



*Easter Sunday
April 17, 2022
Fair Street Reformed Church*



*Sunday Worship
Easter Sunday, April 17, 2022*

God Gathers the Church

GATHERING MUSIC & WELCOME

***OPENING HYMN:** #305 *"He is Lord"*

CALL TO WORSHIP

This day is not like any other day.

Today we slow down.

Today we take it all in.

Today we rest in good news.

This day is not like any other day.

Today we are singing.

Today we are full to the brim.

Today joy cannot be contained.

This day is not like any other day.

Today the stone was rolled away.

Today the women saw the empty grave.

Today we know—death does not win.

This day is not like any other day.

Alleluia!

Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed! Amen.

HYMN: #288 *"Christ the Lord is Risen Today"*

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM of Aria Athena Spinks

CALL TO CONFESSION AND PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of new life,

we are a mixed bag.

**We want to be full to the brim with hope and joy,
but often we overflow with comparison and doubt.**

**We want to embody the resurrection,
but often we'd rather stay the same than to begin again.**

**We want to have the courage to be like the women on that Easter morning—
to run and speak truth,**

but often we are weary of courage and uncertain of our own voices.

Forgive us for all the ways we remain unchanged.

Break into our hearts.

Overflow here. With hope we pray, amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

GUIDE FOR GRATEFUL LIVING

Colossians 3:1-4

Since you have been raised up to be with Christ, you must look for the things that are above, where Christ is, sitting at God's right hand. Let your thoughts be on things above, not on things that are on the earth, because you have died, and now the life you have is hidden with Christ in God. But when Christ is revealed—and he is your life— you, too, will be revealed with him in glory.

GLORIA PATRI

God's Word Is Proclaimed

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING Luke 24:1-12 (*New Testament*, pg. 90)

This is the Word of the Lord, Thanks be to God.

HYMN: #294 "Christ Arose"

SERMON "Full to the Brim; an Expansive Life"

Rev. Kendra VanHouten

HYMN: #302 "He Lives"

The Church Responds to God

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND CONCERN AND THE LORD'S PRAYER (debts/debtors) *

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.

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

"New Life is Right Here"

Maybe today

we can take a moment.

Maybe today

we can silence the inner critic.

Maybe today

we can leave perfection at the door.

Maybe today we can allow ourselves to be
here.

Maybe that's all that matters.

Maybe this sunrise is for us.

Maybe these Hallelujahs are for us.

Maybe the hope blooming in my chest
is for us.

Maybe the resurrection was not just about God's body,

but is about our body.
Maybe this new life reaches all the way to the edges.
Maybe we are free to live in a new way
where love is the currency and we are enough.
Maybe that's what this is all about—
not a relentless pursuit of more
but God's relentless pursuit of me.
New life
is right here.
Like the women—say it out loud.
Like Peter—run that way.

**Written by: Rev. Sarah Are sanctifiedart.org*

**WE ARE GRATEFUL THAT YOU ARE JOINING US
FOR WORSHIP!**

**today's liturgy is from sanctifiedart.org*



To let us know you're here!



To make
an online contribution!



To text Pastor Kendra a prayer
request!

In Our Prayers

Friends with cancer: Linda Brown's brothers, Steve, Mark, and Joey Newkirk; Larry; Nancy Chesterton; Tony DiPietro; Elissa Hillard; John Jacobs; Kim Kuiper; Nathaniel Leach; Lewis Martin; Debbie Schaffer; Jackie Polisar; Eric McCord; John Stone; Nancy Kaiser

Prayers of Sympathy: for the Anderson family as Lillian passed away Sunday, April 3; Stephanie Costa and friends of Mary Cooter who passed on Saturday, March 26th

General Prayers: Barbara Bender who is at the Thompson House; John Stone; Nancy Kaiser

World Prayers: For the people of Ukraine: as the fighting continues, pray for peace, pray

for the safety of those seeking shelter, fighting, and the ones who are traveling to neighboring countries to seek refuge. For Afghanistan, while many people fled the country, many of them left behind family. Pray for the refugees seeking to resettle and for their families back in Afghanistan.

Congratulations to John and Kimberly Scott Mitchell as their family welcomed a grandson last week!

Homebound/Residential Friends:

Home: Sandra Bollin

Ten Broeck Commons: Joan Alsdorf

Mt. Valley Manor: Grace Heaney

Florida: Bob Elander

North Carolina: Bill Ford

Friends in the Military: Tim Clark; Connor Stark; Devin Canonico

Our Partners in Mission: Shelvis, Nancy, Jordan, Adalyn & Nicole Smith-Mather in Sudan; the Bode Family in Oman; JJ TenClay

Announcements for Sunday, April 17 . . .

Easter Sunday, April 17, 2022

Christ is risen! Christ is risen indeed!

This morning we celebrate the risen Lord and receive the invitation to carry the promise of new life with us! We are also expected to witness and celebrate the sacrament of baptism of Aria Spinks. The artwork on the Easter flower booklet was done by Aria in reflection of what baptism means to her.



Update from Safe Church Ministry Team: We Are Now Mask Optional!

