

The  
CONGREGATIONAL



CHURCH of EASTON

The church on the hill

Fourth Sunday of Easter

May 11, 2025

Reverend Marianna Kilbride

## PRELUDE

## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **\*\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: Listen for your name is being called.

Beyond the range of human voices, God is calling.

**All: We have come to observe a Sabbath time.**

**We have gathered to worship at God's command.**

One: Wonderful are the thoughts and works of God!

God's light is ready to shine in our hearts.

**All: May our hearts be open to the light.**

**May the power of light cleanse and heal us.**

### **\*\*UNISON PRAYER OF INVOCATION**

**Speak to us, O God, for your servants are trying to listen. Amid the noisy claimants for our attention, our ears tingle at the prospect that you have a message for us. Here we are gathered that you might search us and know us. We are wonderfully made in your image. Inspire us to live up to that image. Show us how to proclaim Jesus Christ in our daily decisions so we can witness to your love through deeds of kindness and words that empower. Amen.**

**\*\*Those who are able may stand.**

PH-Red Pilgrim Hymnal NCH-Black New Century Hymnal BH-Little Blue Hymnal

**\*\*HYMN #38 PH**

*"Morning Has Broken"*

all 3 verses

## **\*\*UNISON CALL TO CONFESSION**

Before a word is on our tongues, O God you know it completely. Before we confess our broken vows, you are aware of them. Our unfaithfulness to you and to people around us is evident to you. Nothing we say or do escapes your notice. Test our sincerity now as we confess to you our individual and shared wrongdoing and neglect. Melt our hardness of heart that we may be forgiven and cleansed from our iniquity. Amen. *Please be seated. In silence, let us consider ways in which we have missed the mark recently.*

## **WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

**\*\*Response of Praise #513 PH** *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.*

## **CELEBRATIONS AND CONCERNS OF THE COMMUNITY**

## **PRAYERS**

Silent Prayer

Pastoral Prayer

**The Lord's Prayer (debts)**

**Choral Response #769 NCH** *Hear our prayer, O God, hear our prayer, O God. Incline your ear to us and grant us your peace. Amen.*

**\*\*HYMN #370 PH**

*"He Leadeth Me, O Blessed Thought"*

all 3 verses

## **SCRIPTURE**

Matthew: 16:1-4

## **SERMON**

*"God Given GPS"*

## **HOLY COMMUNION**

**\*\*The Thanksgiving (Responsive)**

The peace of the Lord be with you. **And also with you.** Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to the Lord.** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give God our thanks and praise.**

## **\*\*Prayer**

**Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hidden, cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## **Invitation to the Table**

**Communion Hymn #288 PH      *“Let Us Break Bread Together”*      verses 1 & 2**

## **Words of Institution**

### **Sharing the Bread and Cup**

(Communion will be served in the pews. When served bread, please wait until all are served so we may partake of it together. When served the cup, please do the same.)

## **Unison Prayer After Communion**

**The bread has been broken, the cup has been poured, the meal has been shared and we are united in Christ and with Christians all over the world. Gracious God, we give thanks for bread for the journey, for your wisdom guiding us along the way. May there be friends to share the road as we dare to dream of creation renewed and hope in the promise of justice for all. Amen.**

## **THE OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS AND OURSELVES**

God asks us for an accounting of what we have done with the wealth entrusted to us. All that we have and all that we are belongs to God. May we give with thankfulness.

Gathering of the gifts with Offertory

Presentation of the gifts with praise

**\*\*Doxology #515 PH *Praise God from whom all blessing flow; Praise him all creatures here below; Praise him above ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.***

## **\*\*UNISON PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

**Holy One, we thank you for the ways in which you have enfolded us in your love and called us by name to follow your son, Jesus. May these gifts and our lives be used to enfold others in your love. Amen.**

**\*\*HYMN (See insert)      *“Here I Am Lord”*      all 3 verses**

**\*\*BENEDICTION**

**\*\*PASSING OF THE PEACE**

**POSTLUDE**

**Please join us for coffee and fellowship across the street.**

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**Confirming Deacon for May - *Jim Waterbury***  
**Communion Servers - *Jon Stock and Jim Waterbury***  
**Offering - *Barbara Trup and Debbie Olson***  
**Collectors - *Daisy Colonnese and Debbie Szegedi***  
**Coffee Hour - *The Boyce Family***  
**Today's Flowers are provided by *the Boyce Family*.**

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**"Grace and peace** to you from God our Father and from the Lord Jesus Christ." (Romans 1:7, NIV)  
Welcome to the Lord's house for worship! If you are visiting, we invite you to sign our guest book, and we hope all will join us across the street for fellowship after worship.

**Prayer List** - Please keep our members and friends in your prayers, and especially at this time: the family of Eunice Hanson, June Logie's brothers, Claude and Nick Chiaia - both are dealing with medical issues, Rosie Cassatt and her family, Elizabeth Boyce and her family, Suzanne Lovejoy's mother and family, the Waterbury Family, and Richard McLaughlin. Please pray for all who mourn or need special prayers of intention, for our congregation, and for friends of our community. You may fill out a Prayer Request card, or call or email the church office to add or remove a name from the list. Thank you for your prayers.

**Church Office Hours** - Thursdays from 10:00 a. m. to 1:00 p.m.

**AA Meeting** - Tuesday evenings at 7 p.m.

**Early Auto Display Show will be Saturday, May 17, 12 - 3 p.m. on the Church Hall Lawn and Driveway**

**Next Food Kitchen will be Tuesday, May 20.** Donate chicken, any style, or any main dish of your choosing, mac and cheese, or pasta, vegetables, fruit, rolls, and/or dessert. There is a Sign-up Sheet in the Church Hall. Food may be dropped off on the prior Sunday or Monday mornings, between 8:00 and 10:00 a.m., or no later than Tuesday, May 20, at 9:30 a.m. Please indicate that it is for the Food Kitchen. Food should not be warm or hot. Unfortunately, containers cannot be returned.

For more information, contact Genevieve Waterbury (203) 981-9373, g.e.waterbury@gmail.com

**Merton House Food Pantry** - Provisions and sample size toiletry items are collected year round in the basket in the entranceway of the Church Hall. They are very appreciative of all the items we provide to them.

**Altar Flowers and Coffee Hour** Donation of Altar Flowers for a Sunday worship would be a wonderful addition to our services. You may provide the flowers yourself, have a florist deliver them, or have the Office order them. Coffee Hour is an exciting part of our congregational life. If you would like to host a Sunday, the sign-up sheets for both Flowers and Coffee Hour are in the Church Hall. Please call or email the Office for more information. Thank you!

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