



**IRVINGTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

**April 14, 2024**

**10:30 a.m.**

## Reflection

*“When a small child skins a knee, [they] run to a parent. On the parent's lap, the child receives comfort in an embrace of love. Before long, the child is no longer thinking about the knee. Love has cast out anxiety. But the comforted child doesn't stay on the parent's lap. We know the child is truly comforted when, strengthened by love, [they] jump off, ready to embark on the next adventure.*

*Jesus Christ gets us back into the lap of our heavenly Father and, consequently, back on our feet as people confident in the knowledge of who and whose we are.”*

~ Craig Barnes

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*Third Sunday of Easter*

## **Gathering in God's Love**

*The prelude is a call for personal  
preparation for the worship of God.*

### **PRELUDE**

Waterlife | David Christiansen

### **INTROIT**

This is the Day | Jon Riss

### **WELCOME**

#### **\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

The Lord hears us when we call:

**Come, let us put our trust in God.**

The Lord fills our hearts with gladness:

**Come, let us sing God's praises with shouts of joy!**

The Lord grants peace to our weary souls:

**Come, let us rest by the quiet waters of God's grace.**

#### **\*HYMN**

#120: Hail Thee, Festival Day! | SALVE FESTA DIES

*\*Please stand in body or in spirit*

## **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Risen Christ, we are often troubled by our doubts. But you are not troubled by them. You do not require perfect understanding. Instead, you reveal yourself to us again and again that we might come to know you. Forgive us when our doubts keep us stuck, when fear prevents us from loving all creation as you call us to do. Help us to accept the peace you so graciously offer to us. Have mercy on us when we hoard or hide it, when we fail to offer it to others. Renew us and make us whole that in this world of strife we may be bearers of your peace. In resurrection hope we pray, Amen.**

## **ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

### **\*PASSING OF THE PEACE**

The peace of our Lord be with you always.

**And also with you.**

## **BAPTISM OF JOSHUA COOPER**

Godparents: Maria and Charles Cassolli

## **BAPTISM OF MAXWELL COOPER**

Godparents: Charly Ann Casali & Lauren Inzano

**\*CONFESSION OF FAITH**

***The 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 Spirit,  
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 Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## **CHILDREN'S TIME**

*Kids 8 and under are welcome to join Rev. Crawford at the front of the sanctuary.*

## **Listening for God**

### **PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION**

Redeeming God, as we hear your Word spoken to us, open our eyes to see the risen Christ, open our ears to hear the good news of his salvation for all the world, and open our minds to understand the mysteries of your love. In Christ's name we pray, Amen.

### **SACRED SCRIPTURE**

Psalm 4

1 John 3:1-7

### **SCRIPTURE RESPONSE**

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God!**

### **SERMON**

*"Children of God"*

## **Responding in Faith**

### **\*HYMN OF THE WORD**

He is Risen | UNSER HERRSCHER

1 He is ris - en, he is ris - en! Tell it out with  
 2 Come, ye sad and fear - ful - heart - ed, with glad smile and  
 \*3 Come, with high and ho - ly hymn - ing, hail our Lord's tri -  
 4 He is ris - en, he is ris - en! He hath o - pened

joy - ful voice: he has burst his three days' pris - on;  
 ra - diant brow! Death's long sha - dows have de - part - ed;  
 um - phant day; not one dark - some cloud is dim - ming  
 hea - ven's gate: we are free from sin's dark pris - on,

let the whole wide earth re - joice: death is con - quered,  
 Je - sus' woes are o - ver now, and the pas - sion  
 yon - der glo - rious morn - ing ray, break - ing o'er the  
 ris - en to a ho - lier state; and a bright - er

we are free, Christ has won the vic - to - ry.  
 that he bore— sin and pain can vex no more.  
 pur - ple east, sym - bol of our Eas - ter feast.  
 Eas - ter beam on our long - ing eyes shall stream.

