

The Presbyterian Church

Order of Worship

Creation Care Sunday & 4th Sunday of Easter, April 30, 2023 - 10:00 a.m.

PRELUDE

WORDS OF WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

Brett Lakefield

Our Creator spins the planets and sings the stars to shine.

We praise you, God, for all of creation glistens with your glory.

There is so much that summons us to marvel.

May we open our senses and let God fill our hearts.

We listen, see, and perceive you, God, in the beauty and majesty that surrounds us.

God calls us to be co-creators, good stewards, and protectors of creation.

Renew us now for your work, Holy One.

*HYMN 15

All Creatures of Our God and King (Verses 1, 2, 3 and 6)

LITANY OF CONFESSION

God of all creation:

On the first day you made day and night.

Forgive us for taking for granted the dependable patterns of your world.

Open our eyes to see the beauty of the cosmos you created as our home.

On the second day, you made the sky.

Forgive us for polluting the air.

Help us see how best to restore and renew your creation.

On the third day you made the seas and plants.

Forgive us for spoiling the seas.

Give us resolve to change our hurtful habits.

On the fourth day you made the sun and moon.

Forgive us for failing to pause in praise of their splendor.

Open our lips so that we will sing your praise.

On the fifth day you made swarms of living creatures.

Forgive us for seeing their value only in terms of serving our interests.

Give us new opportunities to delight in their beauty and diversity.

On the sixth day you made humankind in your image.

Forgive us for denying dignity to all your people.

Work through us until all know their worth as your creatures.

On the seventh day you rested.

Forgive us for failing to take joy in our rest.

Help us enter your rhythm of rest, even in this day of worship.

Through Christ, our Lord, firstborn of all creation. Amen.

DECLARATION OF PARDON

*RESPONSE OF PRAISE

We Are Forgiven

HYMN 447

**We are forgiven. We are forgiven.
Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.
We are forgiven. We are forgiven.
Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.**

*THE PEACE

Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another.
The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.
and also with you.

I invite you to turn and greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace.

MINUTE FOR MISSION

River Clean-Up Project

Toby Montgomery

Director of Youth, Young Adults & Their Families Ministry

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Stacy Currie, Director of Children and Family Ministry

Let the Children Come

by Helen Kemp

**Let the little children come to me.
Let them come and gather at my knee.
Let them come, dear friends, for don't you see,
this is how God's kingdom ought to be?
This is how God's kingdom ought to be.**

(All school-aged children and youth are invited to remain in worship with their families.
Nursery care is available for children ages 2 years and younger.)

*HYMN 370

This Is My Father's World

SCRIPTURE
REFLECTIONS

Genesis 1:1-5

Dennis Jones, Pastor

SCRIPTURE
REFLECTIONS

Genesis 1:26-31

Dolly Tharp

SCRIPTURE
REFLECTIONS

Job 12:7-10

Ben Hughes

SPECIAL MUSIC

Prelude to Cello Suite No. 1
Hunter Rhodes, guitar

by J.S. Bach

SCRIPTURE
REFLECTIONS

Matthew 25:35-40

Rob Brown

SCRIPTURE
REFLECTIONS

Acts 14:8-18; Isaiah 43:19-20

Jean Sorabella

SCRIPTURE
REFLECTIONS

Mark 4:30-32

Katie White

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERING
OFFERTORY *Morning Has Broken*
Sanctuary Choir

Maureen Paterson, Associate Pastor
arr. John Leavitt

*DOXOLOGY *Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow* HYMN 606
**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**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.**

*CLOSING HYMN 69 *Here I Am, Lord*

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Postlude in D* arr. Michael Ryan

**Those who are able are invited to stand.*

Masks optional but welcome for all gatherings here at BRPC.

Please join us for the Creation Care educational event during fellowship
in Westminster Hall immediately following worship.

Copies of this year's Annual Report, Part II, are available this morning
in the Narthex and Church House.

Flowers

The Flowers are given to the glory of God:

~In loving memory of Jeff's sister, Rosemary Schaub, by Jeff and Debbie Schaub.

The flowers that grace our sanctuary each week are gifts from members of the congregation. Flowers may be given in memory or in honor of someone or to celebrate an occasion and cost \$42 per pier. There are openings in May. If you would like to donate an arrangement, please contact our flower coordinator Ellen Johnson at (908) 285-1638 or email her at flowers@brpc.org.



Calendar of Events

Sunday, April 30

Early Bible Study, 8:30 a.m., Church House Parlor & Zoom
Worship Service in the Sanctuary and Streamed Live, 10:00 a.m.
Confirmation Class, 11:00 a.m., Church House Library
Fellowship Time, 11:00 a.m., Westminster Hall
Creation Care Event, 11:00 a.m., Westminster Hall
Small Group Bible Study, 11:30 a.m.
Middle School Fellowship, 5:00 p.m., Youth Center
Sr. High Fellowship, 7:00 p.m., Youth Center

Monday, May 1

Leisure Learning, 9:30 a.m., Sanctuary & Chapel
Walk & Talk Group, 2:00 p.m.
Kitchen Renovation Task Force, 5:00 p.m., Church House Parlor
Meditation Group, 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, May 2

Meditation Group, 8:30 a.m.
Oak Tree Quilters, 9:00 a.m., Geneva & Middle Rooms
Children Mid-Week, 4:15 p.m., Westminster Hall & Sanctuary
Alpha Bell Choir, 6:15 p.m., Knox Room
Scout Troop #351, 7:00 p.m., Youth Center
Tuesday Night Small Group, 7:15 p.m., Church House Library & Zoom
Knox Bell Choir, 7:30 p.m., Knox Room

Wednesday, May 3

Women's Bible Study, 9:30 a.m., Church House Parlor
Church Librarians, 1:00 p.m., Church House Library
Stephen Ministry, 7:00 p.m., Church House Parlor

Thursday, May 4

Meditation Group, 8:30 a.m.
Seeking Strength in Troubled Times, 9:15 a.m.
Meditation Group, 4:30 p.m.
Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal, 7:00 p.m. Knox Room & Sanctuary
Seeking Strength in Troubled Times, 7:30 p.m.

Friday, May 5

Saturday, May 6

The Presbyterian Church

One East Oak St., Basking Ridge NJ 07920

908.766.1616

info@brpc.org www.brpc.org