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*“Love first. Love always,
and we’ll figure out the rest of it as we go along.”ⁱ*



Second Sunday of Easter
April 12, 2026
11:00 a.m.

*North Chevy Chase Christian Church is an Open and Affirming Congregation
Connecting Faith with Community.*

The People of God Gather

If you're new to North Chevy Chase Christian Church, please consider filling out the Feedback Card you will find in the Pew pocket. We'll follow up with a brief phone call or email to say thank you for worshipping with us and to answer any question you may have. We are glad you're here with us today!

WELCOME

Rev. Stephen Tickner

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Glenn Pearson, Pianist/Organist

Congregation standing in body or spirit

Call to Worship and Opening Prayer¹

Sally Coberly,
Worship Leader

One: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

ALL: Alleluia! New life opens before us, and our hearts are glad!

One: Our resurrecting God continues to breathe new life into all creation.

ALL: Our loving God shows us the path of life.

One: We know with God's Spirit there is fullness of joy.

¹ Call to Worship and opening prayer provided by the Center for Faith and Giving of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ).

ALL: So let's come together, rejoicing in God's good gift of life!

One: Now with our hearts open to God, let us pray...

OPENING HYMN

"He Lives"

CH 226

He Lives!

1. I serve a ris - en Sav - ior, he's in the world to - day;
 2. In all the world a - round me I see his lov - ing care,
 3. Re - joice, re - joice, O Chris - tian, lift up your voice and sing

I know that he is liv - ing, what - ev - er oth - ers say.
 and though my heart grows wea - ry, I nev - er will de - spair.
 e - ter - nal hal - le - lu - jahs to Je - sus Christ the King!

I see his hand of mer - cy, I hear his voice of cheer,
 I know that he is lead - ing through all the storm - y blast;
 The hope of all who seek him, the help of all who find;

and just the time I need him, he's al - ways near.
 the day of his ap - pear - ing will come at last.
 none oth - er is so lov - ing, so good and kind.

WORDS and MUSIC: Alfred H. Ackley, 1933

ACKLEY
 76.76.76.74 w. refrain

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Refrain

He lives, he lives, Christ Je - sus lives to - day!
(he lives) (he lives)

He walks with me and talks with me a - long life's nar - row way.

He lives, he lives, sal - va - tion to im - part!
(he lives) (he lives)

You ask me how I know he lives? He lives with-in my heart.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

Congregation seated

PASTORAL PRAYER & PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

ALL: 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.

Proclaim

A READING FROM THE GOSPEL

John 20:19-31

19 On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jewish leaders, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" **20** After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord.

21 Again Jesus said, "Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you." **22** And with that he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. **23** If you forgive anyone's sins, their sins are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven."

24 Now Thomas (also known as Didymus), one of the Twelve, was not with the disciples when Jesus came. **25** So the other disciples told him, “We have seen the Lord!”

But he said to them, “Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe.”

26 A week later his disciples were in the house again, and Thomas was with them. Though the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you!” **27** Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe.”

28 Thomas said to him, “My Lord and my God!”

29 Then Jesus told him, “Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.”

30 Jesus performed many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book. **31** But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

MESSAGE

Rev. Stephen Tickner

“Surely the Presence of the Lord”
sing through twice

263 Surely the Presence of the Lord

D F#m Gmaj9 Em

Sure - ly the pres - ence of the Lord is in this place;

A7 D G/D

I can feel his might - y pow - er and his grace.

A7 D F#m

I can hear the brush of an - gels' wings,

Gmaj9 Em

I see glo - ry on each face; sure - ly the

A7 Em7 A7 D

pres - ence of the Lord is in this place.

WORDS and MUSIC: Lanny Wolfe, 1977

WOLFE
11.11.97.12

We Give and Receive

Communion is the central act of community within the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in remembrance of the life, death and resurrection of Christ. The invitation to the Table is extended to all who wish to follow Jesus and to share in the community of God's people.

Everyone is invited to eat from this Table.

THE INVITATION TO GIVE AND RECEIVE

PRAYER BY THE ELDER

Charlene Smith

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

COMING FORWARD TO GIVE, AND TO RECEIVE THE BREAD AND THE CUP

We come forward to bring our physical bodies and our financial gifts to God. You are invited to come forward down the center aisle to place your tithes & offerings in the trays available; and to receive the elements of bread and cup, taking them and returning to your seats down the side aisle, to consume the elements in silent reflection.

MUSIC FOR REFLECTION

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

...And Go Forth to Serve

SHARING OF JOYS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Congregation standing

CLOSING HYMN "This Is a Day of New Beginnings" CH 518

This Is a Day of New Beginnings 518

Unison

1. This is a day of new be - gin - nings,
2. For by the life and death of Je - sus,
3. Then let us, with the Spir - it's dar - ing,
4. In faith we gath - er round the ta - ble

time to re - mem - ber and move on,
God's might - y Spir - it, now as then,
step from the past and leave be - hind
to taste and share what love can do.

time to be - lieve what love is bring - ing,
can make for us a world of dif - ference,
our dis - ap - point - ment, guilt, and griev - ing,
This is a day of new be - gin - nings;

lay - ing to rest the pain that's gone.
as faith and hope are born a - gain.
seek - ing new paths, and sure to find.
our God is mak - ing all things new.

The musical score is written for a unison voice part. It consists of four systems of music. Each system has a vocal line in the treble clef and a bass line in the bass clef. The key signature is two flats (B-flat and E-flat), and the time signature is 3/4. The first system includes a repeat sign at the beginning. The lyrics are arranged in four numbered lines, each corresponding to a system of music. The final system includes a first ending bracket over the last two measures, with a '4.' marking the start of a second ending.

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Please be seated and allow the music to offer a moment of reflection as you prepare to exit the Sanctuary.

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*Please join us for coffee hour in Harlow Hall following the conclusion of the Postlude*

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SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Rev. Stephen Tickner, Minister
Glenn Pearson, Pianist/Organist
Sally Coberly, Worship Leader
Charlene Smith, Elder at the Table
A/V Team - Yvonne McGee, Lydia Oladapo,
Devi Rambarran

HEARING ASSISTANCE HEADPHONES are available in the Narthex.

Please set all pagers and cell phones to vibrate at this time.

CH = Chalice Hymnal (found in the pew racks)

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For thousands of years indigenous people have walked in this land, on their own country. Their relationship with the land is at the center of their lives. We gratefully acknowledge them, past and present, and their stewardship of this land on which we stand.

ⁱ Quote from Chaplain Owen Chandler at the 2023 General Assembly. Attribution for Cover Art:

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