

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY
April 14, 2024

Gathering for God's Worship

Chiming of the Hour

Welcome and Announcements

Through baptism God gave us a gracious sign of hope and love in Christ. Hear again the promises of God to forgive us, adopt us, renew us, and resurrect us to eternal life. Let us prepare our hearts and minds to worship God.

Prelude

Call to Worship

This is the day the Lord has made;
Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

***Hymn of Welcome 379** "My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less" (verses 1, 3, & 4)

Confessing to God's Mercy

***Prayer of Confession**

Holy One, we confess that we have allowed ourselves to become cynical, and our cynicism has boiled over with slander, criticism, prayerlessness, and pessimism. How easily we have allowed ourselves to crumple under the stresses of our lives. Forgive us for our smallness of faith. In your mercy, hear our prayer. Amen.

***Assurance of Pardon**

***Response in Praise** "Because He Lives" *Because He lives I can face tomorrow; Because He lives, all fear is gone. Because I know He holds the future, and life is worth the living just because He lives.*

Time of Community Sharing/Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People with 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.

Prayer Response "Alleluia" *He's my Savior, He's my Savior, He's my Savior, He's my Savior, He's my Savior, He's my Savior, He's my Savior, He's my Savior!*

Proclaiming of God's Word

A Time for All God's Children (4¢ a Meal Offering)

Scripture Reading Luke 24:36-49 (p. 885, large print p. 1126)

Anthem

Sermon "Why are you troubled?" Rev. Loren Tate Mitchell

Responding to God's Word

Affirmation of Faith (Heidelberg Catechism, Q&A 54)

I believe that the Son of God, through his Spirit and Word, out of the entire human race, from the beginning of the world to its end, gathers, protects, and preserves for himself a community chosen for eternal life and united in true faith. And of this community I am and always will be a living member.

Hymn of Preparation 513 "Let Us Break Bread Together" (verses 1 & 2)

Communion

Invitation

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Words of Institution

Prayer after Communion

Almighty God, grant that we who have received the bread of life and the cup of salvation may abide in Him and He in us, that we may be filled with the power of his endless life, now and forever. Amen.

***Hymn 442** "The Church's One Foundation" (verses 1-4)

***Offering**

Offering plates are located at each entrance; you may place tithes and offerings, pledge cards, and visitor cards in them after the service.

***Doxology**

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

***Prayer of Dedication**

Departing into God's Service

***Charge & Benediction**

***Postlude**

***Please rise in body or spirit.**

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Julie Sandridge (Receiving Treasurer, Stewardship)

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New Providence Presbyterian Church

Serving God and the Community since 1746

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- **Historical Marker Dedication:** The Historical Marker dedication will be held at the close of worship today with light refreshments to follow.
- **Discipleship Meeting** will be held today following the marker dedication.
- **VBS Meals Needed:** The Discipleship Ministry has scheduled Vacation Bible School for June 10-13 this year. Each night will begin at 5:30 with a light meal. The Fellowship Committee is looking for groups or individuals willing to provide meals. On Monday Night the PW will provide baked spaghetti and salad. We need volunteers for Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday nights. Please contact Mary Linda if you're willing to help.
- **Mission:** Doris Fredricksen will be traveling to Honduras for a mission trip with Friends of Barnabas in June 2024! If you would like to contribute, please make checks payable to "Friends of Barnabas" with "Doris Fredricksen, Rockbridge team" in the memo line. Make donations online at <https://www.fobf.org/> or mail to Friends of Barnabas, PO Box 4804, Midlothian, VA 23112.
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