

READINGTON REFORMED CHURCH

Cathy Gumpert, Pastor

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
April 20, 2008
11:00 a.m.

THE APPROACH TO GOD

+Announcements

Prelude

Moment of Silence

Call to Worship

Psalm 31

Leader: In You, O LORD, I seek refuge; do not let me ever be put to shame; in Your righteousness deliver me. Incline Your ear to me; rescue me speedily. Be a rock of refuge for me, a strong fortress to save me.

People: You are indeed my rock and my fortress; for Your name's sake lead me and guide me, take me out of the net that is hidden for me, for You are my refuge.

Leader: Into Your hand I commit my spirit; You have redeemed me, O LORD, faithful God.

People: My times are in Your hand; deliver me from the hand of my enemies and persecutors.

ALL: Let Your face shine upon Your servant; save me in Your steadfast love.

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 #96 (TH)

"All Beautiful the March of Days"

FOREST GREEN

Prayer of Confession

Psalm 31

Almighty God, our rock of refuge, our very present help in times of trouble, we thank You for Your righteousness and Your love. We call on You in times of trouble; You hear and You help. But too often we ignore the nets that are hidden for us: nets of desire for power, nets of material goods, nets of jealousy. When we are tangled up and caught, then we remember Your goodness and Your mercy. Forgive us for being so short-sighted, Lord. Help us to commit our spirits to You daily, so that the light from Your face shining on us is reflected into the dark corners of this lost and broken world that You love so much. In

this way we can be light to the earth, as we point others toward Jesus, our Redeemer. 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

Psalm 32:5-7

Summary of the Law

Romans 12:9-13

*+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

*+Hymn of Preparation #368 (TH)

"My Hope is Built on Nothing Less"

SOLID ROCK

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Lessons

Old Testament

Song of Solomon 3:1-5

p. 544

New Testament

John 20:1-18

p. 882

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

FROM HEARTSICK TO NEW LIFE

THE RESPONSE TO THE WORD

*Confession of Faith

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day He rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, 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

*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

*Hymn of Dedication #124 (TH)

“Be Not Dismayed Whate'er Betide” MARTIN

*Benediction

*Benediction Response “Be Not Dismayed Whate'er Betide” MARTIN

God will take care of you, through every day, o'er all the way;
He will take care of you, God will take care of you.

Postlude

*Congregation (those who are able) will please rise.
+Latecomers and returning worshipers may be seated.
Hymns this morning are from “The Hymnbook”.

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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