



Hershey Presbyterian
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN AMERICA (PCA)

April 12, 2020 ♦ Easter Sunday

Front Cover Artwork

Eugène Burnand (1850-1921), *The Disciples Peter and John Running to the Sepulchre on the Morning of the Resurrection*. 1898. Oil on canvas. 82 cm x 134 cm. Realism. In the public domain.

Eugène Burnand was “a prolific Swiss painter and illustrator from Moudon, Switzerland. ...he first trained as an architect but quickly realized his vocation was painting. He studied art in Geneva and Paris then settled in Versailles. In the course of his life he travelled widely and lived at various times in Florence, Montpellier, Seppey (Moudon) and Neuchâtel. His later years were spent in Paris where he died a celebrated and well-respected artist both in Switzerland and France. He was primarily a realist painter of nature. Most of his works were of rural scenes, often with animals, the depiction of which he was a master. He increasingly painted human figures and by the end of his career could be called a portraitist whose skill revealing character was profound. ...A deeply religious man, his Protestant beliefs led him to include more religious works that he put his stamp of realism on, and he became best known in Europe for his illustrations of “The Parables”, that was published in French, German and English versions over four decades. His works are now widely distributed in museums and private collections throughout the world and in his own dedicated museum in Moudon. His final project was a series of 104 pastel portraits of allied WW1 participants of all nationalities that was incomplete when he died; a unique body of work that was subsequently published as a book in 1922 and recently republished in 2010. ...Burnand was greatly influenced by artists such as Jean-François Millet and Gustave Courbet. This is reflected in perhaps his best known work, *The Disciples Peter and John Running to the Sepulchre on the Morning of the Resurrection* 1898, which hangs in the Musée d'Orsay in Paris.”

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Eug%C3%A8ne_Burnand

Our Scripture reading today from Mark's Gospel does not contain the account of Peter and John hurrying to the tomb. It stops with the woman fleeing from the tomb in fear. The Gospel of John (20:2-4a) goes on to tell us that after this Mary Magdalene “came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved, and said, ‘They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we don’t know where they have put him!’ So Peter and the other disciple started for the tomb. Both were running....”

In the cover painting, Eugène Burnand captures that moment well—with all its fear, anxiety, stirring hope, and concern—and we find ourselves running with them to the tomb to see and hear what has happened.



Hershey Presbyterian Church (PCA) desires to be a welcoming, grace-filled, all-nations community of Jesus Christ in the Presbyterian tradition. We seek to love God and our neighbor as we make disciples of Jesus Christ who are learning to *worship God, proclaim Christ, and love others.*

Preparing to Worship God

Welcome

Welcome to Hershey PCA! We are glad to have you join with us in the worship of God through Jesus Christ, our Savior and King.

Thanks to all those who participate in making this service online possible (in alphabetical order): Keith Dolon (sound), Dr. Michael Harcrow (French Horn), Bonnie Kertland (vocals), Pastor David Kertland (worship leading), Kimberly Robinson (vocals), Pastor Cisco Victa (worship leading), Anita Wood (piano), and Don Wood (vocals).

Prelude

Praising God

*Call to Worship

As our call to worship this morning we are using the historic "Paschal Greeting" also known as the "Easter Acclamation" based on Luke 24:34. In this greeting, we celebrate the fact of the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.

Pastor:

Christ is Risen!

Congregation:

He is risen indeed!

Unison:

Hallelujah! Praise the Lord!

***Song of Response:**

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today

1. "Christ the Lord is ris'n to - day," Al - - le - lu - ia!
 2. Vain the stone, the watch, the seal; Al - - le - lu - ia!
 3. Lives a - gain our glo - rious King; Al - - le - lu - ia!
 4. Soar we now where Christ has led, Al - - le - lu - ia!

sons of men and an - gels say; Al - - le - lu - ia!
 Christ has burst the gates of hell: Al - - le - lu - ia!
 where, O death, is now thy sting? Al - - le - lu - ia!
 fol - l'wing our ex - alt - ed Head; Al - - le - lu - ia!

raise your joys and tri - umphs high; Al - - le - lu - ia!
 death in vain for - bids his rise; Al - - le - lu - ia!
 Once he died, our souls to save; Al - - le - lu - ia!
 made like him, like him we rise; Al - - le - lu - ia!

sing ye heav'ns, and earth, re - ply. Al - - le - lu - ia!
 Christ has o - pened par - a - dise. Al - - le - lu - ia!
 where thy vic - to - ry, O grave? Al - - le - lu - ia!
 ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Al - - le - lu - ia!

