



Jefferson Avenue Presbyterian Church

Serving Christ in the Heart of Detroit

Sunday, April 18, 2021

As the Prelude begins, we enter into a time of prayer and reflection as we gather for worship.

PRELUDE "Christo vive" *Robert Buckley Farlee*

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT "Easter Anthem" *William Billings*

The Lord is risen indeed, Hallelujah. Now is Christ risen from the dead, and become the first fruits of them that slept. Hallelujah. And did He rise? Hear, O ye nations, hea it, O ye dead. He rose, He burst the bars of death and triumphed o'er the grave. Then I rose, the first humanity triumphant past the crystal ports of light, and seized eternal youth. Man, all immortal hail, Heaven, all lavish of strange gifts to man, Thine's all the glory, man's the boundless bliss.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

HYMN No. 267 "Come, Christians, Join to Sing" *Madrid*

SCRIPTURE LESSONS: Luke 24:36b-48

This is the word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

SERMON "Hearing Sacred Stories" *Rev. Matthew Nickel*

SOLO "Arise, My Soul, Arise" *Dan Forrest*

Arise, my soul, arise, shake off your guilty fears; the bleeding Sacrifice in my behalf appears: before the throne my Surety stands, My name is written on His hands. Five bleeding wounds He bears, received on Calvary; they pour effectual prayers, they strongly plead for me. "Forgive him, O forgive," they cry, "nor let that ransomed sinner die!" My God is reconciled; His pard'ning voice I hear; He owns me for his child, I can no longer fear; with confidence I now draw nigh, and "Father, Abba, Father!" cry. (Text by Charles Wesley, 1742)

Katy Kujala, soprano soloist

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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. Amen.

OFFERING & PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Offerings can be made online at www.japc.org/give

HYMN No. 536 "Rise, O Church, like Christ Arisen" *Surge Ecclesia*

CHARGE & BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE "Christ Arose" *John Furguson*

***As the postlude concludes worship in the sanctuary,
you are invited to listen and reflect as you carry your worship into the world.***

Announcements

You are welcome here. You belong here: A special welcome goes to guests and visitors. Our hope is that you feel like you belong, in this faith community.

The Board of Deacons encourages prayers for Alice Bancroft, Fred Black, Wanda Black, Donna Burt, Mardi Carruthers, Leslie Chamas, Anna Cherven, Brian Head, Sue Head, Ken Holden, Kathy Horlocker, Priscilla Kelsey, Perry Kent, Phillip Kent, Chris Klinger, Lesley Lambright, Anne, Sara, & Ben Maters, Phyllis May, Eleanor Mobley, the Raptis family, Johnnie Walker II, Tom Wininger, JAPC military; Capt. Michael Boyle, for people impacted by Covid-19, and those supporting people affected by coronavirus.

Prayer Requests – Let your Deacons pray with and for you. You may send your prayer requests to the Deacons using prayer@japc.org or you can also call prayer requests to the church office and Pastor Matt at 313-822-3456.

Today's Worship Participants – Vocalists: Stephen Bobalik, Katy Kujala, Brien Meehan, Deborah Nero, Sophia Raptis and Rose Randall Warner. Ushers: Anne Maters, Byrum Patrick and Keith Wicks.

Sunday Morning Ushers: Sign up to welcome, greet, and help people find their way before worship. Visit <https://bit.ly/JAPCusherssignup> for details and sign-up.

Online Prayer Group - Close your day with a short prayer service from the Book of Common Worship. Together, we offer prayers for our church, community, and world. The service is will be held on the second and forth Thursdays of the month (April 22 & May 13) at 7:00pm on Zoom. For video go to: <http://bit.ly/japcprayerservice> Meeting ID: 869 7656 7804 Passcode: 123 - to participate by phone dial 312-626-6799, enter Meeting ID: 869 7656 7804 and use Passcode: 123

Jazz at JAPC - Jazz at JAPC on Wednesday, April 28 (7:30pm) will feature jazz vocalists Deborah Nero and Shahida Nerula and an all ladies combo in their reprise of "Sisters". This concert will be streamed.