

READINGTON REFORMED CHURCH

Cathy Gumpert, Pastor

John Ayer, Music Director

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

March 30, 2008

11:00 a.m.

THE APPROACH TO GOD

+Announcements

Prelude

Moment of Silence

Call to Worship

Psalm 16

Leader: Protect me, O God, for in You I take refuge. I say to the LORD, "You are my Lord; I have no good apart from You." As for the holy ones in the land, they are the noble, in whom is all my delight.

People: Those who choose another god multiply their sorrows; their drink offerings of blood I will not pour out or take their names upon my lips.

Leader: The LORD is my chosen portion and my cup; You hold my lot. The boundary lines have fallen for me in pleasant places; I have a goodly heritage.

People: I bless the LORD who gives me counsel; in the night also my heart instructs me. I keep the LORD always before me; because God is at my right hand, I shall not be moved.

Leader: Therefore my heart is glad, and my soul rejoices; my body also rests secure. For You do not give me up to Sheol, or let your faithful one see the Pit.

People: You show me the path of life.

ALL: In Your presence there is fullness of joy; in Your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

Passing of the Peace

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

*+Hymn of Praise #315 (RIL) "Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain"

ST. KEVIN

Prayer of Confession

Psalm 16

Merciful God, our Rock and our Redeemer, we give You thanks for Your love and Your care. You have given us a good heritage, a godly heritage, and we thank You. But too often we turn away from our heritage, as we get distracted by our desire for the latest electronic gadget, the next promotion, a more elaborate car or game or tool. We put our trust in our things, and not in You. But when troubles come, they shock us awake, and we remember to put our

faith in You, and not in things that rust, or break, or become outdated. We are sorry to be so fickle. Forgive us, and redirect us, so that we are mindful of the wonderful ways that you work in our lives. Help us to share our stories of Your gracious loving-kindness with those around us, so that we can bring your promises of love and redemption to those who need it. In this way we can work to further Your kingdom here on earth, until Jesus comes again. We ask this in His strong name. Amen.

Kyrie Eleison

Lord, have mercy upon us, Christ, have mercy upon us, Lord, have mercy upon us.

Words of Assurance

Romans 10:9-13

Summary of the Law

Psalms 119:145-152

*+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.

THE WORD OF GOD

Children's Sermon

Kim Cole

*+Hymn of Preparation #313 (RIL)

"That Easter Day with Joy was Bright"

PUER NOBIS NASCITUR

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Lessons

Acts 2:14a; 22-32

p. 885

1 Peter 1:3-9

p. 983

John 20:19-31

p. 883

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

DO YOU BELIEVE?

Lisa James

THE RESPONSE TO THE WORD

*Confession of Faith

The Apostles' 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.

Offering *(Please fill out the red pew pads at this time. Remember to PRINT your name.)*

Offertory "Christ Jesus Lay in Death's Strong Bands" J. S. Bach

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

Dedication of Gifts

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the Community and The Lord's Prayer Patrice Chadwick/Lisa James

*Hymn of Dedication #331 (RIL) "Hail the Day that Sees Him Rise" LLANFAIR
Verses 1 - 4

*Benediction

*Benediction Response "Hail the Day that Sees Him Rise" LLANFAIR
Verses 5 & 6

Postlude

*Congregation (those who are able) will please rise.
+Latecomers and returning worshipers may be seated.
Hymns this morning are from "Rejoice in the Lord".

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WORSHIP SERVICE: 11:00AM (10:00 A.M. Father's Day through Labor Day) Nursery Provided

SUNDAY SCHOOL: 9:30A.M. Classes for Pre-school through adult (September through June)

Infant Nursery Provided

Our Invitation

We welcome you as we join together in prayer, in song, and in praise to God. It is our prayer that the blessing and fellowship you find here will enrich your life so that you will truly feel that you are a part of this historic, caring church. May God bless you in a very special way!

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Organized 1719

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Above all, we exist to worship God. Through the grace of God and the guidance of the Holy Spirit, we will make the love of Jesus Christ tangible by caring for one another and those around us and will go out into the world to spread the Good News of Jesus Christ

The Rev. Cathy Gumpert, Pastor
The Rev. Donald A. McCabe, Pastor Emeritus