5. Hail, the Lord of earth and heav'n! *Alleluia!*
Praise to thee by both be giv'n; *Alleluia!*
thee we greet triumphant now; *Alleluia!*
hail, the Resurrection, thou! *Alleluia!*

Charles Wesley, 1739

EASTER HYMN 7.7.7.al.
Lyra Davidica, 1708; alt.

Prayer of Adoration & Invocation

*Confession of Faith:

from 1 Corinthians 15

Leader: Today we confess our faith using this confession developed from 1 Corinthian 15.

Congregation: "Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. ²¹ For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. ²² For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive. ²³ But each in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. ²⁴ Then comes the end, when he delivers the kingdom to God the Father after destroying every rule and every authority and power. ²⁵ For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. ²⁶ The last enemy to be destroyed is death."

Leader: And what does that mean for us?

Congregation: "We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, ⁵² in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we shall be changed. ⁵³ For this perishable body must put on the imperishable, and this mortal body must put on immortality. ⁵⁴ When the perishable puts on the imperishable, and the mortal puts on immortality, then shall come to pass the saying that is written: 'Death is swallowed up in victory.' ⁵⁵ 'O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting?' ⁵⁶ The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. ⁵⁷ But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ."

Leader: And knowing that victory through Christ, how will you live this week by faith?

Congregation: **Therefore, we will be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord our labor is not in vain.**

*Gloria Patri

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

Facing Up to Our Sin before God

Reading of God's Standard

1 Peter 5:6-7

*"Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God
so that at the proper time he may exalt you,
casting all your anxieties on him, because he cares for you."*

Confession of Sin

In Unison

Gracious Father, you sent your son to die and rise to new life in order that death might be brought to an end and that we might live a new life in Him. Yet we confess that we too often have chosen to remain captive to doubt and fear and ways that lead to death. By our thoughts, words, and actions, we have scorned your love, diminished the lives of others, and defaced your image in us. Father, forgive us for Jesus's sake, and enable us by His resurrection power to live no longer for ourselves but for Him who died and rose again for us. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon in Christ

from Romans 4:24-5:1

*"Jesus our Lord...was delivered up for our trespasses and raised for our justification.
Therefore, since we have been justified by faith,
we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ."*

***Song of Thanksgiving:**

Christ Is Risen, He Is Risen Indeed!

1. How can it be the One who died has borne our sin in sac - ri - fice,
2. For joy a-wakes as dawn-ing light when Christ's dis - ci - ples lift their eyes.
3. Where doubt and dark - ness once had been, they saw Him and their hearts be - lieved;
4. Once bound by fear, now bold in faith, they preached the truth and pow'r of grace
5. The pow'r that raised Him from the grave now works in us to pow'r - f'ly save;

To con - quer ev - 'ry sting of death? Sing, sing, "Hal - le - lu - jah!"
A - live He stands, their friend and King: Christ, Christ He is ris - en.
But blessed are those who have not seen, yet sing "Hal - le - lu - jah!"
And pour - ing out their lives they gained life, life ev - er - last - ing.
He frees our hearts to live His grace. Go, tell of His good - ness.

Christ is ris - en, He is ris - en in - deed! Oh, sing "Hal - le - lu - jah!" Join the

cho - rus, sing with the re - deemed: "Christ is ris - en, He's ris - en in - deed!"

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It features a treble and bass staff for the voice and a grand staff (treble and bass) for the piano accompaniment. The key signature is one flat (B-flat major or D minor), and the time signature is 4/4. The score includes five verses of lyrics, a chorus, and a final line for the chorus. The piano accompaniment includes chords and melodic lines that support the vocal parts.

