

Service of Divine Worship

4th Sunday of Easter

April 21, 2024

Assemble in God's Name

As You Focus for Worship

God of love, whom Jesus knew as a caring parent, remind us of your commandments that it may become our heart's most earnest desire to pass on your love in truth and action. Grant us the courage to risk life itself that others may see Christ abiding in us and thus come to know your goodness and mercy. Amen.¹

Welcome and Proclamation of the Good News

Prelude: *It Is Well with My Soul*

Christy Kim, violin & Grace Kim, flute

Matt Riley

***Call to Worship:** *Responsive Reading*

Come into the fold of the Good Shepherd, to whom we belong.

The loving shepherd attends to all of our needs.

Come and rest in the presence of the Good Shepherd, who watches over us.

The faithful shepherd seeks only good for us.

Come and praise the Good Shepherd, who loves us to the end of life.

This trustworthy servant is worthy of our love and honor.

Come and follow the way of the Good Shepherd.

The self-giving shepherd is our model for loving service.

Let us worship the one who meets us in green pastures and preserves us from danger.²

***Glory to God Hymnal #634:** *To God Be the Glory*

Prayer of Confession:

God our Shepherd, you supply all our needs. We are perverse and foolish. We develop green pastures. We pollute still waters. We forge wrong-headed paths and name them for ourselves. Our fear carves deep valleys of darkness for many.

O God, call us by name! Forgive us and bring us home from our useless wanderings. Anoint us to serve you and all you have created, giving thanks for your abundant grace.²

Silent Personal Prayer

***Assurance of Pardon**

***Song of Joy, Hymn #579:** *Glory Be to the Father (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 Peace:** *"The Peace of the Lord be with you." "And also with you."*

As a sign of reconciliation please share the Peace of Christ with your brothers and sisters.

Proclaim God's Word

Prayer for Illumination: *Unison Reading*

God our helper, by your Holy Spirit, open our minds, that as the Scriptures are read and your Word is proclaimed, we may be led into your truth and taught your will, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.³

New Testament Lesson: Romans 5:1-5

Children's Time

Susie Faas

Ministry of Music: *Appalachian Psalm*

Heritage Choir

John Paige

Gospel Lesson: Mark 8:34-38

Sermon: *The Heart of the Matter*

Reverend James DiEgidio

Respond to God's Word

***Hymn #403:** *What a Friend We Have in Jesus*

Joy & Concern Cards will be collected during this hymn

***Affirmation of Faith:** *The Apostles' Creed*, Traditional

Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

Life Together

Presentation of Our Tithes and Gifts to God

Offertory: *Ain't No Grave*

David Angerman

Bonita Brockert, mezzo with Heritage Choir

Christy Kim, violin & Grace Kim, flute

Bonita Brockert, guitar & Jack Mansfield, drums

* Hymn # 592: Doxology

* Prayer of Dedication

***Hymn #438:** *Blest Be the Tie That Binds*

***Benediction**

***Postlude**

* *Those who are able may stand.*

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Order of Worship



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Transition Period Pastoral Care

The Session has engaged the services of local pastors for emergency pastoral services such as hospital visitation and funerals. If you need pastoral care, please call Stephanie Martin in the church office: 513-398-7671, or email office@hpcmason.org. She will contact a Pastor. After hours or on weekends, please call Deacon Vice Moderator Sally Le Cras: 513-317-6353.



Save the Date!!

May 19 at 5:00pm - Heritage Got Talent

We are looking for talent acts. If you have a talent you would like to share, please contact Leah Jacob at cellogod-dess76@gmail.com.



Mason Symphonic Chorale Presents:

What a Feeling! Sunday, April 18 at 7pm

Featuring....Mason Symphonic Chorale, Hallelujah Ringers, West Chester Academy Singers

Tickets are available at www.masonchorale.org or at the door before the concert.

