



Third Sunday of Easter
Rev. Dr. Barbara Booth-Jarmon
May 4, 2025
9:30am

PRELUDE

WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Gathering of the People

CALL TO WORSHIP

(Psalm 100)

Liturgist: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth.

People: **Worship the Lord with gladness; come into his presence with singing.**

Liturgist: Know that the Lord is God. It is he that made us, and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

People: **Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise. Give thanks to him, bless his name.**

Liturgist: For the Lord is good; his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations.

***GATHERING SONGS**

"Mighty to Save"

Ruben Morgan and Ben Fielding

"Come, Thou Fount Of Every Blessing"

John Wyeth, Robert Robinson and Jeff Redd

CALL TO CONFESSION

We don't take time for rest, or to sit by still waters of grace, or find the right paths to follow, and so we hurt people with our words and deeds. We turn away from the One who seeks to feed us with goodness and mercy. Let us come to our God, who longs to anoint us with forgiveness, as we offer our prayers, saying,

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

from the Book of Common Worship PCUSA

God who shepherds us, you must wonder how long we will continue to live the way we do. We take hope out of the grip of those who need it. Our acts of kindness are offered, but we withhold what we have from the neediest. We gather around to watch unimportant TV shows, while those whose real lives are filled with struggle and losses are ignored. You refuse to keep forgiveness a mystery, Gracious God. Forgive us God of comfort.

Silent Confession

You gather us in the green pastures of mercy, so we might find hope; you offer us a drink of the living waters so we might become still enough to listen to your heart; you send the Spirit to take us by the hand to lead us on the paths of justice; the goodness and mercy of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, follow us all the days as we seek to be faithful in our calling to serve him. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

***GLORIA PATRI**

Hymn #813

The Word

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Calm us now, O Lord, into a quietness that heals and listens. Open our wounded hearts to the balm of your Word. Speak to us clearly so that we might feel our spirits leap for joy and dance with hope as your resurrection witnesses. In Christ we pray. Amen.

CHILDREN'S SERMON "The Lord Is My Shepherd"

SCRIPTURE John 10:11-18
Psalm 23

p. 1062
p. 544

SERMON "When God Leads the Way"

Pastor Barbara

Responding to the Word

***HYMN OF RESPONSE** "Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us"

#688

PRAYER OF DEDICATION/OFFERING

For those who have no place to rest, may our gifts provide shelter. For those who are hungry and thirsty for justice, may our generosity quench thirst and provide for their needs. For those who wander the down difficult paths alone and afraid, may our blessings provide a way to hope. There are those who are in the valleys of suffering, may offer ourselves as companions on the journey. In Jesus' name, we pray. In Christ we pray. Amen.

***DOXOLOGY**

#815

THE LORD'S TABLE AND PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Invitation

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord's Prayer

Words of Institution-Communion of the People

Prayer After Communion

Gracious God, in this holy sacrament you have refreshed and renewed us with the life of your Son, our Good Shepherd. As we leave this table, help us to hear his voice and follow where he leads, walking in trust through every valley, and rejoicing in your goodness and mercy all our days. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Sending

***SENDING HYMN**

"Blessed Assurance"

#597

CHARGE AND BLESSING

*Please stand if you are able **Bold – Congregants speak.**

Announcements

Prayer Concerns - If you are worshiping with us online, please use the chat feature to type your prayers and we will include your concerns. If you would like to receive an email with the prayer requests please email your request to the office.

Food Ministry: We gave out 16 bags in April. Thank you for supporting this ministry.

Post Easter Hymn Sing: May 4th at 7:00 p.m. at Mt. Airy Church, 39 Mt. Airy Village Road. All are welcome. Sing your favorite hymns. Special music offered. Light refreshments.

Leaving Your Legacy: On Sunday May 18th, Pastor Barbara will be presenting "Preparing Your Testament". Many people prepare their Will, but do not leave their Testament, which express values that a person would like to tell those who are alive. Learn how to prepare your testament.

Old Rock Church Spring tea for missions! A ladies tea for us to bloom together where we are planted. Saturday, June 28 from 10 to 1. Pearl S Bucks author of By God's Grace tells her story of her long road in poverty in Korea to being adopted by her forever family will be the speaker. No charge—donations are appreciated. Must RSVP. Seating is limited. I have reserved one table for KMPC. Please let me know if you are interested in attending. Norma enzimmerman@comcasts.net 908-635-1044.

Samuel Ayres, Jr. Scholarship This scholarship provides financial assistance to active members of KMPC who are college bound high school seniors, current college students, or those accepted into master's degree programs. In years where there are not a sufficient number of applicants from KMPC, the scholarship is also made available to members of other Presbyterian churches in Hunterdon and Somerset counties. Applications for the 2025-2026 academic year may be completed and submitted online at: <https://www.grantinterface.com/Home/Logon?urlkey=cfnjsscholarship>
The deadline for submissions is July 1, 2025. If you have questions concerning the scholarship, please see Roger Pickard, Don Reilly, or Steve Wonzer.

Staff Vacation: Pastor Barbara will be on vacation from May 27-June 4.

Red Cross Blood Drive: May 16 between 11 and 2pm. Living Waters Church, 11 Old York Rd

Bible Study: Monday Evenings at 7:00 p.m. Zoom address: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85881121128>

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