



# LIVING HOPE

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*“Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead....”*

*1 Peter 1:3 (ESV)*

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# Living Hope Presbyterian Church

The Lord's Day, April 4, 2021

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

## **Praising God in the Assembly**

Salutation *Isaiah 26:9*  
Call to Worship *Psalm 118:19-24*  
\*Hymn "Worship Christ, the Risen King!" no. 369 (insert)  
\*Invocation *Psalm 124:8*

## **Confessing our Sins**

Call to Repentance *Hebrews 12:1-2*  
Congregational Confession of Sin (insert)  
Assurance of Pardon *1 Peter 1:3*  
\*Hymn "Christ the Lord is Risen Today" no. 360 (insert)

## **Praying for the Church**

Scripture Reading *Ephesians 2:1-10 (insert)*  
Intercessory Prayer & the Lord's Prayer (insert)  
\*Hymn "Crown Him with Many Crowns" no. 380 (insert)  
\*The Apostles' Creed (insert)  
Collection & Prayer *Matthew 6:21*

## **Proclaiming God's Word**

Scripture Reading *Mark 16:1-8 (insert)*  
Prayer for Illumination *Isaiah 40:8*  
Sermon **ON THE FIRST DAY OF THE WEEK**  
*Rev. John D. Van Meerbeke*

Closing Prayer

\*Hymn "Up from the Grave He Arose" no. 367 (insert)  
\*Benediction *Hebrews 13:20-21*

Postlude

\*Asterisk indicates Congregation Standing, if able

## Worship Christ, the Risen King!

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1. Rise, O church, and lift your voices, Christ has conquered death and hell.
2. See the tomb where death had laid him, empty now, its mouth declares:
3. Hear the earth protest and tremble, see the stone removed with power;
4. Doubt may lift its head to murmur, scoffers mock and sinners jeer;
5. We acclaim your life, O Jesus, now we sing your victory;



- Sing as all the earth rejoices; resurrection anthems swell.  
 "Death and I could not contain him, for the throne of life he shares."  
 • all hell's minions may assemble, but cannot withstand his hour.  
 but the truth proclaims a wonderful thought-ful hearts receive with cheer.  
 sin or hell may seek to seize us, but your conquest keeps us free.



- Come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the risen King!  
 Come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the risen King!  
 • He has conquered, he has conquered, Christ the Lord, the risen King!  
 He is risen, he is risen, now receive the risen King!  
 Stand in triumph, stand in triumph, worship Christ, the risen King!



Jack Hayford, 1986

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Henry Smart, 1867

# Congregational Confession of Sins

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**ALMIGHTY AND EVERLASTING GOD:**

You raised Jesus from death to life,  
and in him you have raised us to newness of life.  
But we remain preoccupied with ourselves,  
separated from brothers and sisters in Christ,  
holding grudges,  
feeding bitterness,  
and reluctant to welcome one another.

In your mercy  
forgive us and free us from sin,  
that we may be your faithful people,  
the body of Christ,  
in his name. Amen.

