

A Guideline for Sunday Home Worship Service

Laurel Hill Church

April 16 / 2nd Sunday of Easter

Opening Prayer

Breathe the breath of new life into us, O Lord, that we may fully feel the power of your love and the awesome glory of the resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ. Prepare us to receive your blessing and then to go from this place to be a blessing to others in your name. AMEN.

Opening Hymn – “Alleluia, Alleluia” (UMH 162)

Refrain: Alleluia, Alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord,
Alleluia, alleluia, give praise to His name.

1. Jesus is Lord of all the earth. He is the King of creation. (*Refrain*)
2. Spread the good news o’er all the earth. Jesus has died and has risen. (*Refrain*)
3. We have been crucified with Christ. Now we shall live forever. (*Refrain*)
4. Come, let us praise the living God, joyfully sing to our Savior. (*Refrain*)

Common Prayer

Father, as Jesus entered the locked room to show his disciples the beginning of a new world, so enter our hearts and move us to faith in Jesus as the Risen One. Convince us of the reality and significance of the resurrection, and free us from all manner of fears.

Be with your church throughout the world so that its preaching and works of love may continue to testify to our Lord’s resurrection. Wherever your church is faithless and lacking in courage to do the work that Jesus has given, visit it and build it up with your Spirit. Bring peace to all parts of the earth. Wherever nations are at war and people are divided, visit and bring true reconciliation. Especially protect all Christian people in these nations, and help them to influence their country for the good of all.

Wherever homes are disrupted by anger and bitterness, and wherever relationships are distorted and dulled, visit and bring peace and harmony. Wherever young people are gathered in your name, visit and guide them with your holy word and wisdom. Visit and comfort the sick and suffering too, dear Lord. Heal and strengthen weak bodies, calm and correct confused minds. We pray for those we know with particular needs. Support them all with your great love and mercy. We present these prayers through Jesus Christ our Risen Lord. AMEN.

Scripture Lesson: John 20:19-31

Sermon: “Witnesses to the Resurrection” – Rev. Hyunho Lee

Hymn of Response: “We’ve a Story to Tell to the Nations” (UMH 569)

1. We've a story to tell to the nations, that shall turn their hearts to the right,
a story of truth and mercy, a story of peace and light, a story of peace and light.

Refrain: For the darkness shall turn to dawning,
and the dawning to noonday bright;

and Christ's great kingdom shall come on earth, the kingdom of love and light.

2. We've a song to be sung to the nations, that shall lift their hearts to the Lord,
a song that shall conquer evil and shatter the spear and sword, and shatter the spear and
sword. (Refrain)

3. We've a message to give to the nations, that the Lord who reigneth above
hath sent us his Son to save us, and show us that God is love, and show us that God is love.
(Refrain)

4. We've a Savior to show to the nations, who the path of sorrow hath trod,
that all of the world's great peoples might come to the truth of God, might come to the
truth of God. (Refrain)

Tithes and Offerings

Prayer: “Loving God, you breathe life into our mortal bodies; you complete us and fill our
every need. For all that you have done, for all that you have given to us, we worship you.
Beautiful savior, with all that we are, and with all that we have, we offer you our thanks and
praise. AMEN.”

Hymn of Commitment – “Thy Word Is a Lamp” (UMH 601)

Refrain: Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.

1. When I feel afraid, think I've lost my way, still you're there right beside me,
and nothing will I fear as long as you are near. Please be near me to the end. (Refrain)

2. Now I will not forget your love for me and yet my heart forever is wandering.
Jesus be my guide and hold me to your side, and I will love you to the end. (Refrain)

Closing Prayer – The Lord’s Prayer

▣ ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR APRIL 16, 2023 ▣

THE ALTAR FLOWERS are presented to the Glory of Almighty God, His Only Son, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit. The flowers are given in honor of the Chancel Choir and to extend deep appreciation for their dedication and service to the music ministry of our church. They come with loving hearts and work diligently to share their talent to sing praises for our Lord.

OUR CHURCH CONFERENCE is TODAY, immediately following worship when we will vote on our new affiliation. Please pray for God's will to be done for Laurel Hill.

HYUNHO AND MIYEON will leave tomorrow for Korea and the China Mission. Please be in prayer for their safe travels and for the ministry work Hyunho will do in China. Also, we pray for a wonderful visit with their families in Korea. Blessings to all.

We look forward to their safe return on May 10th.

OUR YARD SALE WILL BE ON SATURDAY, MAY 6TH from 8 A.M. to 1 P.M. Start putting your items together but please don't bring them until April 23rd. We have an event in the Fellowship Hall and will need the space until that date. Thanks for your patience and donations. Call Barbara Austin or the church office if you have questions.