



**EASTER TIDE**  
CELEBRATING THE RESURRECTION OF JESUS CHRIST

## **INTER-FAITH CHAPEL WORSHIP SERVICE**

**Sunday April 7, 2024**

### **SILENT MEDITATION**

*May the Risen Christ be for us, light in all our darkness. May the Prince of Peace be for us, calm in all our turmoil. May holiness move in us as we pay attention to its still voice, and may grace rest upon us, here and now.* - Deborah Gordon Cooper in "Pocket Prayers"

### **PRELUDE**

*Fanfare for a Resurrection Day*  
Dr. Holly Oberle, Director of Music

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### **WORDS OF WELCOME**

Dr. Woodie Rea

### **LIGHTING THE PEACE CANDLE**

### **INTROIT**

*Because Jesus Felt*

Francesse Brooks

### **CALL TO WORSHIP**

*Leader: We gather to rejoice in the goodness of God.*

**ALL: Let us worship God with great joy!**

*Leader: Come, let us sing our songs of celebration to the Lord.*

**ALL: Let our songs of praise never end.**

*Leader: Come, believe the Good News!*

**ALL: Christ is risen! He is not bound in the grave.**

*Leader: Peace be with you as we celebrate the resurrection.*

**ALL: Christ is with us to renew our faith.**

**Let us experience the presence of the Living God.**

### **INVOCATION**

† OPENING HYMN

*He Lives*

CALL TO CONFESSION

Dr. Ramonia Lee

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

UNISON

God of Easter, we celebrated with praise last Sunday, but now a week has passed and we have returned to our old thoughts and patterns. In the risen Christ you broke the power of death and darkness, but we find ourselves still locked in with our fears and doubts. O God, help us to maintain the Easter experience. Loosen our knots of anxiety and free us from the small locked places in our lives, to experiencing the fullness of life available in you. Forgive us and restore us. In the name of our risen Savior, we pray. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

† AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Apostles Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy universal church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the dead and life everlasting. Amen.

† GLORIA PATRI

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be;  
World without end. Amen. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING

John 20: 19-31

SOLO

*Because He Lives*

Frances Brooks

SERMON

“The Benefit of the Doubt”

Dr. Woodie Rea

† You are invited to rise as you are comfortable.  
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# He Lives

...That I may know Him, and the power of His resurrection. Phil. 3:10

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1. I serve a ris-en Sav-ior, He's in the world to-day; I know that He is  
2. In all the world a-round me I see His lov-ing care, And tho' my heart grows  
3. Re-joice, re-joice, O Christ-ian, lift up your voice and sing E-ter-nal hal-le-

liv-ing, what-ev-er men may say; I see His hand of mer-cy, I  
wea-ry, I nev-er will de-spair; I know that He is lead-ing thro'  
lu-jahs to Je-sus Christ the King! The Hope of all who seek Him, the

hear His voice of cheer, And just the time I need Him He's al-ways near.  
all the storm-y blast, The day of His ap-pear-ing will come at last.  
Help of all who find, None oth-er is so lov-ing, so good and kind.

*Refrain*  
He lives, He lives, Christ Je-sus lives to-day! He walks with me and  
He lives, He lives,

talks with me a-long life's nar-row way. He lives, He lives, sal-  
He lives, He lives,

va-tion to im-part! You ask me how I know He lives? He lives within my heart.

## INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

### OFFERTORY

*An Exultant Alleluia*  
Dr. Holly Oberle, Director of Music

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### † DOXOLOGY

(Tune: Lasst Uns Erfreuen)

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God, all creatures here below; Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!  
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!  
Praise Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

### † PRAYER OF DEDICATION

### COMMUNION HYMN

*Break Thou the Bread of Life*

## INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION

### PRAYERS AT THE TABLE

*Leader: The Lord be with you.*

**ALL: And also with you.**

*Leader: May we open our hearts.*

**ALL: May we know God's presence.**

*Leader: Holy God, we honor you in whom our lives are founded, and in whom our futures lie. We recognize your distinct presence in our lives and we acknowledge your Divine Presence in this meal. At this gracious table, we encounter you in bread made of common grain, broken and shared; and we meet you in wine, a single fruit joined with many. Therefore we join with people of every time and place to proclaim your praise:*