## **OFFERING**

*To give online, scan the QR code to the right:*



## **OFFERTORY**

See What Love from *St. Paul, Op. 36* | Felix Mendelssohn

## **\*DOXOLOGY**

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;**

**Praise Him, all creatures here below;**

**O praise Him! Alleluia!**

**Praise Him above, ye heavenly hosts;**

**Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.**

**Oh praise Him! Alleluia!**

**Oh praise Him! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

## **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

### **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.**

## **Departing in Joy**

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### **\*HYMN**

#122: Thine is the Glory | JUDAS MACCABEUS

#### **\*CHARGE**

**Life is short.**

**We have not much time to gladden the**

**hearts of those who journey with us.**

**Therefore, be swift to love,**

**make haste to be kind.**

## **\*BENEDICTION**

## **\*CHORAL BENEDICTION**

Three-Fold Amen | Roland Carter

## **POSTLUDE**

Heut triumphieret Gottes Sohn, BWV 630 | J.S. Bach

### WORSHIP LEADERS

Preacher: Rev. Dr. Blaine Crawford

Music Director: Jon Riss

Nursery Care: Desde Visconti

Liturgist: Laura Graafland

Acolyte: Davis Wood

Ushers: Sarah Seitz and Mary Beth Perillo

Coffee Hour Hosts: Mary and Jeff Drake

### CHANCEL CHOIR SECTION LEADERS

Christina Rohm, soprano

Scott Lefurgy, tenor

Nancy Rathbun, alto

Pablo Provencio, baritone

## **CHRISTIAN EDUCATION**

**NURSERY:** Nursery care is available today in Classroom #2 (downstairs in John Knox Hall). Please ask an usher if you need assistance.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL:** Gather in the sanctuary at 10:30 a.m.; stay through Children's Time before heading down to classes.

## NEW ADULT EDUCATION CLASS

### *Mental Health and Ministry*

Led by Nick Lawson, MSW

April 28 and May 5, 12 & 19 @ 9:00 am  
in person in the Upper Room and via Zoom

Whether anxiety or depression, PTSD or OCD, a growing number of youth and adults are facing the challenges of living with mental illness or loving someone with mental illness. Following up on last year's *Mental Health Challenges and the Church's Ministry*, this class will take a deeper look at anxiety and mental health issues, and how the church is called to respond. In addition to Nick's own education and experience, the class will be informed by two books in particular: *Acedia and Me*, by Kathleen Norris, and *A Quiet Mind to Suffer With*, by John Andrew Bryant.

## RIVERTOWNS CROP HUNGER WALK



The Rivertowns CROP Hunger Walk is only two weeks away! On **April 28<sup>th</sup> at 2pm**, we will join with others in our community to fight hunger both here, through Feeding Westchester, and around the world, through programs of Church World Service.

Before the walk, there will be raffles and refreshments. Join us to help make this a truly meaningful (and *fun!*) community event. Even if you can't walk, you can sponsor others or make a donation.

Scan the QR code to the right and sign up to

*Walk - Give - Change the World:*





## SHOP FAIRTRADE FOR MOTHER'S DAY! AND HELP SUPPORT A REFUGEE FAMILY

# TRADES of HOPE

**What:** Display & Sale (or Shop through the QR Code link below)  
**When:** Before and after church service on Sunday April 28th  
**Where:** IPC Church Parlor


**Trades of Hope is empowering women & families around the world to RISE UP out of poverty & trafficking by selling our Artisans' partners fair trade, handmade goods... jewelry, handbags, home décor & more! And, Trades of Hope will give-back "Days of Care" at Elevate Academy in support of U.S.A. trafficking survivors! And, 15% of sales in this event will be donated to our refugee support efforts. "Shop" the table or, have a gift shipped directly to the special "Moms" in your life! It's a win, win, win!**



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MORTEN LAURIDSEN  
**LUX AETERNA**  
RALPH VAUGHAN WILLIAMS  
**FIVE MYSTICAL SONGS**

IRVINGTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
COMMUNITY CHOIR

SUNDAY, MAY 5 | 4 PM  
IRVINGTON PRESBYTERIAN  
CHURCH  
25 N BROADWAY

SUGGESTED DONATION  
\$20/PERSON  
\$50/FAMILY

# It's Pizza Party Time!

## **IRVINGTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

25 N BROADWAY, IRVINGTON, NY  
CHURCH AUDITORIUM & PLAYGROUND

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**Saturday, May 4 | 5-7 PM**

Whether you're a long-time member or new to the neighborhood, everyone is welcome to participate in this community and family friendly event.

**RSVP APPRECIATED BUT NOT REQUIRED.  
PLEASE CONTACT ASHLEY  
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## OUR MISSION

Irvington Presbyterian Church is called by Jesus Christ to glorify God in worship through word and song, grow as disciples through study, engage in mission to the world, joyfully extend hospitality and fellowship to all and, with God's help, allow the Holy Spirit to work through us.

We seek to be a place of healing, where individuals can feel safe and find sanctuary from their own hurts, and can then turn that healing spirit outwards, to help others.

We believe God is calling each of us to ministry, and we seek to be a place where each member will feel helped and supported in discovering their gifts.



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