**Gerrardstown Presbyterian Church 2nd Sunday of Easter Worship Service**

 **April 8, 2018**

**~*We Gather~***

**Prelude**

**Welcome and Announcements, Joys and Concerns of the Church**

Please sign the red Friendship pad in the pew and pass along to others.

**Greetings –**stand and greet each other as music plays please take your seats to sing Gathering Song

**Gathering Song** #231 Christ Has Risen While Earth Slumbers vs. 1

**Prayer for the day**

**\*Call to Worship** *(Adapted from Ps. 65:1-8 NIV)*

One: Praise awaits you, our God, in Zion; to you our vows will be fulfilled.

**All: You who answer prayer, to you all people will come.**

One: Blessed are those you choose and bring near to live in your courts!

**All: We are filled with the good things of your house, of your holy temple. You answer us with awesome and righteous deeds,**

One: God our Savior, the hope of all the ends of the earth and of the farthest seas, who formed the mountains by your power, having armed yourself with strength, who stilled the roaring of the seas, and the turmoil of the nations.

**All: The whole earth is filled with awe at your wonders; where morning dawns, where evening fades, you call forth songs of joy.**

**Hymn of Praise**: #246 Christ Is Alive!

**~*We Confess our Sin and Receive Pardon*~**

**Call to Reconciliation:** When we pray to God we are apt to say what we think God wants to hear. Scripture says if we will humble ourselves, seek God’s face and turn from our wicked ways, God will hear us. Let’s come humbly, seeking and repenting…

**Prayer of Forgiveness:** *(Unison)* **Holy God, you know more about us than we ourselves know. We aren’t sure how to come before you except to seek you as honestly as we can. We offer our prayers of confession now silently…** *(silent prayer)*

**Assurance of Pardon**: When we were overwhelmed by sins, you forgave our transgressions.

**All: Thank you Oh God for your promise is true, in Jesus Christ we are forgiven!**

**\*Gloria Patri**

***~We Hear a Word from the Lord~***

**Children’s Message**

**Hymn of Meditation** #472 Kum ba Yah

**Prayer of Illumination**

**First Scripture Lesson:** Deut. 6:4-9; 11:13-21; Numbers 15:37-41

Leader: The Word of the Lord

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**Sermon:** Lord, teach us to pray – Jesus and Jewish Prayer Life

**Second Scripture Lesson:**  Matt. 22:17; Luke 12:13-4, 20:2; John 10:24-25

***~We Respond in Joyful Service~***

**Prayers of Intercession**

**Call to Offering**

**Offertory**

**\*Doxology**

**\*Prayer of Thanksgiving**

**\*Apostle’s Creed**

***~We Go Forth to Serve*~**

**\*Closing Hymn:** #821 My Life Flows On

**\*Charge and Benediction**

**\*Benediction Response** Refrain: ***No Storm can shake my inmost calm while to the Rock I’m clinging. Since Christ is Lord of heaven and earth, how can I keep from singing?***

**\*Postlude**

**Jessica Grubb, Lay Leader**

**Beverly Hughes, Organist**

**Rev. Karen Greenawalt, Pastor**

**\*You are invited to stand**

**Welcome to Gerrardstown Presbyterian Church. We are glad you are here!** If you are a first time guest, please fill out the Red Friendship pads in the pew. We invite you to prayerfully consider GPC a place to call home. If you would like to become a member please talk to Pastor Karen.

**Children are a vital part of our congregation.** Each Sunday we offer Sunday school at 9:45am downstairs, a Children’s Message in worship and Children’s Church downstairs after the Children’s Message. Child care is also available in the nursery downstairs for all those 2 years and younger.

**Upcoming Events- Mark your Calendars!**

Pastor Karen will be on vacation April 19-24th

Sunday April 22 – Our Guest Preacher will be Rev. Roxanna Atwood

Tuesday April 24 – Community Dinner 4:30pm-6:30pm

**RightNow Media is now available through GPC!** To access this huge database of videos for children, families, marriages, Bible study. If we don’t have your email, please sign up in the Gathering Room or use the link or QR code in the insert.

**Journey with Jesus to Jerusalem** **for Pentecost!** We are continuing our walk until Pentecost.It’s not too late to sign up at the table in the Gathering room, pick up your packet and begin counting steps and miles as we add them together to walk the 5922 miles to Jerusalem by Pentecost.

**Thank you all for bringing mission items for homeless people and pets!** The Boys and Girls Club of Martinsburg invites us to help distribute the items collected to homeless on April 18th from 10am-2pm. Talk with Pastor Karen if you’d like to help.

**HELP! If you know anyone in need of help with addiction or mental illness, WV has a 24 hour hotline 1-844-HELP4WV. The Suicide Prevention Lifeline number is 1-800-273-8255. If you know anyone who is having trouble paying a light bill, rent or needs mortgage help and other social services can be found by calling 211.**

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