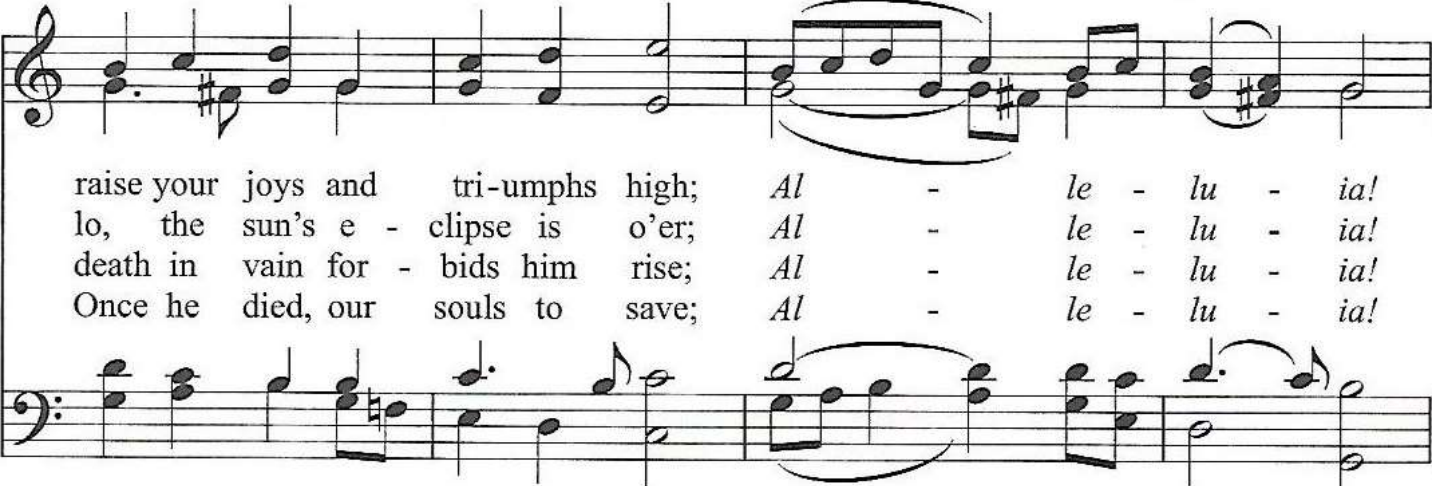
## Christ the Lord Is Risen Today



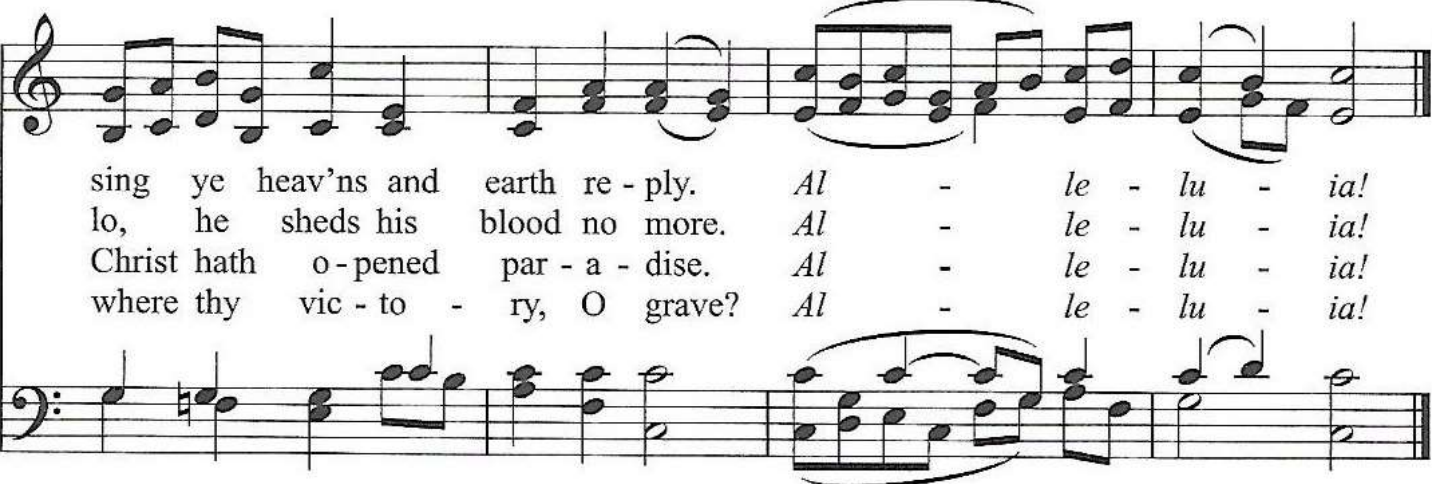
1. "Christ the Lord is ris'n to - day," *Al* - *le* - *lu* - *ia!*  
 2. Love's re-deem-ing work is done; *Al* - *le* - *lu* - *ia!*  
 3. Vain the stone, the watch, the seal; *Al* - *le* - *lu* - *ia!*  
 4. Lives a - gain our glo - rious King; *Al* - *le* - *lu* - *ia!*



sons of men and an - gels say; *Al* - *le* - *lu* - *ia!*  
 fought the fight, the bat - tle won; *Al* - *le* - *lu* - *ia!*  
 Christ hath burst the gates of hell; *Al* - *le* - *lu* - *ia!*  
 where, O death, is now thy sting? *Al* - *le* - *lu* - *ia!*



raise your joys and tri-umphs high; *Al* - *le* - *lu* - *ia!*  
 lo, the sun's e - clipse is o'er; *Al* - *le* - *lu* - *ia!*  
 death in vain for - bids him rise; *Al* - *le* - *lu* - *ia!*  
 Once he died, our souls to save; *Al* - *le* - *lu* - *ia!*



sing ye heav'ns and earth re - ply. *Al* - *le* - *lu* - *ia!*  
 lo, he sheds his blood no more. *Al* - *le* - *lu* - *ia!*  
 Christ hath o - pened par - a - dise. *Al* - *le* - *lu* - *ia!*  
 where thy vic - to - ry, O grave? *Al* - *le* - *lu* - *ia!*

5. Soar we now where Christ hath led, *Alleluia!*  
foll'wing our exalted Head; *Alleluia!*  
made like him, like him we rise; *Alleluia!*  
ours the cross, the grave, the skies. *Alleluia!*

6. Hail, the Lord of earth and heav'n! *Alleluia!*  
Praise to thee by both be giv'n; *Alleluia!*  
thee we greet triumphant now; *Alleluia!*  
hail, the Resurrection, thou! *Alleluia!*

Charles Wesley, 1739; alt.

EASTER HYMN 7.7.7.7.al.  
*Lyra Davidica*, 1708; alt.

# Scripture Reading: Ephesians 2:1-10

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<sup>1</sup>And you were dead in the trespasses and sins <sup>2</sup>in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience— <sup>3</sup>among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the body and the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind. <sup>4</sup>But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, <sup>5</sup>even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved— <sup>6</sup>and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, <sup>7</sup>so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. <sup>8</sup>For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, <sup>9</sup>not a result of works, so that no one may boast. <sup>10</sup>For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

# The Lord's Prayer

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**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.**



## Crown Him with Many Crowns

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1. Crown him with man - y crowns, the Lamb up - on his throne;  
 2. Crown him the Lord of life, tri - um - phant o'er the grave,  
 3. Crown him the Lord of love; be - hold his hands and side,  
 4. Crown him the Lord of peace; whose pow'r a scep - ter sways  
 5. Crown him the Lord of years, the Po - ten - tate of time;

hark! how the heav'n - ly an - them drowns all mu - sic but its own:  
 who rose vic - to - rious from the strife for those he came to save.  
 • rich wounds, yet vis - i - ble a - bove, in beau - ty glo - ri - fied:  
 from pole to pole, that wars may cease, ab - sorbed in pray'r and praise:  
 Cre - a - tor of the roll - ing spheres, in - ef - fa - bly sub - lime:

a - wake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,  
 His glo - ries now we sing, who died and reigns on high;  
 • no an - gel in the sky can ful - ly bear that sight,  
 his reign shall know no end; and round his pierc - ed feet  
 all hail, Re - deem - er, hail! for thou hast died for me:

and hail him as thy match - less King through all e - ter - ni - ty.  
 he died, e - ter - nal life to bring, and lives that death may die.  
 • but down - ward bends his burn - ing eye at mys - ter - ies so bright.  
 fair flow'rs of par - a - dise ex - tend their fra - grance ev - er sweet.  
 thy praise shall nev - er, nev - er fail through - out e - ter - ni - ty.

# The Apostles' Creed

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

**I BELIEVE** in Jesus Christ, his only begotten Son, our Lord;  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
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 sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;  
from there he shall come  
to judge the living and the dead.