Recycling Update

HPC is no longer collecting plastic bottle caps for recycling, as the ReUse Hub is no longer accepting them. Please continue to recycle your bottle tops at home. Thank you!



Basketball at HPC



Basketball in our church gym will start on Tuesday, April 2 through May 29, 7-8:30pm—open to all ages 16 and up. Please join us for some pick-up games or simply just shooting around. See Tom Ball with questions.

Apply Now For No-Interest Heritage Education Loans

HPC can help cover the costs of college through interest-free loans of up to \$2,500 per year. The loans are available for Heritage Church and other Christian students. Contact Susan Brose at sbrose.hpc@gmail.com for an application form. Submit applications by July 31st so the Endowment committee has time to review your application and finalize the loans before school starts.

Loans are made for \$1,250 per semester, \$2,500 per school year, for a maximum of four years and \$10,000. Loans are interest-free with a 50-month repayment schedule beginning 12 months after the final year of education concludes.



Bible Breakfast and Teacher Appreciation May 5, 9-10am



As we close out a great school year of Sunday School and Bible Study, let's celebrate! All are welcome! If you attended Sunday School, Bible Study, or studied scripture on your own – come and enjoy fellowship and breakfast. We will also take some time to appreciate those who taught us this year.

Please use the link <https://bit.ly/BibleBreakfastMay5> to let us know you are coming or contact susie.faas@hpcmason.org

Community Cupboard

Each of the past three months, more than 1,000 food items have been put into the Community Cupboard. This is fantastic! Your continued generosity is very much appreciated by those who use the Cupboard. You have provided a steady supply of needed food items.

Currently, however, we are almost out of fruit, juice, meat (stew, chicken, tuna and yes, Vienna Sausages). Thank you for all your support.



Calling All High School & Post High School 2024 Graduates!

- Please plan to attend our Graduate Recognition on Sunday, May 12th during the Worship Service. We will present our high school graduates to the congregation by inviting them up and giving them a gift. Other graduates will be asked to stand and be recognized. We would like to congratulate you on your hard work!
- We ask all graduating high school & other graduates to submit the following:
 - ⇒ Name of the school you will be graduating from
 - ⇒ Any specific plans for the Fall, including your chosen college, major or job
 - ⇒ High School Seniors, please include 5 photos
 - ⇒ Other graduates, please include 1 photo

Send all the above info to: youth@hpcmason.org by April 28th.

PRAYER list

Joys:

- David—Felicia Otisi Omoji's son—married to Olajumoke
- Thanks for the blessings and talents bestowed on HPC

Concerns:

- Glen Hamann—recovery from successful 4/15 bypass surgery
- Scott Sanker—son of Carl & Gaye Sanker—hospitalized with Covid and double pneumonia.
- Co-Worker of Tim LeVan—treated unfairly regarding a work issue
- Twila Lane—wife of Tim LeVan's friend Gary—chemotherapy
- Tony Vivian—brother of Tim LeVan's friend Rod—cancer surgery

Continued Prayer:

- Prayers for the people of Ukraine and Russia, and for peace.
- Prayers for the people of Israel and Gaza and all victims of terrorism and war
- Transitional Leadership Team
- Shawn Allen—friend of Joyce Klein—Stage 4 Cancer
- Mike Buerger—friend of Rick Davis—bladder cancer treatments
- Josie Faulkner—4 year old granddaughter of Glen & Debbie Hamann—recovery from tonsillectomy.
- Mitchell Kent—teammate of Sam Le Cras—tractor trailer accident
- Cathy Kinzie—cousin of Pat O'Kray—congestive heart failure
- Carole Phillips—memory care at Optimized Senior Living
- Bonnie Reeves—Hospice
- Steve Ritz
- Merideth Rought—healing after a car accident
- Roger Rude—health issues
- Ron Trapp – Pastor Emeritus – Hospice Care

In Memoriam:

- Steve Kuhlman & family – Steve's mother, Marie Bommarito, passed away recently.
- Schmidt Family—Cousins of Jamey Focke—Don Schmidt passed away suddenly on 4/12/24.
- Family of Felicia Otisi Omoji—in the loss of their sister, Ada in Nigeria.

