

SERMON *What Are the Fruits of Our Community?* The Rev. Kate Kelly

HYMN *“They’ll Know We are Christians by Our Love”* (See Insert)

BENEDICTION The Rev. Kate Kelly

CHORAL RESPONSE

POSTLUDE *Trumpet Tune in C....* David Lasky
Belinda Vair – Accompanist/Choir Director



***CONNIE CHAMBERLAIN HAS PLACED FLOWERS IN THE
SANCTUARY “FOR THE BEAUTY OF OUR EARTH”***



***THANK YOU TO THE DEACON’S
FOR THIS MORNING’S COFFEE HOUR/BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION***

SUNDAY WORSHIP APRIL 28, 2024 FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER 10:30AM



WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS The Rev. Kate Kelly

APRIL’S MISSION OF THE MONTH *Presbyterian Disaster Assistance*

PRELUDE *God Will Take Care of You* arr. by James Koerts
Belinda Vair – Accompanist/Choir Director

CHORAL INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP Thomas Ruehle

Beloved, let us love one another,

Because love is from God;

Everyone who loves is born of God and knows God.

Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love.

God’s love was revealed among us in this way:

God sent the only Son into the world so that we might live through Christ.

By this we know that we abide in God and God in us,

Because God has given us the Spirit.

Let us love one another and join in worship of our God,

For God is love.

***HYMN #485** “*To God Be the Glory*” (See Insert)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Pastor: Awesome God, we confess that we have allowed fear to rule our lives. We have allowed fear to keep us from loving our neighbors who are different than us. We have allowed fear to close our doors, our hearts, our minds. But You are Perfect Love, and You cast out all fear. Help us to let go of what holds us back and to be open to Your Spirit, to love freely, and to love deeply.

Congregation: We know that our hearts may be broken, but help us anyway to love those most in need, the most vulnerable, and guide us into ways of love and care that help heal our brokenness. In the name of Christ, the One who laid down his life for us because he loved us so much, we pray all things. Amen.

ASSURANCE IF GOD’S GRACE

We come together with grateful hearts, remembering all that Christ has done for us, and knowing we can never repay that kind of love, except in how we love one another. So share God’s love. Share God’s peace. Share God’s joy, and know that own love, peace, and joy in your heart. You are forgiven, loved, and restored.

Thanks be to God. Amen

GLORIA PATRI

**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.**

THE APOSTLE’S CREED

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

The Rev. Kate Kelly

PASTORAL PRAYER AND 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 and ever. Amen.

ANTHEM *All Things of Wonder and Love.....*

James Culver

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Walt Lane

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Walt Lane

Old Testament Reading: Psalm 22:25-31 (Pew Bible Page #501)

New Testament Reading: John 15:1-8 (Pew Bible Page #109)

*Hymn #485 *“To God Be the Glory”*

**1 To God be the glory, great things He hath done!
So loved He the world that He gave us His Son,
Who yielded His life an atonement for sin,
And opened the life gate that all may go in.**

Refrain:

**Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,
Let the earth hear His voice!
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,
Let the people rejoice!
O come to the Father through Jesus the Son,
And give Him the glory: great things He hath done.**

**2 Great things He hath taught us, great things He hath done,
And great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son;
But purer, and higher, and greater will be
Our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see. [Refrain]**

Hymn *“They’ll Know We Are Christians by Our Love”*

**We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord;
We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord;
And we pray that all unity will one day be restored.**

**Chorus: And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love,
yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.**

**We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand;
We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand;
And together we'll spread the news that God is in our land.**

**We Will work with each other, we will work side by side;
We will work with each other, we will work side by side;
And we'll guard each man's dignity and save each man's pride.**

**All praise to the Father, from whom all things come;
And all praise to Christ Jesus, His only Son.
And all praise to the Spirit who makes us one.**