**I BELIEVE** in the Holy Spirit;  
the holy catholic church;  
the communion of saints;  
the forgiveness of sins;  
the resurrection of the body;  
and the life everlasting. **AMEN.**

## *Scripture Reading: Mark 16:1-8*

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<sup>1</sup>When the Sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. <sup>2</sup>And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. <sup>3</sup>And they were saying to one another, “Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance of the tomb?” <sup>4</sup>And looking up, they saw that the stone had been rolled back—it was very large. <sup>5</sup>And entering the tomb, they saw a young man sitting on the right side, dressed in a white robe, and they were alarmed. <sup>6</sup>And he said to them, “Do not be alarmed. You seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has risen; he is not here. See the place where they laid him. <sup>7</sup>But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going before you to Galilee. There you will see him, just as he told you.” <sup>8</sup>And they went out and fled from the tomb, for trembling and astonishment had seized them, and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

# Notes and Pictures

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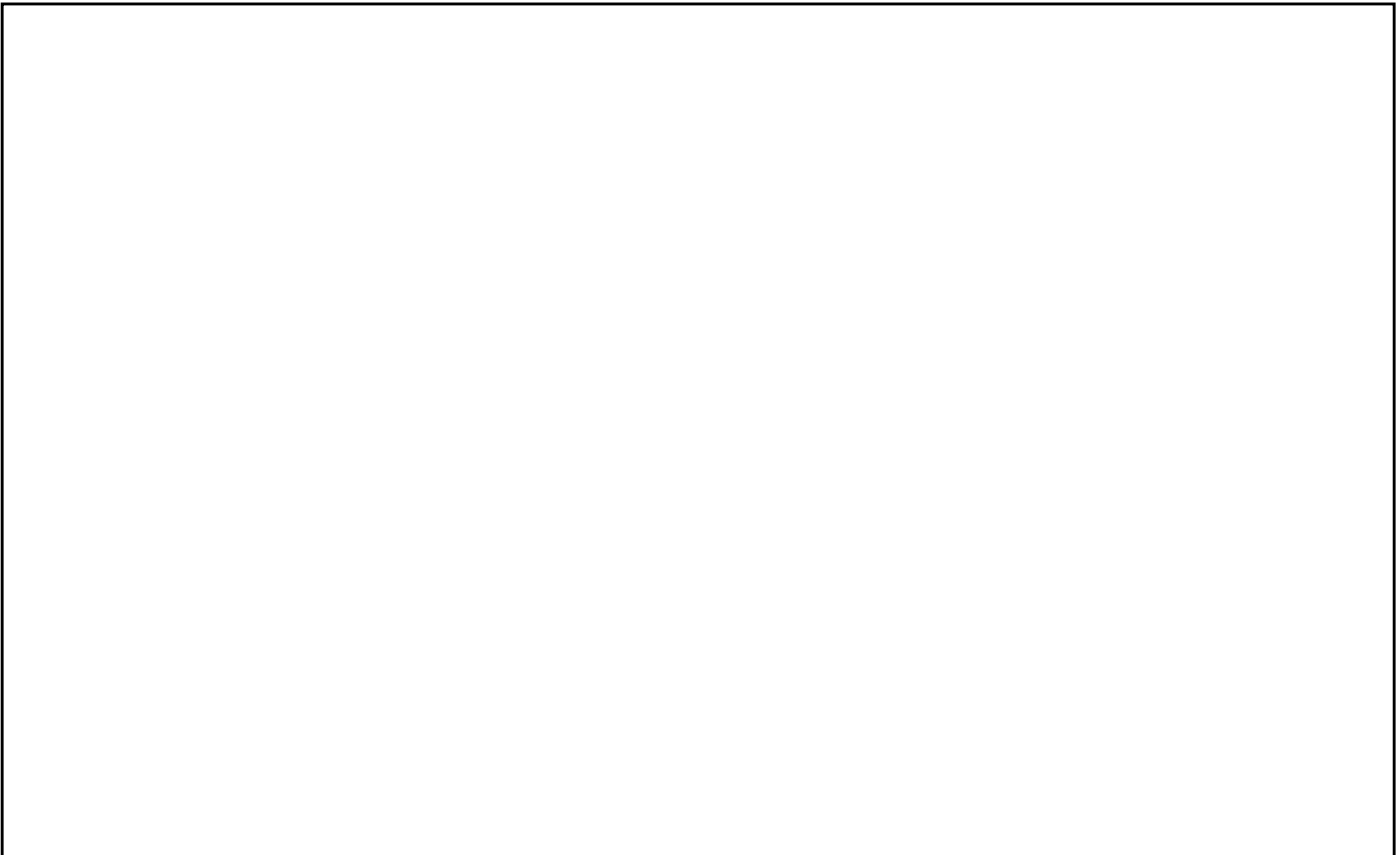
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## Up from the Grave He Arose

