

†CALL TO WORSHIP

Beloved church, behold the victory of our God:  
**Jesus, our Lord, has conquered the grave.**  
Let this place resound with joy.  
**Christ is risen! Alleluia!**

Kendra Crabtree

†HYMN OF PRAISE No. 232 *Jesus Christ Is Risen Today*

EASTER HYMN

†PRAYER OF ADORATION

Blest are you, Lord Jesus who came to us as a little child  
**One of us, flesh and blood, to share in our humanity.**  
For God so loved the world  
**That all might have eternal life.**  
Blest are you, Lord Jesus who came to us as a carpenter  
**And yet in whose creative hands a world was fashioned.**  
For God so loved the world  
**That all might have eternal life.**  
Blest are you, Lord Jesus who came to us as a fisherman  
**Yet pointing to a harvest that was to come.**  
For God so loved the world  
**That all might have eternal life.**  
Blest are you, Lord Jesus who came to us as a teacher  
**And opened truths that only the poor could understand.**  
For God so loved the world  
**That all might have eternal life.**  
Blest are you, Lord Jesus who came to us as a healer  
**And opened hearts to the reality of wholeness.**  
For God so loved the world  
**That all might have eternal life.**  
Blest are you, Lord Jesus who came to us as a servant  
**To reveal to us the extent of God’s love for human kind.**  
For God so loved the world  
**That all might have eternal life.**  
Blest are you, Lord Jesus, who rose from the ignominy of a sinner’s death  
**To the triumph of a Savior's resurrection.**  
For God so loved the world  
**That all might have eternal life.**  
God so loved the world that he gave his only Son  
**For the sake of me, and you, and other sinners too.**  
Blest are you Lord Jesus,  
**Our Savior and Redeemer! Amen.**

†Please stand in body or in spirit.

GRATEFUL RESPONSE *Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!*

HYMN TO JOY

**Christ is risen! Raise your spirits from the caverns of despair.  
Walk with gladness in the morning. See what love can do and dare.  
Drink the wine of resurrection, not a servant, but a friend.  
Jesus is our strong companion. Joy and peace shall never end.**

†PASSING OF THE PEACE

*(Worshippers may exchange signs of God’s peace and children may come forward for a time of sharing faith together.)*

**HEARING THE WORD**

SHARING FAITH WITH CHILDREN

*(Children 1<sup>st</sup> grade age and up are invited to remain in the sanctuary. Parents may take kindergarten and younger children downstairs for nurture and care.)*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING

Acts 10:34-43

ANTHEM

*Christ the Lord Is Risen*  
Adult Choir

PAUL FETLER

Christ the Lord is risen, alleluia.

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 28:1-10

SERMON

“On the Way to Galilee”

Dr. Taylor

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

**RESPONDING TO THE WORD**

†HYMN No. 234

*Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain*

ST. KEVIN

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

OFFERING OF OUR LIVES

*One Great Hour of Sharing*

OFFERTORY

*Alleluia, Come, Good People*  
Adult Choir

KATHERINE K. DAVIS

Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Come, good people, now give ear!  
Tidings wondrous, tidings wondrous  
Mortals all today shall hear.  
Over valley, over mountain,  
Let the joyful news be spread!  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Christ is risen from the dead!

He is risen! He is risen!  
He hath rent His bonds in twain!  
We like Him shall leave death’s prison,  
We like Him shall rise again.  
Lord all glorious, Lord victorious,  
Thou hast come all flesh to save!  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Christ is risen from the grave!

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EASTER HYMN

**Sing we to our God above, Alleluia!  
Praise eternal as God's love. Alleluia!  
Praise our God, ye heavenly host, Alleluia!  
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!**

† PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**BEARING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD**

† HYMN No. 238

*Thine Is the Glory*

JUDAS MACCABEUS

*(Members of the congregation wishing to join with the choir in singing the "Hallelujah" Chorus at the close of worship may move to the front with the choir during the singing of this hymn.)*

† BENEDICTION

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*Hallelujah Chorus*

G. F. HANDEL

† POSTLUDE

*This Joyful Eastertide*  
Orchestra

arr. EVANS/ANTHONY

*Violin*  
Bridgette Seidel  
Bryan Kim

*Alto Saxophone*  
Jonathan Anthony

*Horn*  
Garrett Stair

*Flute*  
Sara Hunter

*Tenor Saxophone*  
Jonathan Elmore

*Trombone*  
Max Schneider  
Juliana Anthony

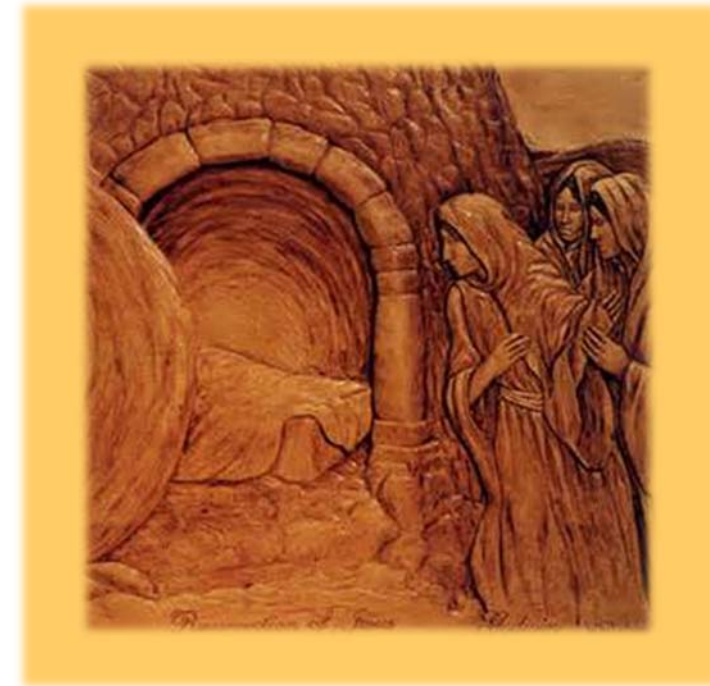
*Clarinet*  
Renee Jacobsen

*Trumpet*  
Darrell Pearman  
Chris Thomas  
Jameson O'Donnell

*Tuba*  
Jeb Sturgill

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**SERVICE OF WORSHIP FOR THE LORD'S DAY  
EASTER SUNDAY  
APRIL 16, 2017**

THOUGHT FOR MEDITATION

*"Go ahead and tell God that you think it is outrageous to expect anyone to believe that Jesus has risen. Go ahead and tell God that you believe that death gets the final word. None of this is news to God. He has heard it all before. He simply refuses to believe it."*

~ Craig Koester, New Testament scholar, Luther Seminary

*(All are encouraged to sign the Friendship Pad in the pews.*

*If you are a first-time visitor and leave an address, we can welcome you more fully.)*

MEDITATION

*Beneath the Cross of Jesus*  
Adult Choir

ELIZABETH CECILIA CLEPHANE

GREETING

Christ is risen.

**He is risen indeed!**

Catherine Taylor

**GATHERING AROUND THE WORD**

PRELUDE

*All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name*  
Orchestra

art. GREER/ANTHONY

## ANNOUNCEMENTS & OPPORTUNITIES

APRIL 16, 2017

**Welcome to all who gather for worship today.** May each of us know something of God's grace and be moved toward deeper faith, sincere love, and service following Christ. No matter who you are, or what you are seeking, you are welcome here. **If you are seeking a church home, we invite you to explore all that happens in life and ministry in this church.**

**DIRECTORIES ARE HERE!** Please pick up your copy today! One per family please.

**THE CELEBRATION FLOWERS:** The newly formed BPC Flower Committee has provided the floral arrangements for our Easter worship this morning. The funds for the flowers and materials come from the Helen Judkins Memorial Fund established in 2005 after the death of Helen Starr Judkins, long-time faithful member of BPC and mother of Anne Campbell. Helen Judkins served at BPC in many ways and on numerous committees during her life. She received the Honorary Life Membership in Presbyterian Women in 1995. Helen was known by family and friends for her love of flowers, flower-arranging and gardening. She was a nationally accredited flower show judge. The flower committee is pleased to dedicate their first arrangements to Helen's memory in this new endeavor and grateful for the memorial funds to help in their work.