Offering Our Prayers to God

Prayer of Intercession & the Lord's Prayer

Hershey PCA Prayer Requests for the Week of April 12-18, 2020

Intercession for the World:

- ♦ **The Hershey Community** (to learn about local township news, subscribe to the Derry Township Weekly eNews at www.derrytownship.org/community/weekly-enews)

That our community would hear the gospel, turn to the Lord, and seek him.

- ♦ Civil Government (those in authority over us):

Wisdom for those making decisions that affect us all.

- ♦ Countries of Origin of our Church Members, Friends, and ESL Students (at both of our worship sites, Hershey and Locust Lane) Did you come from a country different from the ones that we regularly pray for? Please let us know and we will add your country of origin to our list:

Germany

- ♦ Unreached People Group (includes 6,693 people groups or 40.4% of the world's people groups (approximately 3,109,034,000 persons). In these people groups, there are "few evangelicals and few who identify as Christians." There is "little, if any, history of Christianity" within the people group. See www.joshuaproject.net). "...pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest." (Matt. 9:38)

Avar of Georgia, Kyrgyzstan, Kazakhstan, Turkmenistan, Ukraine, Uzbekistan, and Russia:
Population: 775,600; Language: Avar; Religion: Islam

Intercession for the Church (God's People):

- ♦ Long-Term Health Needs (If you would like to be added to this list, please let us know):

Those in the congregation and community who are sick, sorrowing, and at risk today.

- ♦ Church Government:

In Our Local Church (our ordained officers at our Hershey and Harrisburg worship sites):

Our elders

- ♦ Our Denomination (PCA):

Member Church in the Susquehanna Valley Presbytery (PCA):

Hanover Valley Presbyterian Church, Hanover, PA

- ♦ Supported Missionary or Organizations:

PCA Administrative Committee

The Lord's Prayer: Our time of intercession will close with this version of the Lord's Prayer in unison.

***"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.***

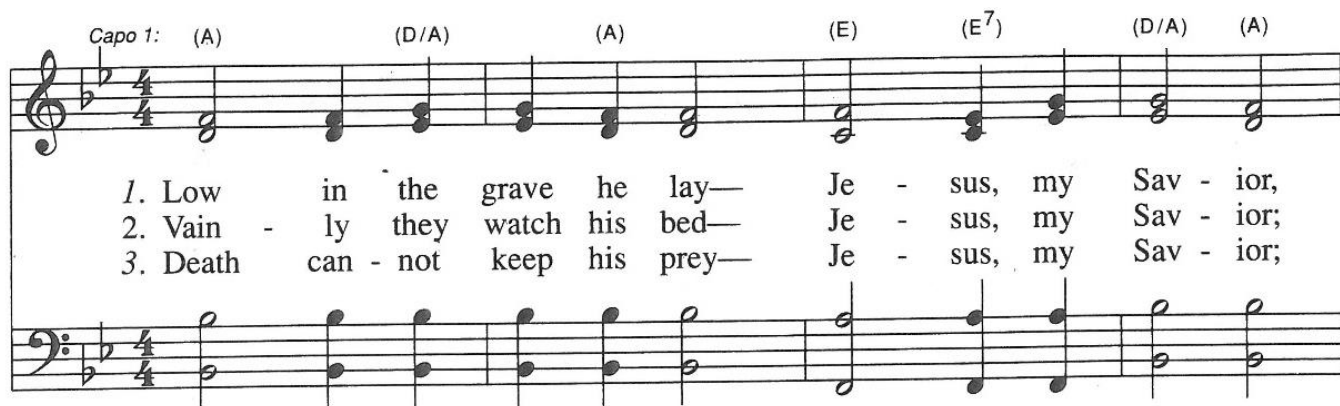
Our Tithes & Offerings

This is the time in our service when our tithes and offerings are presented to God as an act of our worship. Since we are physically unable to give offerings during our online service, let us encourage you to present your tithes and offerings to God by mailing them to the Hershey PCA church office, 1521 Sand Hill Road, Hummelstown, PA 17036, or by making an online donation through our website at hersheypca.com. To give through our website, click the "Give Here" tab on the top bar (sometimes it is under the green banner). You can also give additional gifts to our Deacon's (Mercy) Fund.