1. Low in the grave he lay— Je - sus, my Sav - ior,  
 2. Vain - ly they watch his bed— Je - sus, my Sav - ior;  
 3. Death can - not keep his prey— Je - sus, my Sav - ior;

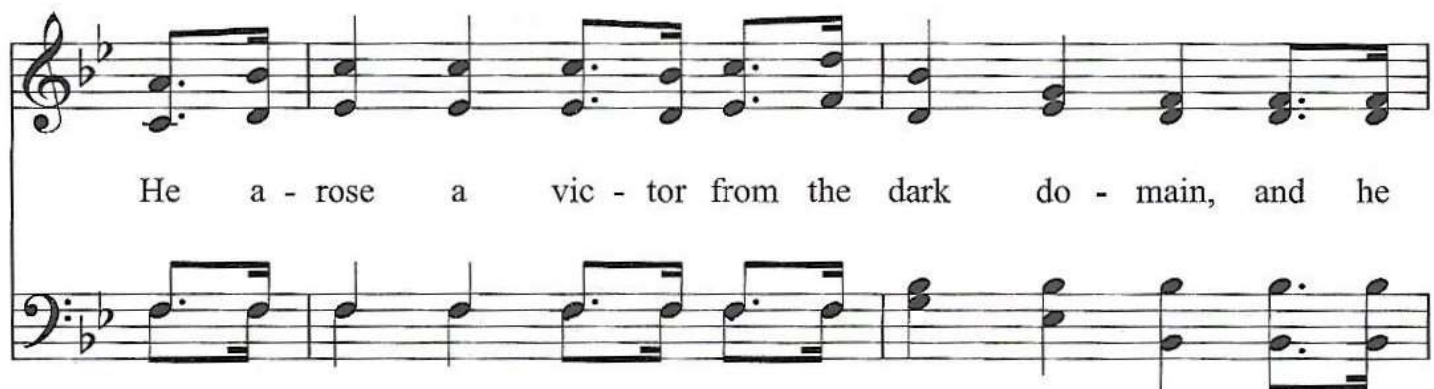
wait - ing the com - ing day— Je - sus, my Lord.  
 vain - ly they seal the dead— Je - sus, my Lord.  
 he tore the bars a - way— Je - sus, my Lord.

## Refrain

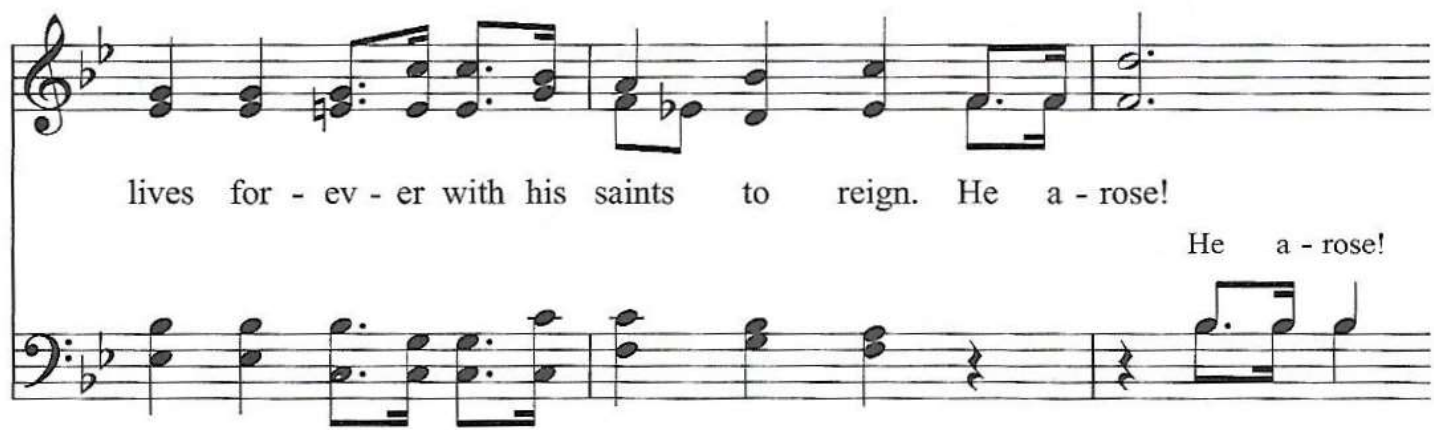
Up from the grave he a - rose,  
 He a - rose!