**ALL: Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest!  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest!**

*Leader: Holy God, may our hearts and minds be alive to what is sacred in these elements of bread and wine. May they open us to your grace and to your love for us, and for all humankind. This is our hope, our common will, and the expression of our love and trust in Jesus, our Christ.*

**ALL: May all who eat this broken bread be brought to wholeness and fullness in life. May all who drink this one cup be united in harmony and love.**

*Leader: And now, in the spirit of the living Christ, let us continue to pray...*

# Break Thou the Bread of Life

1. Break thou the bread of life, dear Lord, to me,  
2. Bless thou the truth, dear Lord, to me, to me,  
3. O send thy Spir - it, Lord, now un - to me;

as thou didst break the loaves be - side the sea;  
as thou didst bless the bread by Gal - i - lee;  
touch thou my long - ing eyes that I may see;

be - yond the sa - cred page I seek thee, Lord,  
then shall all bond - age cease, all fet - ters fall;  
give me to eat and live with thee a - bove;

my spir - it pants for thee, O liv - ing Word.  
and I shall find my peace, my all in all.  
teach me to love thy truth, for thou art love.

WORDS: St. 1, 2, Mary A. Lathbury, 1877; st. 3, Alexander Groves, 1913, alt.  
MUSIC: William F. Sherwin, 1877

BREAD OF LIFE  
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## THE LORD'S PRAYER

SUNG BY 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.

## THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

SHARING THE BREAD AND CUP (See Instructions in Announcement Section)

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

UNISON

We thank you, O God, for this simple, common meal that brings the spirit and reality of Christ into our hearts, and brings us closer to you. May the blessing and gift of Jesus, which we have received at this table, renew our hope and courage, and help us to feel your presence, this day, and all days. Through Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.

† CLOSING HYMN *I Know Whom I Have Believed*

† BENEDICTION

† BENEDICTION RESPONSE

*Go, My Children*

Go, my children, with my blessing, never alone.  
Waking, sleeping, I am with you, you are my own.  
In my love's baptismal river, I have made you mine forever.  
Go, my children, with my blessing, you are my own.

† POSTLUDE

*Voluntary on "Easter Hymn"*  
Dr. Holly Oberle, Director of Music

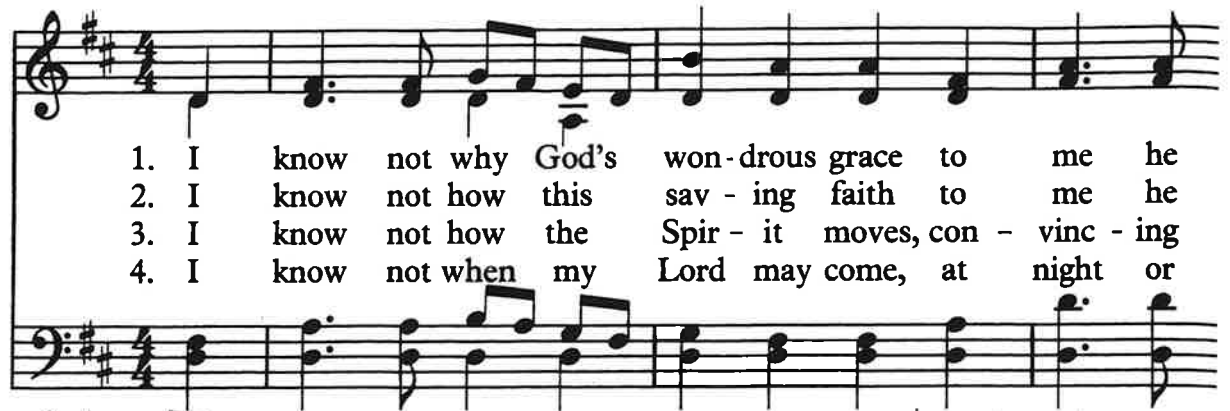
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## PARTING THOUGHT