Intercessory Prayer: Beecher Presbyterian Church

Call the church office, 398-7671, to request the prayer chain be started

Week at a Glance

Sunday, April 21, 4th Sunday of Easter

9:00 am: Sunday School for all ages

9:30 am: Choir Practice

10:15 am: In Person Worship & Livestream Worship on [Facebook](#) and [YouTube](#)

11:30 am: W M & A Meeting

5:00 pm: Kids of the Kingdom, 'Tweens & Legacies

Monday, April 22

Tuesday, April 23

10:00 am: Crafting Group

7:00 pm: Basketball Open Gym

Wednesday, April 24

6:15 pm: Choir Practice

7:30 pm: Bells Practice

Thursday, April 25

11:00 am: Adult Bible Study

8:15 pm: Men's Fellowship

Friday, April 26

12:00 pm: May Good News Deadline

Saturday, April 27

12:00 pm: Food with Friends

Sunday, April 28, 5th Sunday of Easter, Deacon Sunday

9:00 am: Sunday School for all ages

9:30 am: Choir Practice

10:15 am: In Person Worship & Livestream Worship on [Facebook](#) and [YouTube](#)

5:00 pm: Kids of the Kingdom, 'Tweens & Legacies

7:00 pm: Mason Chorale Concert at HPC

Sanctuary Flowers Today Are Given by Roseann Cochrane in Celebration of her brother-in-law, Victor Brulez' birthday.

Worship Leader Today: Cynthia Glinski

Greeters Today: Roger & Ineke Rude

Birthdays: Jeremy Schumm, Peyton Mills, Leah Jacob, Patty Schnetzer, Ian Mould, Comfort Olugu

Heritage Presbyterian Church VBS: June 24-28, 6– 8:30 pm



One of the highlights of the summer is Vacation Bible School. Come, and be a part of faith and fun, as we are called together to serve.

Throughout the week we will follow Psalm 56:3, "Whenever I'm afraid, I put my trust in you."

Through Bible activities, crafts, games, science, snacks, and mission, we will be part of an amazing community learning to TRUST GOD to Go With Us, Lead the way, Share Wisdom, Give us Peace, & Spark Joy!

There are many ways to be part of VBS!

Attend...Children age 4 – upcoming 5th graders are welcome.

Register on-line at www.hpcmason.org

or <https://bit.ly/HeritageVBS2024>

Donate... There is a wish list of supplies posted in the Atrium.

Volunteer... We need lots of helpers! Adults & Teens
(upcoming 6th graders and older)

If you love God, and love to have fun, you will love VBS!

How do you want to be a part of VBS?

Sign up in the Atrium or contact susie.faas@hpcmason.org

VBS Decorating - Wednesdays in May 5:30–7:30pm

We need help creating the decorations to transform our building into *Camp Firelight* for Vacation Bible School. If you can trace, cut, or glue, we would love to have you join us! Some take home projects are also available. Contact susie.faas@hpcmason.org



Crafters!

A group of Crafters meets in the Fireside Room each Tuesday from 10am-12pm to work on our own projects and on projects to be donated. We work and have a good time chatting and laughing. We would love to have you join us!

Please join us!



Sandwich Mission Continues

A big THANK YOU to all of you who continue to make sandwiches for "Our Daily Bread", on Race Street, in downtown Cincinnati! Through Friday, 3-15-2024, you have made 28,459 sandwiches, in 198 weekly deliveries over the past 4 years. If stacked, these sandwiches would be as high as a 217 story building.



2024 Pledges & Gifts

Use this link to give online: <http://bit.ly/2Wjfb2m>

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Announcements

6546 S. Mason-Montgomery Rd.
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9:00 am – Sunday School
10:15 am – Worship



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