

**COLLINGSWOOD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY**

**April 20, 2008**

**5th Sunday of Easter**

**ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME**

Silent Prayer

*O Lord, I come to you this morning sinking in an abyss of my own making. Help me to turn from my ways to find your ways. Help me in this time of worship to renew my strength and find my footing. Amen*

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

*We welcome you in the name of our Lord, Jesus Christ! Please sign the guest book in the narthex so we can send you a welcome packet.*

Minute for Missions

Gathering of Prayer Concerns and Joys

*Please raise your hand to share your joys or concerns to be included in the prayers of the people this day. You may also write your concern on the pink sheets and hand to the Pastor. Please mail a prayer card from the narthex to your loved one.*

Call to Worship

Leader: God is our midst, forming us to be God's own people.

**People: Though the way may be difficult, God will be with us.**

Leader: We need not fear.

**People: In the Lord we will take our refuge, for God is our strength.**

Leader: Come to the Lord who will surround you with God's own righteousness.

**People: Lord, open our hearts and our spirits so that we may faithfully follow you. AMEN.**

\*Hymn #2074 "*Shout to the Lord*" (congregation sings refrain twice)

My Jesus, my Savior,  
Lord, there is none like You;  
All of my days I want to praise  
the wonders of Your mighty love.  
My comfort, my shelter,  
tower of refuge and strength;  
Let ev'ry breath, all that I am,  
never cease to worship You.

\*Prayer of Confession

**Lord of abiding Love and infinite Patience, be with us this day. We have come from times of stress, difficulties, as well as times of hope and joy. We bring to you our concerns and our fears, and you offer your healing mercies. We confess that we haven't thought a whole lot about you this week. We have let events and demands crowd you out of our thoughts and our actions; yet when we come to this, your house, we come to you, seeking your forgiveness for our blindness and apathy. Turn our lives around, Lord. Help us look again at the many ways in which you bless and care for us. Help us be people who will reach out to others in loving compassion. For we ask these things in Jesus' name. AMEN.**

\*Words of Assurance

Leader: Even though we are a stubborn people, still God  
absolutely loves and forgives us.

People: **In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.  
Hallelujah!**

\*Congregational Response: "*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.**



Gospel Lesson: John 14:15-27

Sermon

*"Will it Hold Me?"*

The Rev. Katherine G. Killebrew

\*Affirmation of Faith: From the Heidelberg Confession

Leader: What is your only comfort, in life and in death?

People: **That I belong—body and soul, in life and in death—not to myself, but to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ, who at the cost of his own blood has fully paid for all my sins and has completely freed me from the dominion of the devil; that he protects me so well that without the will of my Father in heaven not a hair can fall from my head; indeed, that everything must fit his purpose for my salvation. Therefore, by his Holy Spirit, he also assures me of eternal life, and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.**

Offering

*"We believe that believers one and all, as partakers of the Lord Christ, and all his treasures and gifts, shall share in one fellowship. Second, that each one ought to know that he is obliged to use his gifts freely and with joy for the benefit and welfare of other members."*

Heidelberg confession

Musical Meditation

\*Doxology

\*Prayer of Dedication (unison)

**Gracious Lord, we believe in the amazing gift of your son. We share this offering with the unceasing prayer that your work in this world will spring up and break forth in all corners of this**

**global community. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ, the Way, the Truth, and the Life. Amen.**

Prayers of the People

Leader: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Leader: Let us pray.

Prayers of thanksgiving, intercession, petition,

And the Lord's Prayer.

Hymn #379 *"My Hope is Built on Nothing Less"*

**GO IN GOD'S NAME**

\*Benediction

\*Choral Response

\*Postlude



*\*Those who are able, please stand.*



***Go Forward and Serve!***

**Be a part of God's work through CPC!**

