

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

**April 27, 2008**

**6th Sunday of Easter**

**ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME**

Silent Prayer

*Great and good God, give us pure hearts that we may see you,  
humble hearts that we may hear you,  
hearts of love that we may serve you,  
hearts of faith that we may live in you,  
reverent hearts that we may worship you,  
here and in the world out there,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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

Centering Music

Call to Worship

Leader: Christ be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Leader: Let us worship the Creator of life who upholds us.

**People: Let us worship the risen Christ who lives among us.**

Leader: Let us worship the Spirit, holy and free, who empowers us.

**People: To the one Creator, Christ, and Spirit be all glory and honor, world without end. Amen.**

\*Hymn #106 "Alleluia! Alleluia! Give Thanks"

**\*Prayer of Confession**

**While the beautiful signs of spring's renewal are revealed by you, O God, we must reveal our failures to bring fresh beauty to many parts of our lives. Like farmers who struggle during the lean months of the year, preparing for a new crop, so we in our life of faith often experience leanness, struggle, and emptiness. We fail to grow, because we do not give ourselves over to the acceptance and nurture possible in this community of your children. Help us to accept responsibility for difficulties in our corporate and personal lives. May we take the risks to open ourselves to you and to one another and so reap a harvest of love and peace. Amen.**

**\* Assurance of Pardon**

**Leader: As the sun melts the ice in springtime and blossoms burst forth on dry branches, so God's warmth heals and transforms the deadness and brokenness within us.**

**People: We are a forgiven people. We can begin anew, recreated in God's love! Thanks be to God!**

**\*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.**

**\*Sharing the Peace of Christ**

**Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.**

**People: And also with you.**

**PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD**

**Children's Sermon**

*(Children are dismissed to Sunday School)*

Anthem "*Chorale (from The Great Gate of Kiev)*" Modeste Moussorgsky  
Arr. Martha Thompson  
Stacy Lagakos, piano  
Memorial Handbell Choir

Epistle Lesson: 1 John 1:-2:1

Psalm 133 (responsive)

Leader: How very good and pleasant it is when kindred live together in unity!

**People: It is like the precious oil on the head,  
running down upon the beard, on the beard of Aaron,  
running down over the collar of his robes.**

Leader: It is like the dew of Hermon, which falls on the mountains of Zion.

For there the LORD ordained his blessing, life for evermore.

\*Hymn #386 "*O For a World*"

New Testament Lesson: Acts 4:32-35

Sermon "*Notorious!*"

The Rev. Wendy B. Boer

\*Affirmation of Faith: Apostle's Creed

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,**

**And in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## Offering

*"No one can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth." Matthew 6:24*

Offertory: *"I Will Glorify Your Name"* by Cindy Berry  
Chancel Choir

\*Doxology

\*Prayer of Dedication (unison)

**Patient God, we reverently offer these gifts so that others may be made alive in your spirit. Continue to guide our hearts and minds so that we may reflect Christian discipleship. Help us to overcome any personal conflict that may impair our ability to be more like Jesus. In your sanctifying name, we pray. 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 #108 *"Christ is Alive!"*

## 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!**