**One Great Hour of Sharing Offering** – is an offering that addresses crises and needs around the world. Special envelopes are provided in the pew racks. In response to God's love and blessings, we ask you to give generously.

**Let's take care of kids, from top to bottoms! EASTER UPDATE!** Thank you to all who have supported the Faith Circle's Spring Drive thus far. The Presbyterian Women's Faith Circle is leading a drive to benefit three local organizations and the children they work to support. We have reached our goal for toothbrushes for Head Start (located here at BPC), but are still in need of **children's toothpaste**. We are continuing to ask for **diapers (sizes 2-6), wipes and cream** for our partners at Valley Interfaith Child Care Center (VICCC) and the Baby Shop. Thanks to you, we have already reached our goal for pull-ups. If you would like to offer support, but would rather not get trapped in the baby aisle at the local store, we would be happy to shop on your behalf. Please write a check to BPC, memo line Faith Circle Spring Drive and place it in the collection plate this morning. Every dollar counts to the beautiful children and families you are helping to support! The collection will end next Sunday, April 23. Thank you and Happy Easter!. For more information contact Heather Polikoff at [540-808-0802](tel:540-808-0802) or [heather.polikoff@gmail.com](mailto:heather.polikoff@gmail.com). Thank you for helping!

**New River Community Action Blacksburg Head Start Preschool** is currently taking applications for 3 and 4 year olds for School year 2017-2018. Blacksburg Head Start Preschool is a no cost, family-based preschool program that prepares children and families for school readiness. For registration information call the school office at 540-552-0490 or email [ajennings@nrcaa.org](mailto:ajennings@nrcaa.org) to enroll your 3 and/or 4 year old today!

**Ecumenical Advocacy Days -An opportunity to be more involved and educated on Social Justice Issues is coming up in Washington, April 21- 24, 2017.** This year's topic "Confronting Chaos, Forging Community: Challenging Racism, Materialism and Militarism". When Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. posed the question, "Where do we go from here: Chaos or Community?" in his book of the same title 50 years ago, no one could have imagined that we would still be wrestling with this question today. For more information: [http://advocacydays.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/07/EAD-2017-Brochure-Insert-Final\\_WEB\\_100dpi.pdf](http://advocacydays.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/07/EAD-2017-Brochure-Insert-Final_WEB_100dpi.pdf). Join others going and contact Phyllis Albritton for more information and car-pooling (540-552-4848).

**Save the Date! Dining Out for Shelter, Tuesday, April 25, 2017!** Please see insert for more information on this fun way to support To Our House!

**Attention Property Owners:** Please help the NRV Re-Entry Council maximize existing Department of Correction funding to house ex-offenders. There is an urgent need for rental property to provide short and long term housing for 3-4 newly released homeless ex-offenders. The urgency is partially due to the To Our House winter sheltering season ending March 31<sup>st</sup>. Please consider offering your property for rent as the first NRV Re-entry Council housing solution in this area. The Radford Parole Office will provide oversight along with supportive services from VA Cares and other partner organizations. For more information contact Shannon Lowery at [slowery@nrcaa.org](mailto:slowery@nrcaa.org) or 540-392-7819 or Melanie Smith at [melscofam@gmail.com](mailto:melscofam@gmail.com)