***Song of Preparation:**

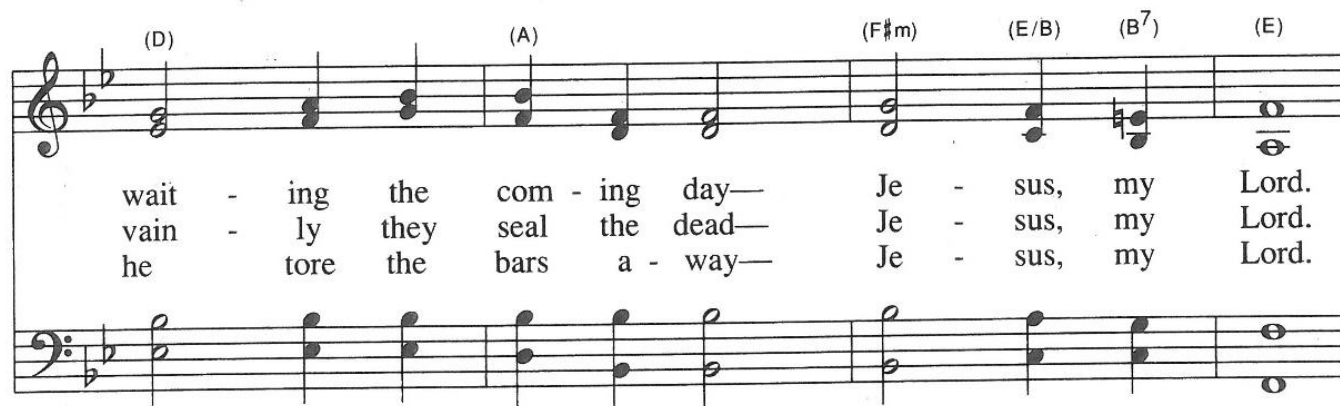
Up from the Grave He Arose

Capo 1: (A) (D/A) (A) (E) (E⁷) (D/A) (A)



