INVITATION TO THE LORD’S TABLE

*Loaves Were Broken, Words Were Spoken (vs. 3)*
Number 498

Loaves were broken, words are spoken, as in faith we gather here.

Jesus speaks across the ages: “I am with you; do not fear!”
By your body broken for us, by your wine of life outpoured,
Jesus, feed again your people. Be our Host, our Life, our Lord.

THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING and THE LORD’S PRAYER

May the God of resounding joy be with you!
And also with you!
Easter People, lift your hearts to our Living God!
We offer our hearts to our God of hope.
People of the resurrection, lift your praises to God!
We join with all creation in shouting our praise
to the One welcomes us to the Table!
… With those who saw and witnessed; with those who have not seen, yet believe;
we sing with glad hearts to you:
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. Hosanna in the highest.

… As we remember all he did and taught,
as we celebrate the wonder of his resurrection, we proclaim that mystery we call faith:
Christ died, paying the price we could not;
Christ rose, in the glory of the resurrection;
Christ will come again, giving new life to all things.

Hear us, then, as we pray as Christ taught us…
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.

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

*SONG OF DEDICATION  
Rise, O Church, Like Christ Arisen  
Tune: 619 Lauda Anima*

*BENEDICTION*

*CHORAL RESPONSE  
Choral Amen – John Rutter*

*POSTLUDE  
A Trumpet Alleluia – Franklin D. Ashdown*
SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY  
May 7, 2017
4th Sunday of Easter  
11:00 a.m.

(LARGE PRINT BULLETINS, PEW BIBLES AND ASSISTED LISTENING DEVICES ARE AVAILABLE FROM OUR USHERS)
*Please stand, if able.

PREPARING FOR WORSHIP

WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS  
Janet Winslow

*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST
Christ is risen!  
Christ is risen, indeed!

TOLLING OF THE BELLS

GATHERING AS THE PEOPLE OF GOD

Prelude  
A Quiet Alleluia – Franklin D. Ashdown  
Donald A. Traser  
Acolyte, Jillian Peace; Cross Bearer, Dana Peace

Choral Introit  
Make a Joyful Noise – Karle Erickson  
Chancel Choir

*INVITATION TO WORSHIP

The risen Christ lives among us, calling us to be a blessing,  
Calling us to love others as we have been loved.  
The risen Christ lives among us, calling us to be a blessing,  
Calling us to serve in Christ’s own way.  
The risen Christ lives among us, calling us to be the church,  
Calling us to share in Christ the feast that frees us.

*MORNING PRAYER

Holy God, we have come here today for many reasons, each with our own story.  
May each of our stories be immersed in your Sacred Story.  
May we find ourselves caught up in the drama and beauty of Jesus’ teachings, life, and ministry.  
As we gather at your table, inspire and empower us to fulfill the hope and love that Jesus taught.  Amen.

*SONG OF JOY

Let Us Build a House  
Number 301

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Ever-gracious God,  
it seems that we forget that, from generation to generation,  
you call forth faithful women and men to be willing servants of truth.  
You have called us to great things, but we are filled with excuses.  
We focus instead on what we lack, rather than on Whose we are.  
By your mercy, help us to live out the commission of Christ Jesus beyond these walls, beyond this hour,  
and in so doing, may we become the presence of grace, hope, and peace  
in the name of our Lord and Savior.  Amen.  

(A moment of silent reflection)

ASSURANCE OF GOD’S LOVING FORGIVENESS

God’s Table is spread with forgiveness and overflows with grace.  
Here, we are called to the fullness of life and held in the love of God.  
Let us live as God’s people: blessed to share, gifted to serve,  
loved so we might care.  Amen.

*SONG OF THANKSGIVING  
Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia (vs. 5)

Number 251  

Christ has arisen to set us free.  Alleluia, to him praises be.  
Jesus is living! Let us all sing; he reigns triumphant, heavenly King.  
Let us sing praise to him with endless joy.  Death’s fearful sting he has come to destroy.  
Our sin forgiving, alleluia! Jesus is living, alleluia!