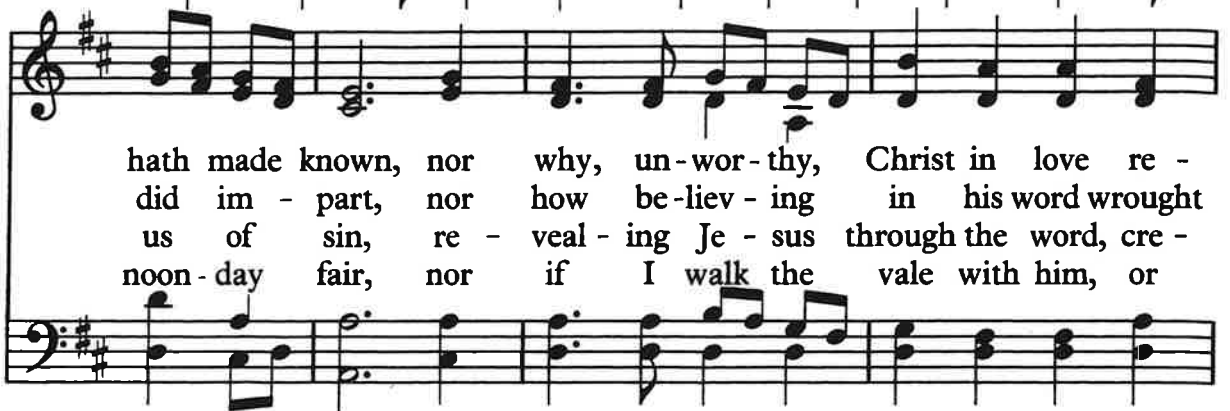
<i>The cross</i>	<i>We will take it.</i>
<i>The bread</i>	<i>We will break it.</i>
<i>The pain</i>	<i>We will bear it.</i>
<i>The joy</i>	<i>We will share it</i>
<i>The gospel</i>	<i>We will live it.</i>
<i>The love</i>	<i>We will give it.</i>
<i>The light</i>	<i>We will cherish it.</i>
<i>The darkness</i>	<i>God will perish it.</i>

