

## FOLLOWING GOD'S WORD INTO THE WORLD

- \*HYMN Lord, I Want to Be a Christian 729
- \*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION
- \*POSTLUDE O Magnify the Lord Melodie Tunney

**Don't forget to turn in your pledge cards.**

The flowers today are given by the choir to the Glory of God and in honor of Pat Sheffield and her devotion to this church and our community.



### Eastertide Sermon Series: The Surprising Acts of God

Join us for an Eastertide Sermon Series from the Book of Acts about the way God reverses our expectations and surprises us with mercy, grace, and life. Check out your bulletin each week for a "surprise" challenge to take our faith out of the sanctuary and into the streets.



#### Surprise Challenge #2:

Surprise someone with a written note in their mailbox.



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**WELCOME!** Carrollton Presbyterian is a community of believers committed to welcoming all people in the name of Jesus Christ.

**CHILDREN**-CPC welcomes children and offers ways to make worship meaningful for them. Childcare is provided for children under 3 in our nursery downstairs. We have a child protection policy to promote safe, loving, and appropriate care. Children's activity pages are available in the front entryway for use during worship.

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#### MONDAY, MAY 13

- 5:30 pm ACA Meeting  
 8:00 pm AA Meeting  
 8:00 pm Al-Anon Meeting

#### TUESDAY, MAY 14

- 12:00 pm Al-Anon  
 2:00 pm Open Hands - Food  
 7:00 pm Clear River Chorus

#### WEDNESDAY, MAY 15

- 9:00 am Golden K  
 2:00 pm Open Hands-Finan  
 5:45 pm Wed. Night Dinner  
 6:30 pm Bible Study  
 7:00 pm Adult Choir

#### THURSDAY, MAY 16

- 11:00 am Soup Kitchen  
 2:00 pm Open Hands—Food  
 5:30 pm ACA Meeting  
 7:00 pm Stated Session Meeting

#### FRIDAY, MAY 17

- 12:00 pm Al - Anon Meeting

#### SATURDAY, MAY 18

#### SUNDAY, MAY 19

- 9:45 am Sunday School  
 10:30 am Fellowship  
 11:00 am Worship

## SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MAY 12, 2019

11:00 A.M.

**Dorcas -  
 Touching  
 Lives &  
 MORE...  
 Acts 9:36-43**



Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, "Please come to us without delay."

## PREPARING TO WORSHIP GOD

### *Centering Prayer*

Almighty God, to whom all honor belongs, you have gathered a people from every tribe and language to praise your name eternally. Join our song with all of heaven as we worship you this day in the glorious light of Christ. Amen.

### MUSICAL MEDITATIONS

### CHIMING OF THE HOUR

## GATHERING AROUND GOD'S WORD

*(\*) Please rise as you are able.*

### OPENING SENTENCES FOR THE SEASON OF EASTER

This is the day that the Lord has made.  
Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE Come, Christians, Join to Sing - Spanish Melody  
Handbells

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP Revelation 7:9-16

After this I looked and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying,

**"Salvation belongs to our God  
who is seated on the throne,  
and to the Lamb!"**

And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, singing,

**"Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom  
and thanksgiving and honor  
and power and might  
be to our God forever and ever! Amen."**

Then one of the elders addressed me saying "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" I said to him, Sir, you are the one that knows." Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

**For this reason, they are before the throne of God,  
and worship him day and night within his temple,  
and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.  
They will hunger no more, and thirst no more;  
the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat;  
for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd  
and he will guide them to springs of the water of life,  
and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."**

\*HYMN Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine! 839

\*CALL TO CONFESSION Based on Psalm 30:3

### \*Responsive Prayer of Confession

You asked for my hands that you might use them for your purpose.

**I gave them for a moment, and then withdrew them.**

You asked for my mouth to speak against injustice.

**I gave you a whisper that I might not be accused.**

You asked for my eyes to see the pain of poverty.

**I closed them because I did not want to see.**

You asked for my life that you might work through me,

**I gave a small part, that I might not get too involved.**

**Lord forgive my calculated efforts to serve you—**

**only when it is convenient for me to do so,**

**only in those places where it is safe for me to do so,**

**and only with those who make it easy for me to do so.**

**Merciful God, forgive me,**

**renew me, send me out as a usable instrument,**

**that I might take seriously the meaning of your cross. Amen.**

\*ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE Based on Psalm 30:11

Hear these comforting words; If you repent and believe in God's redeeming mercy, your sins are forgiven. Trust in God's promises and begin your life with God and all people in the name of Jesus Christ.

**Thanks be to God. Amen.**

### \*THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

Be kind to one another, and if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you.

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

**And also with you.**

Let us share the peace of Christ.

### \*Gloria Patri

**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.**

## LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

GOSPEL John 10:22-30 Pew Bible NT p.104

Dennis Crissey

This is the Word of the Lord!  
**Thanks be to God!**

ANTHEM Praise His Holy Name Keith Hampton

NEW TESTAMENT Acts 9:36-43 Pew Bible NT p.128

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SERMON "A Surprising Imitation"

## RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

\*HYMN Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us 187

\*RESPONSIVE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH PSALM 23 (NIV)

The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.

**He makes me lie down in green pastures,**

**he leads me beside quiet waters,**

**he restores my soul.**

**He guides me in the paths of righteousness**

**for his name's sake.**

Even though I walk

through the valley of the shadow of death,

I will fear no evil, for you are with me:

your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

You prepare a table before me

in the presence of my enemies.

You anoint my head with oil;

my cup overflows.

**Surely goodness and love will follow me**

**all the days of my life,**

**and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.**

PRESENTATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN HONORARY LIFE  
MEMBERSHIP TO PAT SHEFFIELD

Biography

Presentation of the award

Blessing

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND 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.**

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY Lamb of God Twila Paris

Tony Colpini and Terri Ducker

\*DOXOLOGY 606

\*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING