

**April 19, 2026 - Third Sunday of Easter**  
**Worship Aid for Great Kills Moravian Church**  
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## **Prelude**

## **Welcome/Announcements**

**Watchword for the Week:** You have been born anew, not of perishable but of imperishable seed, through the living and enduring word of God.

1 Peter 1:23

(Standing)

## **Call to Worship: The Gift of Our Talents**

**L:** God has given each of us a special treasure—a "pearl" of a gift that lives inside of us.

**A: We bring our treasures to you today, Lord!**

**L:** Some of us have the gift of music; some have the gift of reading; some have the gift of a helping hand.

**A: Every gift is a way to say, "We adore You!"**

**L:** Like the merchant who found the pearl of great price, we give our best to the One who is the best.

**A: Let us worship God with our voices, our hands, and our hearts!**

(Please continue to stand if able.)

**Gathering Hymn: "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" MBW Page 530**

**Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation! O my soul,  
praise him, for he is your health and salvation! Come, all who  
hear; Brothers and sisters, draw near, Praise him in glad**

**adoration!**

**Praise to the Lord, above all things so mightily reigning; Keeping us safe at his side, and so gently sustaining. Have you not seen All that is needed has been met by his gracious ordaining.**

**Praise to the Lord, who shall prosper our work and defend us; Surely his goodness and mercy shall daily attend us. Ponder anew what the almighty can do, who with his love will befriend us.**

**Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in us adore him! All that has life and breath, come now with praises before him! Let the "Amen!" sound from his people again— Gladly for-ev-er praise we adore him!**

(Sitting)

**Scripture Reading: Psalm 150 Pew Bible Page 662**

(Both) Praise the LORD.

Praise God in his sanctuary;

praise him in his mighty heavens.

Praise him for his acts of power;

praise him for his surpassing greatness.

Praise him with the sounding of the trumpet,

praise him with the harp and lyre,

Praise him with tambourine and dancing,

praise him with the strings and flute,

Praise him with the clash of cymbals,

praise him with resounding cymbals.

**(ALL Together) Let everything that has breath praise the LORD. Praise the LORD.**

**Piano Solo: "My Hope is Built on Nothing Less" Brother Peter Ziegeler**

(Please stand if able.)

**Liturgy: Adoration**

**MBW Page 18**

This is the day which the Lord has made.

**We will rejoice and be glad in it.**

From the rising to the setting of the sun,

**The name of the Lord be praised.**

**Hymn:**

**LOBE DEN HERREN**

**Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation! O my soul,  
praise him, for he is your health and salvation! Come all who  
hear, brothers and sisters draw near; Join now in glad  
adoration.**

Glory be to you, Lord God, our Father.

**You are the merciful Father, the God from whom all help  
comes.**

You chose us in Jesus Christ our Lord before the creation of the world.

**You rescued us from the power of darkness and brought us  
safe into the kingdom of your dear Son.**

In our union with Christ you have blessed us with every spiritual blessing in  
the heavenly world.

**You have made us worthy to share in that which you have  
reserved for your people in the kingdom of light.**

Your love is so great that we may be called the children of God.

**Therefore with angels and archangels, and with all the  
company of heaven, we join in proclaiming the glory of your  
name.**

**Hymn:**

**MONKLAND**

**We now with a joyful mind praise you, Lord, for you are kind; for  
your mercies shall endure, ever faithful, ever sure.**

*(Sitting)*

Praise honor, and glory be to you, Christ Jesus, Son of the living God.

**To you be glory at all times, in the church which waits on earth for you, and in that which is with you in heaven, now and forever.**

Jesus, you are the external Word who became a human being and lived among us.

**Those who were yours saw your glory, the glory which you received as the Father's only Son, full of grace and truth.**

In you, the full content of the divine nature dwells in a human body. You are the true God and eternal life.

**Through you the whole universe is reconciled to God.**

You made peace through your death on the cross.

**Therefore God raised you to the highest place above, and gave you the name which is greater than any other name.**

**Hymn:**

**HOLY LORD**

**Jesus' name, Jesus' name, source of life and happiness in this name true consolation, mourning sinners may possess; here is found complete salvation; blessed Jesus, we your name will praise all our days, all our days.**

Glory be to you, Holy Spirit, our Teacher, Guide, and Comforter.

**We proclaim your righteousness and praise.**

You pour out the love of God into the hearts of all believers, and make their bodies your holy temples.

