

WEST BERLIN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Established 1876

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3rd Sunday of Easter

April 14, 2024

GATHERING TIME (10:15 – 10:30 AM) Join Zoom Meeting <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/6145951009>

Dial 929 436 2866 or 312 626 6799 Meeting ID: 614 595 1009

WELCOME & PRELUDE

God is Good. **All the time.** & All the time. **God is good.**

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: The bread of life opens our eyes.

P: The word of life opens our ears.

L: The risen one shows us God's own brokenness,

P: and by those wounds we are healed.

L: Peace be with you.

P: And also with you.

CALL TO CONFESSION

The One who calls us to repent, hears us. In trust that our Creator knows us through and through, let us open our hearts to the healing of God's forgiveness.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Good and gracious God, we are creatures of dust, ignorant of your revelation, misunderstanding your life, death, and resurrection among us, needing forgiveness. We repent of our failure to give as you have given to us. We beg your mercy for our fallen world. We seek your Word, that we may live with the faith of Jesus. Be our solace in this life and always. We ask this as your own children, holy and incomplete. Forgive us and lead us. Amen.

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

In the name of God, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, your plea for absolution has been heard. God's promises are sure: your sins are forgiven. Peace be with you.

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

"Gloria Patri"

No. 9

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.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION & FIRST READING

Psalm 4 Confident Plea for Deliverance from Enemies

¹ Answer me when I call, O God of my right! You gave me room when I was in distress. Be gracious to me, and hear my prayer. ² How long, you people, shall my honor suffer shame? How long will you love vain words and seek after lies? ³ But know that the Lord has set apart the faithful for himself; the Lord hears when I call to him. ⁴ When you are disturbed, do not sin; ponder it on your beds, and be silent. ⁵ Offer right sacrifices, and put your trust in the Lord. ⁶ There are many who say, "O that we might see some good! Let the light of your face shine on us, O Lord!" ⁷ You have put gladness in my heart more than when their grain and wine abound. ⁸ I will both lie down and sleep in peace, for you alone, O Lord, make me lie down in safety.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

YOUTH MESSAGE

Open Mind - Open Heart

SPECIAL MUSIC

SECOND READING Luke 24:36-48 Jesus Appears to His Disciples

³⁶ While they were talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." ³⁷ They were startled and terrified and thought that they were seeing a ghost. ³⁸ He said to them, "Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? ³⁹ Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see, for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have." ⁴⁰ And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. ⁴¹ Yet for all their joy they were still disbelieving and wondering, and he said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?" ⁴² They gave him a piece of broiled fish, ⁴³ and he took it and ate in their presence. ⁴⁴ Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled." ⁴⁵ Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, ⁴⁶ and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day ⁴⁷ and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. ⁴⁸ You are witnesses of these things."

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON "Recognition and Witness"

HYMN "We've a Story to Tell to the Nations" No. 698 (See attached)

ANNOUNCEMENTS - JOYS & CONCERNS – PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE – 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.

CALL TO OFFERING - PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING – DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow. Praise him, all creatures here below. Praise him above, ye heav'nly host. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

HYMN "I Love to Tell the Story" No. 696 (See attached)

CHARGE, BENEDICTION AND POSTLUDE

May the Lord, mighty God, bless and keep you forever.

Grant you joy, perfect peace, strength in every endeavor.

Lift your eyes and see his face, feel his grace forever.

May the Lord mighty God bless and keep you forever.

698 We've a Story to Tell to the Nations

*This gospel of the kingdom will be preached in the whole world
as a testimony to all nations. Matthew 24:14*

1. We've a sto - ry to tell to the na - tions That shall turn their hearts
2. We've a song to be sung to the na - tions That shall lift their hearts
3. We've a mes - sage to give to the na - tions - That the Lord who reign -
4. We've a Sav - ior to show to the na - tions Who the path of sor -

to the right, A sto - ry of truth and mer - cy, A sto - ry of
to the Lord, A song that shall con - quer e - vil And shat - ter the
eth a - bove Hath sent us His Son to save us And show us that
row hath trod, That all of the world's great peo - ples Might come to the

Refrain

peace and light, A sto - ry of peace and light.
spear and sword, And shat - ter the spear and sword. For the
God is love, And show us that God is love.
truth of God, Might come to the truth of God.

dark - ness shall turn to dawn - ing, And the dawn - ing to noon - day bright, And

Christ's great king - dom shall come to earth - The king - dom of love and light.

I Love to Tell the Story

Those who had been scattered preached the word wherever they went. Acts 8:4

1. I love to tell the sto - ry Of un - seen things a - bove,
 2. I love to tell the sto - ry; More won - der - ful it seems
 3. I love to tell the sto - ry; 'Tis pleas - ant to re - peat
 4. I love to tell the sto - ry, For those who know it best

Of Je - sus and His glo - ry, Of Je - sus and His love.
 Than all the gold - en fan - cies Of all our gold - en dreams.
 What seems each time I tell it More won - der - ful - ly sweet.
 Seem hun - ger - ing and thirst - ing To hear it like the rest.

I love to tell the sto - ry Be - cause I know 'tis true.
 I love to tell the sto - ry; It did so much for me,
 I love to tell the sto - ry, For some have nev - er heard
 And when in scenes of glo - ry I sing the new, new song,

It sat - is - fies my long - ings As noth - ing else can do.
 And that is just the rea - son I tell it now to thee.
 The mes - sage of sal - va - tion From God's own ho - ly Word.
 'Twill be the old, old sto - ry That I have loved so long.

WORDS: Katherine Hankey, 1866
 MUSIC: William G. Fischer, 1869

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 I love to tell the sto - ry! 'Twill be my theme in glo - ry

To tell the old, old sto - ry Of Je - sus and His love.