prison, our faith had been in vain; but now hath Christ arisen, arisen, arisen, arisen.* My flesh in hope shall rest, and for a season slumber, till trump from east to west shall wake the dead in number. Death's flood hath lost his chill, since Jesus crossed the river: Lover of souls, from ill my passing soul deliver.

Text: George Ratcliffe Woodward, 1894

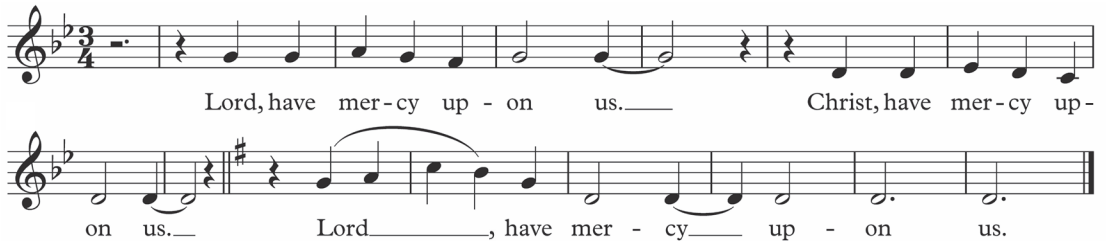
PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(spoken in unison)*

Almighty God, in the resurrection of Jesus Christ You have shattered the power of sin and death. We confess that we do not always believe in this hope, and remain captive to doubt and fear. Forgive our dread of loss, our despair, and our anxiety about the future. Set us free for the joy of Christ, who was dead but now lives, that we, too, might find new life in the service of His kingdom.

SILENT CONFESSION

KYRIE ELEISON *(sung in unison)*

Mark A. Anderson



Lord, have mer - cy up - on us._____ Christ, have mer - cy up -
on us._____ Lord_____, have mer - cy_____ up - on us.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Pastor: Believe the good news of the Gospel:

People: **In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.**

▲ **GLORIA PATRI** (*sung in unison*)

Mark A. Anderson



Glo - ry be to the Fa ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly Spi - rit;
as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and ev - er shall be
world - with - out end. A - - men.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

The Reverend Todd E. Leach

SCRIPTURE READING

Acts 4:32-35

Pastor: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

SOLO

I Know That My Redeemer Liveth, from *Messiah*

George Frideric Handel

Meghan DeWald Althouse, soprano

I know that my redeemer liveth and that He shall stand, at the latter day, upon the earth; and though worms destroy this body, yet in my flesh shall I see God. For now is Christ risen from the dead, the first fruits of them that sleep.

Text: Job 19:25-26; 1 Corinthians 15:20

SCRIPTURE READING

John 20:19-31

Pastor: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

Unbelievable?

The Reverend Dr. Sheldon W. Sorge

▲ HYMN OF RESPONSE 399

We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight

Dunlap's Creek

1. We walk by faith and not by sight; no gracious words we hear
From Christ, who spoke as none e'er spoke; but we believe Him near.
2. We may not touch His hands and side, nor follow where He trod;
But in His promise we rejoice, and cry, "My Lord and God!"
3. Help then, O Lord, our unbelief; and may our faith abound
To call on You when You are near and seek where You are found:
4. That, when our life of faith is done, in realms of clearer light
We may behold You as You are, with full and endless sight.

Text: Henry Alford, 1844; alt. Music: Samuel McFarland, ca. 1816.
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▲ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

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; 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.

The Apostles' Creed

PASTORAL PRAYER 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.

ANTHEM

Achieved Is the Glorious Work, from *The Creation*

F. Joseph Haydn

The Shadyside Presbyterian Church Chancel Choir Ensemble

Achieved is the glorious work; our song let be the praise of God. Glory to His name forever. Our God on high exalted reigns. Hallelujah.

Text: Gottfried van Swieten, partially based upon Psalm 148:13

▲ DOXOLOGY *(sung in unison)*

Lasst uns erfreuen

Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise God, all creatures here below. Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God above, ye heavenly host! Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Text: Thomas Ken, 1695, 1709, alt.; with alleluias.