### SERVING TODAY

**Church Opener:**

Brent Opell

**Elder of the Week:**

**Today:** Peggy Kincaid **Mon-Sunday:** Fred Piercy

**Ushers:**

Elva Miller, Jan McGilliard, Barbara Michelsen, and Marcia Wright

**Counters:**

John Dillard and Easley Smith

**Coffee Hosts:**

All Church Breakfast **Next Week:** Scott and Melanie Smith

### THIS WEEK AT BPC - HCR-Hatcher Conference Room, WM-Westminster, FH-Fellowship Hall

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| April 16 | Easter Breakfast sponsored by Men of the Church at 9:00 a.m.<br>Easter Egg Hunt at 9:50 a.m. for children through 5 <sup>th</sup> grade<br>Worship at 10:30 a.m. - One Great Hour of Sharing Offering  |
| April 17 | Church Office Closed   |
| April 18 | Tuesday Morningstars Bible Study at 7:30 a.m. – HCR<br>Quilters meet at 9:30 a.m. – FH<br>Prayer Group meets at 11:00 a.m. – Prayer Room- All are welcome!<br>Confirmation Meeting from 4:00 – 5:00 p.m. – WM<br>Personnel meets at 5:00 p.m. - WM |
| April 19 | Caring for the Community at 9:30 a.m. - HCR<br>Handbell practice at 6:00 p.m.  |
| April 20 | Staff Meeting-11:00 a.m.<br>Presentation for Staff 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. HCR  |
| April 22 | Master Chorale Concert at BPC at 7:30 p.m.- Sanctuary  |

### UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

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| April 23 | Season of Creation in Worship – Oceans<br>Earth Day Fair at BPC in Fellowship Hall following worship<br>Session meets at 7:00 p.m. - HCR |
| April 24 | KnitWits gather at 1:00 p.m. - WM<br>PW Coordinating Team meets at 3:00 p.m. - WM  |
| April 25 | Dining Out for Shelter   |
| April 28 | Faith on Tap 6:00-8:00 p.m. at Macado's University City Blvd., Blacksburg  |
| April 30 | Season of Creation in Worship- Land  |





# Dining Out for Shelter

## Tuesday, April 25, 2017

On Dining Out for Shelter Day, the following restaurants will donate a portion of their sales to support the efforts of *To Our House* to provide winter shelter for homeless men in the New River Valley and connect them with resources that lead to employment, more permanent housing, and personal economic sustainability. We invite you to dine out with us on that day and help provide shelter for those in need.

### Blacksburg

Bollo's Café & Bakery  
Café de Bangkok  
Gillie's  
Hwy 55 Burgers, Shakes & Fries  
Mellow Mushroom (5-9 p.m.)  
Moe's Southwest Grill (5-8 p.m.)  
Next Door Bake Shop  
Our Daily Bread Bakery & Bistro  
Social House  
The Cellar Restaurant  
Zoës Kitchen

### Christiansburg

Amelia's Pizzeria & Restaurant

### Radford

Crumb & Get It Cookie Company  
El Charro Mexican Grill  
Moe's Southwest Grill (5-8 p.m.)  
Sal's Italian Restaurant & Pizzeria  
Sharkey's Wing & Rib Joint  
The Radford Coffee Company



Unless otherwise indicated, fundraising will take place during full hours of operation.



### CREATION CARE- SEASON OF CREATION

Again, this year, we will observe a **Season of Creation** in worship. This year, our Season of Creation will be 3 Sundays in April and May. This will be the third year of a 3-year cycle, similar to a lectionary-type cycle. In year one, 2015, we considered the themes of Planet Earth, Sky/Air, and Rivers/Water. In year two, 2016, our themes were Rainbow Covenant, Forests, and Animals.



This year, 2017, our themes will be:

**Sunday, April 23: Oceans**

**Sunday, April 30: Land**

**Sunday, May 14: Mountains** (Bob Fiedler will be preaching.)

(Note that we will skip a week due to Presbyterian Women Sunday on May 7.)

Plan to join us for this Season!

### BLACKSBURG PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH ADULT EDUCATION SERIES

Sunday school class, March 19 - May 21, 2017

Inspired from the class studying the book, *Faithful Resistance* by Rick Ufford-Chase, the next eight sessions are based on social justice issues mentioned in the book. Outside speakers as well as two of our own members will share their expertise in areas that is probably new information for most of us. All are welcome and previous class attendance is not needed.

