

Yardley United Methodist Church

April 1, 2018
Easter
11 o'clock

You are encouraged to use the time of music being played in the Prelude to quietly center yourself for worship. We request that you silence your cell phone. You are encouraged to sit down during the Postlude and listen to the music in a time for reflection.

Prelude Come Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain Eugene Butler

Welcome

Please refer to the announcements in the bulletin. Please take a moment to sign the welcome card in the bulletin and place it in the offering plate.

***Processional Hymn** Christ the Lord Is Risen Today
(Stanzas 1-4) Red Hymnal #302

Anthem Triumphant in His Glory Joseph Roff

*Call to Worship R-E-N-E-W-A-L

Leader: Our Season of Renewal launches today with the good news that Christ is risen!

People: He is risen indeed!

Leader: The letter "L" reminds us that nothing can ever separate us from God's love...

**People: Not Roman soldiers, not a hateful crowd,
not fearful disciples, not death on a cross.**

Leader: The empty tomb means that Jesus lives, and longs for us to love the least, the last and the lost.

**People: Through Christ, we are made new: revived, refreshed and
ready now that the great day of resurrection has come!**

Children's Moments *Children are invited to come forward for an Easter story. They will take Communion with their family later in the service today.*

***Passing the Peace** *(Greet one another, saying "Peace be with you.")*

Ministry of Music Crown Him! Gregg Sewell

Prayer for Others

Scripture Reading John 20:1-18 Pew Bible pg. 108 N.T.

Sermon Is This a Joke? Rev. Cynthia E. Skripak

***Hymn** He Lives Red Hymnal #310

Presentation of the Offering

Offertory I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord Ralph Long

***Offertory Response** Gloria Patri Red Hymnal #71
*Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen. Amen.*

*Offertory Prayer

Communion *Communion will be served by walking forward, receiving bread, and dipping in grape juice. If you are unable to come forward, please notify an usher. Gluten free communion is available from the pastor. Special Offering will benefit the Pennel Food Pantry.*

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Lord's Prayer Red Hymnal p. 12

Invitation

Receiving the Bread and Cup

Prayer After Receiving

***Hymn** Thine Be the Glory Red Hymnal #308

*Benediction

*Carrying Out the Light

Postlude Rejoice, the Lord Is King John Innes
If you need to leave during the Postlude, please exit quietly as worship continues.

** Please stand if you are able*