Music: *Geistliche Kirchengesäng*, 1623; alt. Harmonization: Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1906.

Music from the *English Hymnal*, 1906, Oxford University Press.

▲ OFFERTORY PRAYER

▲ HYMN 495

We Know That Christ Is Raised

Engelberg

1. We know that Christ is raised and dies no more. Embraced by death He broke its fearful hold; And our despair He turned to blazing joy. Alleluia!
2. We share by water in His saving death. Reborn we share with Him an Easter life As living members of a living Christ. Alleluia!
3. The Father's splendor clothes the Son with life. The Spirit's power shakes the church of God. Baptized we live with God the Three in One. Alleluia!
4. A new creation comes to life and grows as Christ's new body takes on flesh and blood. The universe, restored and whole, will sing: Alleluia! Amen.

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▲ BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

O Filii et Filiae

T. Frederick H. Candlyn

Soli Deo gloria!

*Thank you for worshipping with us virtually this day.
Please let us know you joined us online today by [clicking here](#) and completing the form.*

Today from Shadyside Presbyterian Church

We welcome the Reverend Dr. Sheldon W. Sorge as our guest preacher this morning. Dr. Sorge is the Executive and General Minister for Pittsburgh Presbytery.

News and Notes

Building Status - Due to COVID-19 restrictions, the church building is open on a limited basis to members and guests by appointment only. On-site worship with attendance limitations resumes Sunday, April 18. (Pre-registration is required; please see below.) Most activities will continue to meet remotely until further notice. The COVID-19 Task Force continues to meet regularly to monitor data and to prayerfully discern best plans moving forward.

Limited on-site Sunday morning worship is set to resume next Sunday, April 18. Pre-registration is required, either via the church's website at www.shadysidepres.org/register or by calling the church office: 412.682.4300, ext. 100. Registration opens at noon on Monday and closes when the seating capacity is reached or on Friday at noon.

Drive-through Event: Children's Bible Presentation - Following worship on Sunday, April 18, from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m., Shadyside Presbyterian Church will present age-appropriate Bibles as gifts to our young people. Primary-age and preschool-age versions will be offered. If you know of a child in third grade or younger in our congregation who has not received this wonderful gift, please contact Ellen Allston, Director of Christian Education for Children's Ministry, by Sunday, April 11, in order to participate in the drive-by event, which will take place in the church's driveway. Bibles will be inscribed with the child's name.

Grief Support Group - Shadyside Presbyterian Church offers a Grief Support Group designed to provide encouragement and a faith-centered perspective for those who have lost a loved one. The group meets regularly to discuss a variety of subjects that are important in the grief recovery process, including the range of emotions which grief brings, and resources for moving forward. Our next gathering occurs Monday, April 26, via Zoom videoconferencing. New participants are always welcome. To access the meeting, please contact Rev. Lynn Portz by email (lportz@shadysidepres.org) or call the church office.

The Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC) is comprised of seven church members: Susan Balaan, Sara Brooke, Don Coffelt, Percy Jackson, Adam Loucks, Ann Pauley, and Janet Rohrer. Previous updates from the PNC are published on the church website: www.shadysidepres.org/pnc. Please continue to pray for them as they work to discern whom God is calling to be our next senior pastor.

eGiving Options - Shadyside Presbyterian Church offers secure eGiving options in order to encourage faithful stewardship. Please visit www.shadysidepres.org/give to begin a one-time or recurring contribution; or, text **SHADYSIDE** and an amount to 73256, then follow the link to complete your gift. Thank you for faithfully supporting the mission and ministry of Shadyside Presbyterian Church.

Care and Support - Your pastors, staff, elders, deacons, and Care Team remain deeply committed to caring for our congregation. We are making every effort to remain connected, especially with those who are most vulnerable and those who may be feeling lonely or anxious. We encourage you to stay connected by phone, email, or social media. Please don't hesitate to reach out by any of these means if you want to talk to someone.

The Mini-Mouse - Sign up to receive our weekly e-newsletter by sending your subscription request in an email message to info@shadysidepres.org or by following the instructions at shadysidepres.org/mini-mouse.