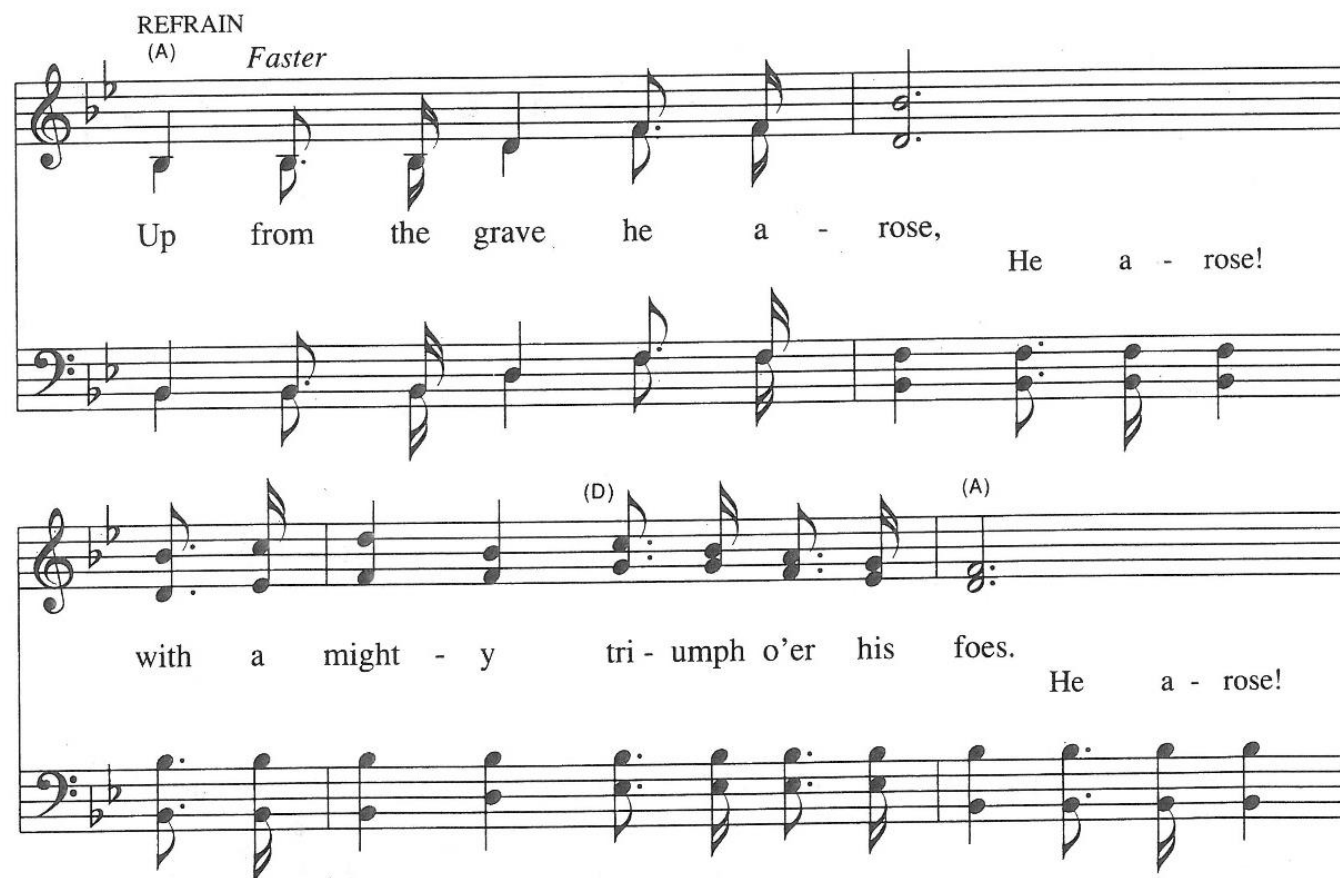
1. Low in the grave he lay— Je - sus, my Sav - ior,
 2. Vain - ly they watch his bed— Je - sus, my Sav - ior;
 3. Death can - not keep his prey— Je - sus, my Sav - ior;

(D) (A) (F#m) (E/B) (B⁷) (E)



wait - ing the com - ing day— Je - sus, my Lord.
 vain - ly they seal the dead— Je - sus, my Lord.
 he tore the bars a - way— Je - sus, my Lord.

REFRAIN (A) *Faster*



Up from the grave he a - rose, He a - rose!
 with a might - y tri - umph o'er his foes. He a - rose!

He a - rose a vic - tor from the dark do - main, and he

lives for - ev - er with his saints to reign. He a - rose!

He a - rose!

He a - rose! Hal - le - lu - jah! Christ a - rose!

Robert Lowry, 1874

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Robert Lowry, 1874

Listening to God's Word

***Prayer for Illumination**

In this prayer, we ask the Lord to open our eyes and hearts to his Word.

***Reading of Scripture:**

Mark 16:1-8; Romans 8:31-38

The Resurrection Account from Mark's Gospel:

Mark 16:1-8

When the Sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. ² And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. ³ And they were saying to one another, 'Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance of the tomb?' ⁴ And looking up, they saw that the stone had been rolled back—it was very large. ⁵ And entering the tomb, they saw a young man sitting on the right side, dressed in a white robe, and they were alarmed. ⁶ And he said to them, 'Do not be alarmed. You seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has risen; he is not here. See the place where they laid him. ⁷ But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going before you to Galilee. There you will see him, just as he told you.' ⁸ And they went out and fled from the tomb, for trembling and astonishment had seized them, and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

The Resurrection Hope Applied to All who Come to God through Jesus:

Romans 8:31-38

If God is for us, who can be against us? ³² He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things? ³³ Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. ³⁴ Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us. ³⁵ Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? ³⁶ As it is written, 'For your sake we are being killed all the day long; we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered.' ³⁷ No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. ³⁸ For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, ³⁹ nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

***Congregation: Thanks be to God!**

Sermon:

Should We Celebrate This Year?