with a might - y tri - umph o'er his foes.  
 He a - rose!

THE RESURRECTION OF CHRIST



He a - rose a vic - tor from the dark do - main, and he



lives for - ev - er with his saints to reign. He a - rose!  
He a - rose!



He a - rose! Hal - le - lu - jah! Christ a - rose!  
He a - rose!

Robert Lowry, 1874

CHRIST AROSE 11.10.ref.  
Robert Lowry, 1874

	GREETERS	USHERS
Apr 4	R&R Brown	T. Johnston; D. Lott
Apr 11	The K. Browns	D. Lott; T. Johnston
Apr 18	The Langs	K. Brown; D. Forbeck

**Welcome to Living Hope Presbyterian Church!** We're a Reformed & Presbyterian congregation of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church. Questions? Call the church office at **(717) 334-7157** or contact Pastor Van Meerbeke ([vanmeerbeke@livinghopegettysburg.org](mailto:vanmeerbeke@livinghopegettysburg.org); **(717) 253-4575**) or Pastor Siggins ([siggins@livinghopegettysburg.org](mailto:siggins@livinghopegettysburg.org); **(814) 933-6321**).

The **nursery** is opening during the **11:00 am service** starting today.

**Greeters and Ushers**—there will be a meeting **next Sunday, April 11 at 10:15 a.m.** for Greeters and Ushers led by Tom Johnston. If you serve in one of these roles, please plan to attend this meeting. If you are interested in becoming a greeter or usher, please speak to Tom.

**Congregational Meeting**—Josh McKamy has received a call to be the Associate Pastor in Danville, PA! There will be a **congregational meeting on April 18th at 10:15 am** to accept the resignation of Josh McKamy so that Presbytery can dissolve the pastoral relationship with Living Hope and he can take the call there.

**Men, mark your calendars**—The Men's Breakfast will meet the second Saturday of each month at **9:00 am beginning April 10.**

**Women's Bible Study** meets the **1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays at 10:30 am** at the church. We are studying *When You Pray* by Philip Ryken. Please come as you are able.

We are committed to serving you in any way we can during these difficult times. Please do not hesitate to reach out to us for pastoral care or diaconal assistance!

If you wish to give your tithe and offering online, instead of in-person, you can find the link in the Living Hope Weekly email.

**Welcome to Living Hope Presbyterian Church!** We're a member congregation of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church (OPC) organized in 1983. Our purpose is to glorify God in divine worship, gospel witness, and mutual edification. The OPC is a member of NAPARC, the North American Presbyterian and Reformed Council, whose member denominations agree on many matters related to the Bible, creeds, and church polity.

We regularly confess our faith using the Apostles' Creed and the Nicene Creed. Our faith is best described in the Westminster Confession of Faith, the Westminster Larger Catechism, and the Westminster Shorter Catechism.

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### **Schedule at Living Hope Presbyterian Church**

Sunday Service of Worship	9:00 am 11:00 am
Women's Bible Study	1 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Thu., 10:30 am
Men's Breakfast	Second Sat., 9-10 am
Session	Second Thurs., 7 pm.