**By our own reason and strength we cannot believe in Jesus Christ our Lord, or come to him; but you call us through the gospel and enlighten us with gifts of grace.**

You dedicate us to God in the true faith, and you enable us to remain in union with Jesus Christ.

**We praise you, together with the Father and the Son, now and forever.**

**Hymn:**

**DOMINICA**

**Come, Holy Spirit, come let your bright beams arise; dispel the darkness from our minds, and open now our eyes.**

Please join me:

**Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry, and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us, that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your name. Amen.**

The Lord says: I, even I, am the God who blots out your transgressions for my own sake and will not remember your sins. Go and sin no more.

(Standing)

Lord, make us truly one in spirit with all your faithful people as we profess our faith in the words of the Nicene Creed:

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father, who with the Father and the Son is**

worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Hymn:

MUNICH

**O Word of God Incarnate, O Wisdom from on high, O Truth unchanged, unchanging, O Light of our dark sky; we praise you for the radiance that from the scripture's page, a lantern to our footsteps, shines on from age to age.**

**The church from you, dear Master, received this gift divine, and still that light is lifted o'er all the earth to shine. It is the chart and compass that all life's voyage through, 'mid mists and rocks and For quick-sands, still guides, O Christ, to you.**

(Sitting)

Almighty God, for the opportunity to be used by you in the life of your church, For our use of your splendid gifts, For the joy of obedient service,

**We dedicate ourselves to you.**

For our creation and preservation, and for all the blessings of this life, For you immeasurable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ, For the fellowship and ministry of your body, the church, For the opportunity of service in Christ's name through the power of the Holy Spirit, For your personal presence among us to guide and bless,

**We offer our thanks, dear Lord.**

For our congregation, that we may know and do your will, For our bishops, ministers, teachers and leaders, that they may guide your people in the truth, For the peace of the world, and for renewal of your whole church by the power of the Holy Spirit, For all who, in your name, work for justice, reconciliation, and peace,

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

For our community, for the whole land, and all who live in it, For the fruitfulness of the earth, and for the careful stewardship of our natural resources, For those who traveled, For the poor, the homeless, and the imprisoned, For the afflicted, the persecuted, the abused, and those who

face temptation, anger, or violence, For the sick and dying, and for the salvation for all,

**Lord, hear our prayers.**

Be gracious to us, for to you alone are due all glory, honor and praise.

**Amen.**

(Standing)

**Hymn:**

**HYFRYDOL**

**Lord, you give the great commission: “Heal the sick and preach the word,” Lest the Church neglect its mission and the Gospel go unheard, help us witness to your purpose with renewed integrity: with the Spirit’s gifts em-pow’r us for the work of ministry.**

**Lore, you bless with words assuring: “I am with you to the end.” Faith and hope and love restoring may we serve as you intend and amid the cares that claim us, hold in mind eternity: with the Spirit’s gifts em-pow’r us for the work of ministry.**

(Sitting)

**Youth Disciple Time:**

**Offering Our Gifts To God:** Regular Offering will be collected first. Then The Joyful Noise Collection for The Essential Cafe in Bethlehem, Pa. Please have those coins ready to make a lot of noise when you drop them into the cans.

**Offertory Hymn: “This Little Light of Mine”**

**This little light of mine, I'm going to let it shine, This little light of mine, I'm going to let it shine, This little light of mine, I'm going to let it shine, Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine!!**

**Jesus is the light, I'm going to let him shine, Jesus is the light, I'm going to let him shine, Jesus is the light, I'm going to let him shine, Let him shine, let him shine, let him shine!!**

**This little light of mine, I'm going to let it shine, This little light of mine, I'm going to let it shine, This little light of mine, I'm going to let it shine, Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine!!**

(Standing)

**Doxology: (Sung to Tune “Jesus Loves Me”)**

**Praise the Father, God above, Praise the Spirit, source of love.  
Praise the Son, our light and friend, Praise for love that has no end.**

