



Hopewell Reformed Church
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April 19, 2009

10:30 am

First Sunday After Easter

*denotes, if possible, please stand

We Approach God

Prelude

All Glory Laud and Honor

arr. by B. Kinyon
Bells of Praise

*Call To Worship PSALM 69:30-34

One: I will praise the name of God with a song;

All: I will magnify him with thanksgiving.

One: This will please the Lord more than
sacrificing a bull or an ox.

**All: The humble shall see their God at work
for them.**

One: No wonder they will be so glad! All who
seek for God shall live in joy.

**All: The Lord hears the cries of His needy
ones, and does not look the other way.**

One: Praise Him, all heaven and earth! Praise
Him all the seas and everything in them!

**All: I will praise the name of God with a
song!**

*Salutation and Greeting

*Opening Hymn N^o. 254

Alleluia, Alleluia! Hearts to Heaven
With Bells of Praise

Opening Prayer of Praise RESPONSIVE

One: Father, we ought to come to you on
bended knee, even prostrate. For you are
the Holy One. Yet you call us to come
boldly to your throne.

All: Thank you for inviting us to come.

One: You greet us with open arms, pleased at
our very presence.

**All: Awesome God, accept our praise.
Awesome God, accept our thanksgiving.
Awesome God, accept our worship.
Amen.**

Anthem

Risen In Glory!

by Michael Akers
Bells of Praise

Children's Message

Introduction of Confirmands and Mentors

Offering

Offertory Anthem

My Redeemer Lives!

by D. Wagner
Bells of Praise

*Doxology (SUNG IN UNISON)

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host:
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

Offertory Prayer

Prayers of People

Lord's Prayer (SPOKEN IN UNISON):

**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.**

Hymn N^o. 5

Come, Thou Almighty King

We Hear God's Word

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture:

Psalm 95 NRSV

¹ O come, let us sing to the Lord; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation! ² Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise! ³ For the Lord is a great God, and a great King above all gods. ⁴ In his hand are the depths of the earth; the heights of the mountains are his also. ⁵ The sea is his, for he made it, and the dry land, which his hands have formed. ⁶ O come, let us worship and bow down, let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker!

⁷ For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand. O that today you would listen to his voice! ⁸ Do not harden your hearts, as at Meribah, as on the day at Massah in the wilderness, ⁹ when your ancestors tested me, and put me to the proof, though they had seen my work. ¹⁰ For forty years I loathed that generation and said, "They are a people whose hearts go astray, and they do not regard my ways." ¹¹ Therefore in my anger I swore, "They shall not enter my rest."

Isaiah 6:1-5 NRSV

¹ In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple. ² Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. ³ And one called to another and said: "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory." ⁴ The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke.

⁵ And I said: "Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts!"

Message

*The Heart of Worship:
We Approach God*

Pastor Taylor Holbrook

We Respond to God

Prayer of Confession UNISON

Forgive us, Father, for we have sinned. Have mercy upon us according to your loving kindness. Wash us thoroughly and discard the waters from our sins far away from us. Rub gently into our consciousness the things we neglected to do: caring for others, sharing the Good News, walking humbly according to your word. Wrap us again in the clothes of righteousness purchased by Jesus on the cross. Refresh us with the sweet scent of the Holy Spirit. Take us by the hand, raise us up to try again. Walk with us that we might stay on the right path. Loving, compassionate Father, thank you for your mercy. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Words of Assurance

Closing Hymn N^o. 464

I Lay My Sins on Jesus

*Benediction

Postlude

TODAY'S ASSISTANTS:

Greeters: Beth Brofman

Ushers: Rick & Kim Goerg; Jim & Sara Irvin

Liturgist: Doug Bean