- Iona Community

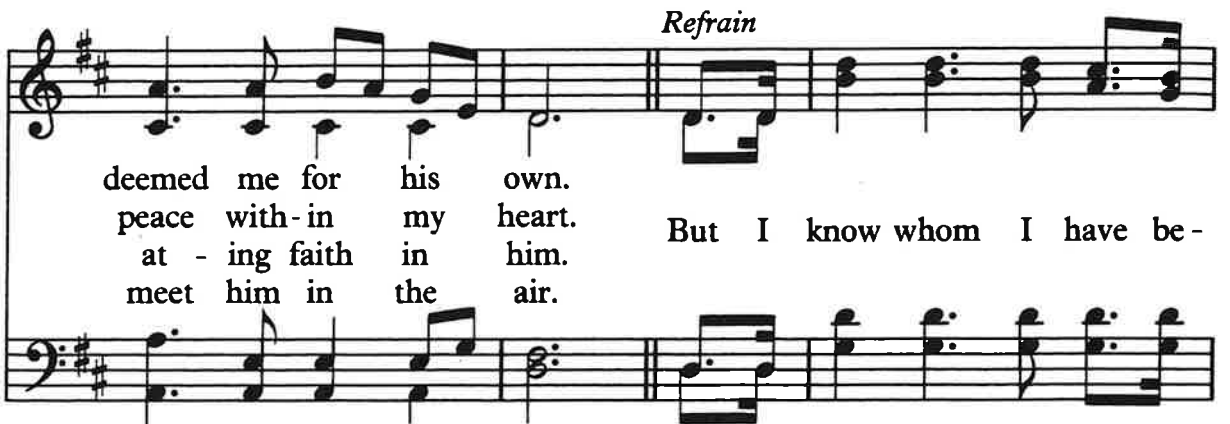
# I Know Whom I Have Believed



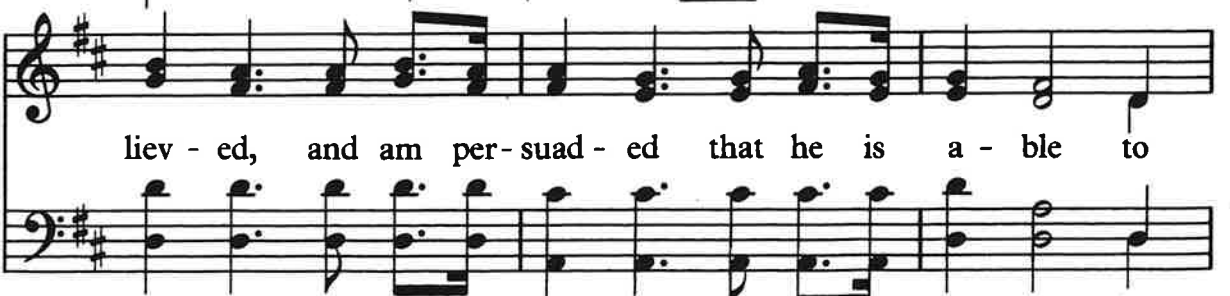
1. I know not why God's won-drous grace to me he  
2. I know not how this sav-ing faith to me he  
3. I know not how the Spir-it moves, con-vinc-ing  
4. I know not when my Lord may come, at night or



hath made known, nor why, un-wor-thy, Christ in love re-  
did im-part, nor how be-liev-ing in his word wrought  
us of sin, re-veal-ing Je-sus through the word, cre-  
noon-day fair, nor if I walk the vale with him, or



*Refrain*  
deemed me for his own.  
peace with-in my heart. But I know whom I have be-  
at-ing faith in him.  
meet him in the air.



liev-ed, and am per-suad-ed that he is a-ble to



keep that which I've com-mit-ted un-to him a-gainst that day.

# **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## **WELCOME**

We are delighted that you have chosen to worship with us today! The Inter-Faith Chapel is an interdenominational church committed to providing “*A House of Prayer for All People.*” Whoever you are, you are welcome here, you are loved here, and you are invited into full participation in our spiritual journey together. Please consider signing our *Visitor Register* as we would appreciate having a record of your attendance with us today.

## **SHARING THE BREAD AND CUP**

Here at The Inter-Faith Chapel, we celebrate Holy Communion on the first Sunday of the month, as well as other special days in the church year. We believe this is God’s table, not ours, and so all are invited to join together in unity for this sacred meal.

*Communion is served in the PEWS on the LEFT SIDE of the sanctuary facing the cross. Wafers and individual grape juice cups will be passed in trays among the congregation.*

*Communion is served by INTINCTION on the RIGHT SIDE of the sanctuary facing the cross. Communicants will come forward and receive a wafer to dip in the chalice of wine.*

*Gluten-Free Communion is available from the ministers upon request.*

## **INTER-FAITH WOMEN**

Join The Inter-Faith Women on **Thursday, April 18<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 PM** as Spiritual Director Bertie Knisely presents a program about her recent journey to southwest Tanzania in east Africa. Her presentation will tell of how the Tanzanian based Mercy World Organization NPO is working to “Save The Dreams” of vulnerable children orphaned in that area. Come and learn and enjoy traditional food and art-work of Tanzania. All are welcome.

## **GETTING YOUR LIFE IN ORDER**

A workshop on end-of-life issues is being offered by The Inter-Faith Chapel on **Tuesday, April 23<sup>rd</sup> from 9:30 AM – 12:00 Noon**. The objective of this seminar is to provide you with the tools needed to organize your legal, medical, and financial concerns. Topics will include financial planning, memorial/funeral service planning, health care instructions, and other important areas. A resource notebook is available for a \$17.00 donation. Register by calling the Chapel office by Thursday, April 18<sup>th</sup>.

## **CENTERING PRAYER**

You are invited to join with others on **Wednesday, April 24<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM** in the Fellowship Hall to “*Be still and know God*” as we learn and participate about contemplative forms of prayer. Spiritual Director, Bertie Knisely facilitates this wonderful time of various prayer practices that are sure to deepen your personal spiritual life. Please register ahead of time by calling The Chapel office or emailing Bertie [bertiek@moravian.edu](mailto:bertiek@moravian.edu) .