**Refrain: Yes, we give gladly! Yes, we give gladly! Yes, we give gladly! To share God’s love today.**

**Prayer of Blessing:** Please join me in the Prayer of Blessing.

**The Earth is the Lord’s and all that is in it! We thank you for the 'joyful noise' filling this sanctuary today—the sound of music from our youth, the voices of our youth, and the spirit of this community. We thank you for the Essential Cafe in Bethlehem and for their mission to feed and nourish our neighbors there. May these sounds reach your ears as a song of praise. "Giver of all good gifts, bless this offering. We stand before you today with grateful hearts, offering back to you a portion of what you have so generously given us. May these offerings —our own 'pearls of great price'—become a source of hope, a warm meal, and a reminder of your love for those in our city, community and in the Bethlehem community. Use our talents and our resources to build your kingdom, where no one goes hungry and every voice is heard. May these resources be transformed into hope and nourishment for all. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen."**

(Sitting)

**God’s Words for us Today:**

**2nd Scripture Reading: 1 Timothy 4:9-12 Pew Bible Page 1245  
(Responsive Reading)**

This is a trustworthy saying that deserves full acceptance.

**That is why we labor and strive, because we have put our**

**hope in the living God, who is the Savior of all people, and especially of those who believe.**

Command and teach these things.

**Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith and in purity.**

**Soloist: "Jesus Loves Me, This I Know" Cayleigh Ziegeler**

**3rd Scripture Reading: 1 Peter 1:17-23 Pew Bible Page 1270**

*Be Holy*

Since you call on a Father who judges each person's work impartially, live your lives as strangers here in reverent fear. For you know that it was not with perishable things such as silver or gold that you were redeemed from the empty way of life handed down to you from your ancestors, but with the precious blood of Christ, a lamb without blemish or defect. He was chosen before the creation of the world, but was revealed in these last times for your sake. Through him you believe in God, who raised him from the dead and glorified him, and so your faith and hope are in God.

Now that you have purified yourselves by obeying the truth so that you have sincere love for each other, love one another deeply, from the heart. For you have been born again, not of perishable seed, but of imperishable, through the living and enduring word of God.

**Soloist: "Amazing Grace" Sister Elise Laccese Accompanied by Brother Lou Laccese**

**The Gospel: Matthew 13:44-46 Pew Bible Page 1022**

*The Parables of the Hidden Treasure and the Pearl*

"The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field. When a man found it, he hid it again, and then in his joy went and sold all he had and bought that field.

"Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant looking for fine pearls. When he found one of great value, he went away and sold everything he had and bought it.

**The Sermon: Pastoral Advice for a Young Christian Model**  
**Pastor Jesus Laguerra**

**Hymn of Response: “Take My Life and Let It Be”**  
**Worship & Rejoice Book Page 466**

**Take my life, and let it be consecrated, Lord, to thee: take my hands, and let them move at the impulse of thy love, at the impulse of thy love.**

**Take my feet, and let them be swift and beautiful for thee, swift and beautiful for thee. Take my voice, and let me sing; always only, for my King, always only for my King.**

**Take my lips, and let them be filled with messages from thee, filled with messages from thee. Take my silver and my gold; not a mite would I withhold, not a mite would I withhold.**

**Take my love, my God, I pour at thy feet its treasure-store. Take myself, and I will be ever, only, all for thee, ever, only, all for thee.**

**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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

(Please stand if able.)

**Sending Hymn: “We Are Called to Be God’s People” MBW Page 635**

**We are called to be God's people, showing by our lives his grace, one in heart and one in spirit, sign of hope for all the race. Let us show how he has changed us, and remade us at his own, let us share our life together as we shall around his throne.**

**We are called to be God's servants, working in his world today; taking his own task upon us, all his sacred words obey. Let us rise, then, to his summons, dedicate to him our all, that we may be faithful servants, quick to answer now his call.**

**We are called to be God's prophets, speaking for the truth and right, standing firm for godly justice, bringing evil things to light. Let us seek the courage needed, our high calling to fulfill, that the world may know the blessing of the doing of God's will.**

### **Benediction**

**Musical Response: (ALL) In the name of Jesus'. Amen**

**Postlude: "Ode To Joy" Brother Gabriel Sanchez**

*We invite everyone to come downstairs for a multi - generational craft and to have fellowship with one another during the fellowship hour.*

We want to thank everyone who participated within the service today. Especially to the youth who showed off their talents by either playing an instrument, singing, reading within the service and collecting The Joyful Noise Offering.

Pastors and Co - Leaders for April, 2026

April 26th - Brother Todd Hallett/Sister Charlott Bramwell

Next Sunday, April 26, 2026, we will have a special treat where Brother Todd Hallett will bring the message. We look forward to seeing everyone here next week.