HEARING GOD’S WORD

CHILDREN’S CONVERSATION

Young children may leave for Godly Play with Amy Ardoin following the conversation.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

God of wonder and unexpected delight,  
as we celebrate Christ’s risen presence among us today,  
we pray that you open to us your holy word.  
Grant us wisdom, faith and courage to be your people of the Way.  Amen.

THE WORD IN MUSIC  
O Food to Pilgrims Given – Michal Helman

SCRIPTURE READING  
James 2: 14-23  
The Word of the Lord.  
Thanks be to God!

SERMON  
BE THE CHURCH – BE INVOLVED!

Screen Door on a Submarine

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

OFFERING
WELCOME! We’re glad you joined us for worship today. We are a diverse and engaging community of faith seeking and serving Christ to make a difference. We pray that you experience Christ’s presence in our midst and that his presence will sustain you in the week ahead.

CHILDREN ARE WELCOME IN WORSHIP! Activity bags are available for children from an usher. Childcare for infants through 2 year olds is available in our nursery. An usher will be glad to direct you. Following the “Conversation with Children”, young children are welcome to go to the Preschool “Block” Room for Godly Play.

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PRIME TIME WOMEN’S CIRCLE – Monday, May 8, at 6:45 p.m. in Room 104.
All women are invited to come and view the movie, *Amish Grace*, which focuses on the Amish community and family response to the killing of girls at school in Lancaster, PA. The movie will be followed by a discussion on the power of forgiveness led by Joslyn Shipman.

PRESBYTERY VISION 20/20 - Wednesday, May 10, at 7:00 p.m. in Beck Room.
Learn about how the presbytery uses our benevolence contributions to further in ministry of Jesus Christ. Share your ideas about how the presbytery can support our congregation’s mission and ministry to seek and serve Christ to make a difference. Everyone is invited to come, listen, learn, and share as the Vision 2020 Team develops a strategic plan for the Presbytery of James for the coming years.

BON AIR TRIALOGUE – INTERFAITH DISCUSSIONS Addressing the Growing Fear in Our Society. The Trialogue discussions help participants appreciate their respective faiths as good neighbors, leads to goodwill and mutual understanding, and provides a model of neighborhood harmony in Chesterfield County and the region.

    Each event begins at 7:00 p.m.
    May 11 at OR AMI (9400 W. Huguenot Rd.)
    May 18 at the Islamic Center of Virginia (1241 Buford Rd.)

ANNUAL POTLUCK PICNIC – Wednesday, May 17, at 6:00 p.m. We finish out the Wednesday Night Dinner season with our annual potluck picnic. Burgers, hotdogs, and drinks provided. Bring a covered dish to share. $5.00/Adults and $3.00/Children.

CONGREGATION MEETING – Sunday, May 21, following the 11:00 worship service to elect members of the Associate Pastor Nominating Committee.

MUSIC CAMP APPLICATIONS are available in the church office lobby. Music Camp will be held *July 10-14, 9:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.* and is for children going into Kindergarten to rising sixth graders. Cost is $60.00 per child.

IT’S GRADUATION SEASON! Please let us know by Sunday, May 28, if your family has a graduate from high school, college or higher education. We will celebrate all of our graduates on *Sunday, June 4, at the 11:00 a.m. service.* Please send the church office the following information: 1) graduate’s name, 2) parents’ names, 3) school of graduation, 4) date of graduation, 5) future plans.

BE THE CHURCH – BE INVOLVED!
The Session annual strategic planning meeting will include developing mission and ministry plans for the coming year. Part of that planning will be to review the skills and interests of our members. Please complete an on-line survey at [https://goo.gl/forms/kzNzSvEOIUfY0GO7Z](https://goo.gl/forms/kzNzSvEOIUfY0GO7Z). Paper copies of the survey are available in the Narthex and may be completed and submitted to the Church Office. Please complete the on-line or paper survey by Thursday, May 25.