Pastor David Kertland

1. What are we celebrating on _____?

a. The _____ of _____ from the _____!

b. What does that mean for Jesus? (Acts 25:19; Revelation 1:18)

c. What does that mean for those who are “in Him”? (Romans 1:1-4; 4:23-25; 6:4-9; 8:35, 39)

2. Two Implications: (“...neither death nor life...” Romans 8:38)

a. _____ in Death

b. _____ in Life

Prayer of Application

The sermon concludes with a prayer asking the Lord to help us to be those who listen to his word and obey it. “...be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves.” (James 1:22)

*Song of Triumphant Praise:

Thine Be the Glory



1. Thine be the glo - ry, ris - en, con - qu'ring Son; end - less is the
 2. Lo! Je - sus meets us, ris - en from the tomb; lov - ing - ly he
 3. No more we doubt thee, glo - rious Prince of life; life is naught with -



vic - t'ry thou o'er death hast won; an - gels in bright rai - ment
 greets us, scat - ters fear and gloom; let the church with glad - ness,
 out thee: aid us in our strife; make us more than con - qu'rors,



rolled the stone a - way, kept the fold - ed grave - clothes,
 hymns of tri - umph sing, for her Lord now liv - eth,
 thro' thy death - less love: bring us safe thro' Jor - dan

¹ REFRAIN



where thy bod - y lay.
 death hath lost its sting. Thine be the glo - ry, ris - en, con - qu'ring Son;
 to thy home a - bove.



end - less is the vic - t'ry thou o'er death hast won.

Receiving God's Blessing

Benediction

2 Corinthians 13:14

*The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ
and the love of God
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit
be with you all."
Amen.*

Postlude

We are glad that you have joined us for worship today.

We will continue to meet online until public health guidelines change.

An After-Worship Fellowship time: begins immediately following the service by Zoom meeting.

Sunday Bible Class on Ecclesiastes taught by Dr. Joe Kearns begins at 1:00 PM.

The links to these Zoom meetings were sent out by email with our weekly schedule.

Updates, announcements, and a weekly schedules of events with meeting links
are being communicated through our email list.

If you are not receiving these updates and would like to be on the email list,
please send your full name and email address to office@hersheypca.com.

Requests for pastoral or diaconal support can be made directly to
one of our elders or deacons, or can be emailed to us at pastor@hersheypca.com

Join us online at 12 noon (EST) for **Daily Prayer** (M-Sat) and at 10 AM (EST) for **Sunday worship**
at our Facebook page: www.facebook.com/hersheypca.

Today's Service Information

- 1) **Artwork:** Front Cover Artwork: *The Disciples Peter and John Running to the Sepulchre on the Morning of the Resurrection*, Eugène Burnand, 1898. Downloaded from https://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:Disciples_running_by_EB.jpg. In the public domain. Accessed 04/09/2020.
- 2) **Music:** "Christ the Lord is Risen Today" (277), "Up from the Grave He Arose" (276), and "Thine Be the Glory" (274) are reprinted from *The Trinity Hymnal* (Great Commission Publications, Atlanta, GA, 2000). "Christ Is Risen, He Is Risen Indeed!" is reprinted from *Hymns of Grace* (The Master's Seminary Press, Los Angeles, CA, 2015). Music used by permission: CCLI License #703337.
- 3) **Quotes:** Page 6: Today's Confession of Sin is found at <https://missionalchallenge.com/easter-prayer-of-confession/> which reports that it was previously used in the worship services of Central Presbyterian Church in New York City (<https://www.centralchurchnyc.org/>). Biblical quotes are from the English Standard Version (ESV) unless otherwise noted. Various quotes used to explain prayers in our worship service from *Leading in Prayer: A Workbook for Worship* by Hughes Oliphant Old (Eerdmans, Grand Rapids, MI: 1995).



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The Hershey PCA Office & Ministry Center is closed until further notice.

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