April 23 -- Speakers: Holly Lesko and Marcia Davitt -Topic: White Privilege; Dialogue on Race

April 30 -- Speaker: Dolly Davis President of the Blue Ridge Transgender Alliance-

Topic: Transgender

May 7 -- Speaker: Dale Wimberley, Sociology Department, VA Tech- Topic: Inequality

May 14-- Speaker: BPC Equipping Team-Topic: Next Step for BPC

May 21—Speaker: Craig Woolsey, Aerospace and Ocean Engineering VA Tech-

Topic: Robots and Ethics

## Earth Day Fair Sunday, April 23

(first Sunday of the Season of Creation)  
after worship in the Fellowship Hall

Learn about how you can care for the earth by:

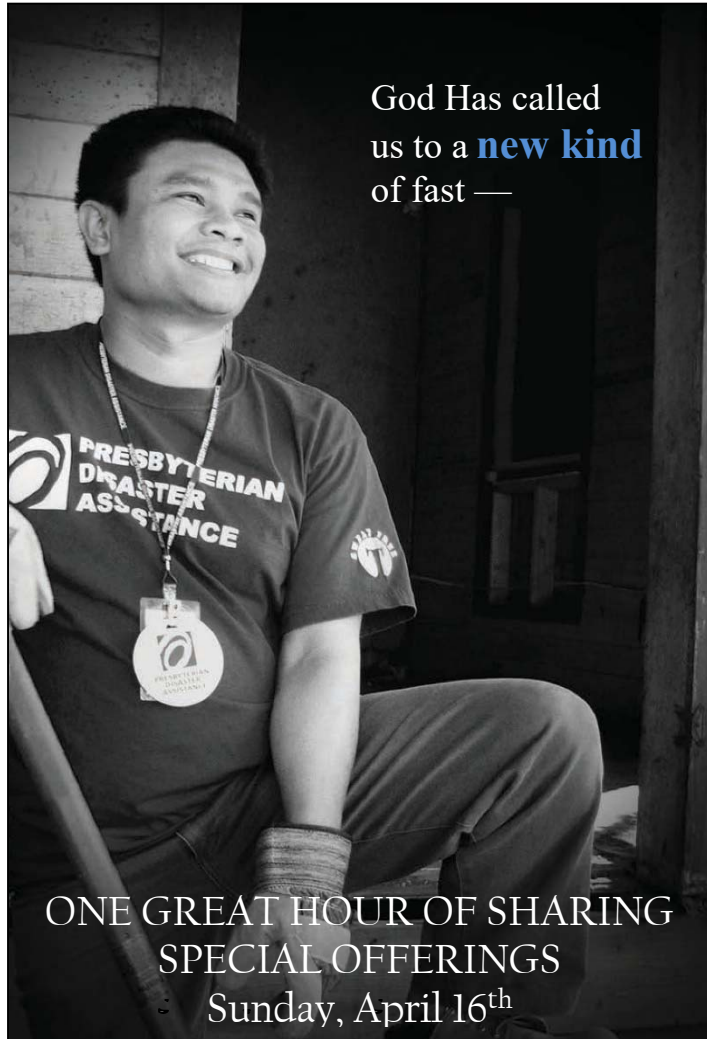
- making a reusable bag and/or car reminder
- making a suet feeder for woodpeckers
- examining why and how to compost
- gaining knowledge on local recycling and waste disposal practices
- determining your ecological footprint and how to reduce it
- discovering alternatives to toxic household products
- looking at some children's books on earth care
- picking up milkweed seeds to plant for monarch butterflies
- walking through our creation care/pollinator garden



Mark your calendars! Snacks and infant care provided.



# One Great Hour of Sharing



God Has called us to a **new kind** of fast —

Give to One Great Hour of Sharing, and join in the fast God calls us to.

“Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of injustice, to undo the thongs of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke?”

Is it not to share your bread with the hungry, and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover them, and not to hide yourself from your own kin?”

—Isaiah 58:6-7

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING  
SPECIAL OFFERINGS  
Sunday, April 16<sup>th</sup>

He  
Is  
Not here;  
He  
is  
Risen,  
Just As  
He  
said.



Matthew 28:6

### Our Offering at Work

The three programs supported by One Great Hour of Sharing (Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, the Presbyterian Hunger Program, and Self-Development of People) all work in different ways to serve individuals and communities in need.

From initial disaster response to ongoing community development, their work fits together to provide people with safety, sustenance, and hope.