The Shadyside Presbyterian Church website, www.shadysidepres.org, provides additional information about the church's programs and activities, as well as access to video and audio recordings of worship.

Church Calendar

..... April 11 - 18

TODAY <i>April 11</i>	11:00 a.m.	Virtual Worship Online – Rev. Dr. Sheldon W. Sorge, preaching
	12:00 p.m.	Virtual Time of Fellowship via Zoom Videoconferencing
MONDAY	7:00 p.m.	Board of Deacons via Zoom Videoconferencing
TUESDAY	10:00 a.m.	Morning Prayer Group via Zoom Videoconferencing
	3:00 p.m.	COVID-19 Task Force via Zoom Videoconferencing
	5:00 p.m.	Yoga via Zoom Videoconferencing
	6:00 p.m.	Communications Committee via Zoom Videoconferencing
	7:00 p.m.	Bible Study via Zoom Videoconferencing
WEDNESDAY	7:00 p.m.	Virtual Vespers Online – Rebecca L. Young, preaching
THURSDAY	9:30 a.m.	Virtual Coffee with a Pastor via Zoom Videoconferencing
	6:30 p.m.	Pastor Nominating Committee via Zoom Videoconferencing
	7:00 p.m.	Evening Prayer Group via Zoom Videoconferencing
FRIDAY	7:30 p.m.	Evening Scripture and Prayer Gathering via Zoom Videoconferencing
SUNDAY <i>April 18</i>	9:30 a.m.	Adult Christian Education Studies via Zoom Videoconferencing
	10:00 a.m.	Children’s Chapel on YouTube
	11:00 a.m.	Worship in the Sanctuary (registration required) & Virtual Worship Online – Rev. Kendra L. Buckwalter Smith, preaching
	12:00 p.m.	Virtual Time of Fellowship via Zoom Videoconferencing
	12:30 p.m.	Children’s Bible Distribution in the Semi-circular Driveway

Daily Prayer Lectionary Readings

..... April 11 - 18

Sunday, April 11 Psalms 93; 150 Isaiah 43:8-13 1 Peter 2:2-10 John 14:1-7	Tuesday, April 13 Psalms 98; 146 Daniel 2:1-16 1 John 2:1-11 John 17:12-19	Thursday, April 15 Psalms 47; 147:12-20 Daniel 2:31-49 1 John 2:18-29 Luke 3:1-14	Saturday, April 17 Psalms 92; 149 Daniel 3:19-30 1 John 3:11-18 Luke 4:1-13
Monday, April 12 Psalms 97; 145 Daniel 1:1-21 1 John 1:1-10 John 17:1-11	Wednesday, April 14 Psalms 99; 147:1-11 Daniel 2:17-30 1 John 2:12-17 John 17:20-26	Friday, April 16 Psalms 96; 148 Daniel 3:1-18 1 John 3:1-10 Luke 3:15-22	Sunday, April 18 Psalms 93; 150 Daniel 4:1-18 1 Peter 4:7-11 John 21:15-25

Virtual Midweek Vespers

..... Wednesday, April 14, at 7:00 p.m.

Join us online on Wednesday, April 14, at 7:00 p.m. for virtual Communion, music offered by a vocal soloist, and a homily preached by Rebecca L. Young, Candidate for Ministry of Word and Sacrament.

To connect remotely, visit www.shadysidepres.org.

Church Staff

Todd E. Leach, *Associate Pastor for Missions*
Lynn M. Portz, *Associate Pastor for Parish Life*
Kendra L. Buckwalter Smith, *Associate Pastor*
Wesley C. Smith, *Student Assistant Pastor*
Ellen L. Allston, *Director of Christian Education for Children's Ministry*
Mark A. Anderson, *Director of Music Ministry*
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Shadyside Presbyterian Church seeks to reflect God's unconditional love as we proclaim, witness to, and celebrate the good news of Jesus Christ. We strive to be a worshiping, welcoming, learning, and serving community of faith that is comforted, challenged, and empowered by the Holy Spirit.

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