

JESUS SAID:

“PEACE  
be with  
YOU”

- John 14:27

**Second Sunday of Easter  
Rev. Dr. Barbara Booth-Jarmon  
April 27, 2025  
9:30am**

**PRELUDE**

**WELCOME**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*Gathering of the People*

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

Adapted from Psalm 118

Leader: Let those who fear the Lord say, "His steadfast love endures forever."

People: **Out of my distress I called on the Lord; the Lord answered me**

Leader: With the Lord on my side I do not fear. What can mortals do to me?

People: **It is better to take refuge in the Lord than to put confidence in princes.**

Leader: The Lord is my strength and my might; he has become my salvation.

People: **Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the Lord**

**\*GATHERING SONGS**

"In Christ Alone"

Keith Getty and Stuart Townend

"This I Believe (The Creed)"

Matt Crocker and Ben Fielding

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

from the Book of Common Worship PCUSA

**Risen Lord, You come to us in unexpected places, in a room locked by fear, calling us by name, with the peace of your Spirit. Yet we often fail to see you. We are overcome by doubt, consumed by worry and quick to rely on our own strength. We confess that like Thomas, we want proof—something we can see and touch—before we trust.**

*Silent Confession*

**Forgive us, Lord. Breathe your peace upon us again. Help us believe that you are alive and present among us. Make us faithful witnesses to your resurrection life. Amen.**

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

**\*GLORIA PATRI**

Hymn #813

*The Word*

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

Living God, by the power of your Holy Spirit, open our minds and hearts to receive your Word anew. Break through the walls we build, just as Christ came through locked doors. Speak peace to the fearful and faith to those who are doubting. May the Scriptures we hear today kindle resurrection hope within us and lead us into deeper trust in your love. Through Christ we pray, Amen.

**CHILDREN'S SERMON**

**"Show Me"**

**SCRIPTURE** Acts 5:27-41  
John 20:19-31

p. 1082  
p. 1075

**SERMON** **"Peace, Proof and Purpose"**

Pastor Barbara

*Responding to the Word*

**\*HYMN OF RESPONSE** "Spirit of God Descend Upon My Heart"

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**THE APOSTLES' CREED**

**I believe in God the Father Almighty,  
Maker of heaven and earth,**

**And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;  
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, dead, and buried;  
he descended into hell;  
the third day he rose again from the dead;  
he ascended into heaven,  
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;  
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Ghost;  
the holy catholic Church;  
the communion of saints;  
the forgiveness of sins;  
the resurrection of the body;  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

**INVITATION TO OFFERING**

**PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**Generous God, you have given us new life in the risen Christ. We offer these gifts as signs of our gratitude and trust. Use them and use us to bring your love, your justice, and your resurrection power to a world in need. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

**\*DOXOLOGY**

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**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER**

*Sending*

**\*SENDING HYMN** "'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus"

Louisa Stead & William Kirkpatrick

**CHARGE AND BLESSING**

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

## Announcements

**Prayer Concerns** - If you are worshipping with us online, please use the chat feature to type your prayers and we will include your concerns.

The Community Foundation of New Jersey, in collaboration with the KMPC Session, has announced the **Samuel Ayres, Jr. Scholarship** for the 2025-2026 academic year. 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 may be completed and submitted online at:

<https://www.grantinterface.com/Home/Logon?urlkey=cfnj scholarship>

The deadline for submissions is July 1, 2025.

If you have questions concerning the scholarship, please see Roger Pickard, Don Reilly, or Steve Wonzer.

April is **Child Abuse Prevention Month**, and at MinistrySafe, we're committed to equipping parents and guardians with the tools they need to protect their children from sexual abuse. For the month of April, we're giving away **Parent/Guardian Training for FREE** – because receiving good information is the first step to preventing sexual abuse. It is via zoom and is offered in Spanish. Contact Pastor Barbara for information.

**Food Ministry:** Our next Grocery Giveaway will be May 24. We will be needing: cereal, pasta, pasta sauce, jelly, peanut butter, pancake mix, syrup and mac and cheese. Thank you for supporting this ministry.

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

**Treasurer Position:** Please prayerfully consider taking on this volunteer position and reach out to Pat W. with any questions.

**Flowers:** If you would like to provide flowers for worship please let Sharyn D. know.

**If you wish to donate virtually**, you may use the QR code at the bottom of the bulletin. It will take you to PayPal. Thank you.

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