We are moving forward! We're moving with caution, but we're moving! The Safe Church Team met this week, and we all agree it was time to take another step forward. We ask that you please take some time to read through the following updates, knowing that these are subject to change at any time when Covid-19 numbers rise.

Worship: Effective Sunday, April 3, while attending worship, masks are now optional! We do ask that if you are unvaccinated, that you please wear your mask. Whether you wear a mask or not, please respect the decisions of the ones around you. If you are not feeling well, please stay home. This is subject to change should Ulster County's five-day rolling positivity rate be 6% or higher. Seating will continue to remain distant and safe; we will continue to ask you to sign in. *FOR UPDATES PERTAINING TO THE FNTS AND FSNS PLEASE SEE 'COVID UPDATES' ON THE WEEKLY OR WEBSITE.

Bible Study...meets every Wednesdays at 9am on Zoom

April 20: Esther 4:13-17 (*Old Testament, pg. 447*)

April 27: Genesis 37:1-11 (*Old Testament, pg. 34*)



April Mission of the month: The April Mission of the Month will be to support the work of **Frontier Horizons**! Frontier Horizons is an agency working to aid the Ukrainian orphanages as the children are moved out of Ukraine to neighboring countries. All monetary contributions to the church for April's Mission of the month will be sent to Frontier Horizons to support their work.

Consistory & Elder Highlights:

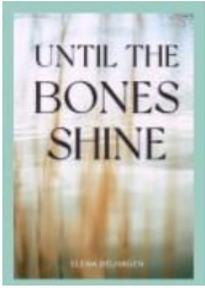
- Pastor Kendra was approved for the Clergy Revitalization Grant from the RCA! This means that for three weeks in May, Pastor Kendra will be taking some much needed and deserved time away for a time of rest and renewal. To learn more about what she'll be doing and about the grant, stay tuned to her blog!
- FSRC received a \$1000 gift from Beacon Reformed Church. Last year, the Beacon Reformed Church closed their doors and as a final act of ministry and service to the churches in the Mid-Hudson Classis, they gifted each church with \$1000 for the purpose of ministry and service! The consistory agreed that \$500 towards the sound system as we work to strengthen the sights and sounds of worship, and \$500 to support the work of the Afghan family we are welcoming.
- We have new Classis Delegates! When the Classis of Mid-Hudson gathers for their meetings, each congregation sends their minister and an Elder Delegate. Sharon Amorelli and Audrey Kithcart will share this responsibility!
- Updated Care Groups have been assigned to Elder and Deacon teams and you will be hearing from your new Elder and Deacon soon!
- The Elders met recently with four different families who have come with baptism requests! All four requests were received with great joy! Stay tuned as we have four weeks coming up in which we will celebrate the sacrament of baptism together!

Chancel Guild Flowers:

Altar flowers will be returning the Sunday after Easter, April 24th! *If you would like to request a Sunday for a flower dedication, please call or email the office.*

The following Sundays are available: June 5; July: 3, 10, 17, 24; August 28; September 4, 25; October: 2, 9, 16, 23; November 20; December 18

Last Sunday's flowers were provided by the Maletta family in memory of Jean Bowen.



Book Group Starting Up in May!!

Sign up now to get your book and start reading! You are invited to join in reading a book and then participate in a discussion with the author. Pastor Kendra has two copies available if you need one!

First Book, for May 5:

Until the Bones Shine by Elena Delhagen

*The Zoom discussion will be in the evening, stay tuned for specific time

“This is a story for everyone who’s been knocked down and found the strength to get back up again.

Until the Bones Shine, the debut memoir from author Elena Delhagen, chronicles one woman’s tale of loss, love, family, and faith. With grit and grace, Delhagen recounts the fear and isolation of her childhood and the healing journey that takes her halfway around the world. In the deaths of loved ones, in the tatters of a broken marriage, and in the loneliness of a faraway land, Until the Bones Shine demonstrates the importance of looking for the light when life seems darkest.

Until the Bones Shine is a story for those who feel hopeless, reminding readers, with Delhagen’s characteristic gentleness, that redemption is never beyond reach. Through hard-won wisdom and heartfelt musings, she reassures all who fear they’ve been forgotten by God that they, too, can rise up and shine.”

*From the website elenadelhagen.com

On the evening of May 5, we will gather on Zoom and Elena, the author, will be joining us for our discussion! We hope to have you join us!

Additional dates for upcoming book discussion groups: June 23, September 8, October 6, and November 3. Stay tuned for reading list!

CALENDAR

<u>THIS WEEK</u>		
SUNDAY 4/17 EASTER	10:00am	Worship Christ is Risen!
MONDAY 4/18	5:00pm 6:30pm	Worship Ministry Meeting Christian Ed Ministry Meeting
TUESDAY 4/19	5:30pm	Consistory Meeting
WEDNESDAY 4/20	9:00am	Bible Study
THURSDAY 4/21	11:00am	Missions Ministry Meeting
<u>NEXT WEEK</u>		
SUNDAY 4/24	10:00am	Worship
WEDNESDAY 4/27	9:00am	Bible Study
THURSDAY 4/28	1:00pm	Safe Church Ministry Meeting

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