



IRVINGTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

April 28, 2024

10:30 a.m.

Reflection

“For John, love and keeping the commandments are so much a part of the life coming from faith that one who does not behave in a virtuous manner does not have life at all. Life is committed life. Therefore, a branch that does not bear fruit is not simply a living, unproductive branch, but a dead branch.”

~ Raymond Brown

Sources and Credits:

Arcimboldi, Giuseppe, 1527-1593. *Vertumnus*, from **Art in the Christian Tradition**, a project of the Vanderbilt Divinity Library, Nashville, TN.

The Call to Worship is based on Psalm 98.

The Prayer of Confession, and Prayer of Illumination Liturgy were written by Rev. Dr. Tara W. Bulger and published in *Presbyterian Outlook*.

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Gathering in God's Love

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

PRELUDE

Adagio in E major | Frank Bridge

INTROIT

This is the Day | Jon Riss

WELCOME

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Sing to our God a new song.

God has done marvelous things!

Make a joyful noise to the Lord!

Break forth into joyous songs and sing praises.

Let the sea roar and all that fills it.

Let the world and its people sing together for joy!

**Please stand in body or in spirit*

***HYMN**

#113: Christ the Lord is Risen Today! | LLANFAIR

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, our hearts are restless until they find their home in you. Forgive our pursuit of things that separate us from you. We pursue success, realizing it will never be enough. We desire more possessions, knowing they are empty. We turn toward the world and hope we will find peace, knowing the world cannot provide it. Forgive us, we pray, and may our wandering hearts find their rest in you alone. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

The peace of our Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

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

Gracious God, may your Holy Spirit open our hearts and minds to your words of love and grace this day. Amen.

SACRED SCRIPTURE

Psalm 22:25-31

John 15:1-8

SCRIPTURE RESPONSE

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

SERMON

"Bearers of Fruit"

Responding in Faith

CONFESSION OF FAITH

From *A Brief Statement of Faith*

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God.

Jesus proclaimed the reign of God:

preaching good news to the poor

and release to the captives,

teaching by word and deed and blessing the children,

healing the sick, and binding up the brokenhearted,

eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners,

and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.

Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition,

Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain

and giving his life for the sins of the world.

God raised Jesus from the dead,

vindicating his sinless life,

breaking the power of sin and evil,

delivering us from death to life eternal.

*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

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OFFERTORY

Draw us in the Spirit's tether | Harold W. Friedell
(refer to 504 in the hymnal for text)

***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

MISSION MOMENT

ANNOUNCEMENTS

***HYMN**

#114: Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain | AVE VIRGO VIRGINUM

***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

Jubilate | Emma Lou Diemer

WORSHIP LEADERS

Preacher: Rev. Dr. Blaine Crawford

Music Director: Jon Riss

Nursery Care: Desde Visconti

Liturgist: Zo Björgvinsson

Acolyte: Davis Wood

Ushers: Keach Harris and Tom Rusk

Coffee Hour Hosts: Liesbeth and Richard Parke

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.

ADULT ED: *Mental Health and Ministry*: Led by Nick Lawson, MSW
May 5, 12 & 19 @ 9:00 am
in person in the Upper Room and via Zoom

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 the book *Acedia and Me*, by Kathleen Norris, with the following reading schedule suggested: for 5/5 class, pp 65-153 (with a focus on the chapter title "Give me a word"); for 5/12 class, pp 153-238 (with focus on chapters "The quotidian mysteries" and "The 'Noon' of Midlife"); for 5/19 class, pp 238-287 (with a focus on the chapter "A Widows Uneasy Afterword").

RIVERTOWNS CROP HUNGER WALK



The CROP Hunger Walk is **TODAY!** *Please join us* in the fight against hunger! We will meet at **2pm on the front lawn**, where there will be a sign-in, refreshments, and some exciting raffles before Blaine starts us off with a prayer.

The full route is about 3.5 miles (down Broadway to Cedar Street in Dobbs Ferry, then back to the church via the Aqueduct), but you are welcome to cut over to the Aqueduct for a shorter walk and do as much or as little of the route as you choose. We hope to see you there!

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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COMMUNITY CHOIR

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

It's Pizza Party Time!

IRVINGTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

25 N BROADWAY, IRVINGTON, NY
CHURCH AUDITORIUM & PLAYGROUND

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.
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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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