

*The hour is coming, and is now here,  
when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth,  
for the Father seeks such as these to worship him. John 4:24*

Brothers and Sisters,

That first week between Jesus' entry into Jerusalem (*Palm Sunday*) and His Resurrection was a mix of emotions of excitement, fear, sadness, loss, faith, and many more we can only imagine. The disciples spent the Passover huddled in their homes trying to avoid the Roman guards and the Jewish leaders. This year I'm sure we have a deeper understanding of how it felt to be shut up in our homes afraid of the people we might encounter in our daily lives. I think this perspective will help us to understand more fully just how revolting the empty tomb was to the safety of the disciples. Their first reaction was not excitement but fear.

Many of you have told me that it does not "**FEEL**" like Easter. It does not seem like Lent. Palm Sunday has come and gone, and we are still waiting for it to feel real. If you remember the first Easter found the disciples hiding in the Upper Room. The women had gone to the tomb in the cover of darkness; the men stayed in the safety of the house. That evening Jesus came to visit them even though the door was locked, "Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit." (*John 20:21-22*). It would take another 50 days – 7 weeks – before they understood the power of the Holy Spirit they received on that first Easter. It is in that power that we worship the Risen Christ this week. We do not need a building to gather, we do not even need to be in the same room. The power of the Holy Spirit is greater than these earthly constructs that we place upon our customary celebrations. Let us gather in our homes with expectation of the Risen Jesus breathing upon us the ground-shaking power of the Holy Spirit. **Yes, this Easter will be different – perhaps that's just the point!!!**

This Easter, perhaps more so than most, people need to know the love and peace and healing power of Jesus Christ. Many people do not have a church family to walk with during this difficult time in history. This Easter, we have an opportunity to share our worship service with many newcomers. Virtual worship is, perhaps, not as threatening as it is to walk into a church even with a friend. So, share that worship link with your friends and family. Pass around the phone number and code to your roommate or neighbor. Carnegie Presbyterian Church will be celebrating the resurrection of our Lord and Savior on Sunday morning because we worship "in Spirit and in Truth" (*John 4:24*)

During this Pandemic it is important to think of our neighbors and their needs. Since we cannot provide food items to the local food banks, I encourage you instead to send monetary donations. The two food banks in Carnegie are providing food on limited schedules. **Please be sure to mark on your donation "Food Pantry".**

**St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Food Pantry**

330 Third Avenue  
Carnegie, PA 15106

**Salvation Army Food Pantry**

225 W. Main Street  
Carnegie, PA 15106

Remember we meet weekly on Wednesday at 7 PM for prayer. This is an informal gathering of needs and concerns and a time of intercessory prayer for our friends, family and other around the world. Don't forget, this Thursday is Maundy Thursday, we will meet at 7 PM for worship and communion. **The Zoom connections are the same for Sunday and for these two worship opportunities, as well.**

Recent news coverage warned about the safety of using Zoom as our program for virtual worship. Some congregations have experienced “Zoom booming,” a term to describe unwanted guests entering our worship service and causing havoc. Please be assured that we are taking extra measures to avoid this happening during our worship services. There has been no evidence of any personal, private information being hacked during zoom booming, the point is only to disturb and offend. The information to join worship, at this point, is still the same as last week, unless further safety mechanisms become necessary to protect our worship services. Let us not let others keep us from worshipping our Risen Lord.

**I look forward to “seeing” you on Sunday morning!**

Serving Jesus with you

*Colleen*

Rev. Dr. Colleen Molinaro

## ZOOM INFORMATION FOR **ALL** GATHERINGS

### SAVE THESE INSTRUCTIONS

**Connect by Phone, Computer or Smart Device.**

**Everything you need to join Sunday worship is listed below.**

**All the numbers remain the same from week to week.**

**Cut out and keep them handy!**

#### **PHONE CALL**

Call: **1-312-626-6799**

Enter access code **634 764 368** with a #, and then another #

You will be able to hear the worship service.

#### **COMPUTER** *(with or without a camera)*

Enter link: **<https://zoom.us/j/634764368>**

It will take you to Zoom

*Works best on Chrome, join with computer audio if you desire.*

*You may need to unlock video at the pop-up bar, bottom of the screen.*

#### **SMART DEVICE** *(smartphone, tablets, etc.)*

Download the App – **Zoom Meeting App**

You will enter this meeting ID **634 764 368**