

## Carnegie Presbyterian Church

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Being a community of devoted believers, we are:  
Gathered by the Holy Spirit

### WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### CALL to WORSHIP

Leader: We praise God for this glorious day,

**ALL: Let the praise break forth in the most unlikely places and in silly ways.**

Leader: Joy fills our hearts and praise resounds in our songs

**ALL: Let the laughter be deep, for we are God's people.**

#### OPENING PRAYER

Holy God, we praise you for this day!

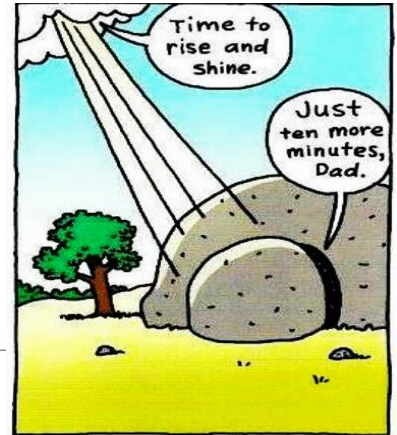
You have taken what we call an absurdity - and turned it into possibility,

You have coaxed us to sing springtime alleluias - where we only see gray dawn,

You have called us out of the tombs we inhabit – into an undreamed-of tomorrow.

Come, Risen Christ, in newness and hope on this Eastertide day,

renew our joy and gladness. Amen



#### OPENING HYMN † Take Time to Be Funny (to the tune of Hymn# 656, Take Time to be Holy)

Take time to be funny, rejoice in the Lord let laughter explode and have fun with God's Word  
For laughter is healing, gives strength to the weak God loves to see smiles, for they lift up the meek.

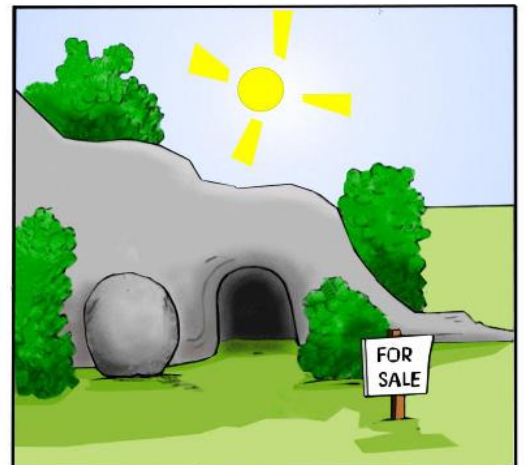
Take time to be silly, it's good for the soul too many are somber, grabbing control.

Let go and let God's love wash over your soul, heavenly transcendence can be your life's goal.

#### CALL TO CONFESSION

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Forgive us, Lord, when we take ourselves too seriously, when we don't claim the happiness that is rightfully ours as your children, when we forget that you will have the last laugh in this world. You know better than we do, Amused God, what important people we believe we are. Believing we have to be serious all the time, we miss out on the joy of your creation. Choosing to feast on the pain of the world, we skip the picnic offered in paradise. Clinging to the despair, which is our best friend, we ignore Jesus, who can bring us home to your heart. Forgive us and make us open to the startling, and upside-down, ways in which you work. Restore to us the joy of our salvation, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.



**FOR SALE** - Single owner tomb. Only used three days, and still has that new tomb smell. Reason for sale.. resident was resurrected.

## PROCLAMATION of GRACE

**GLORIA PATRI # 813** 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.

## Growing in faith

### CHILDREN'S SERMON

**HYMN † When We Are Tempted in Our Pride** (to the tune of Hymn# 250, O Little Town of Bethlehem)

When we are tempted in our pride to dizzy heights of sin, beneath our feet, O Lord, provide a ripe banana skin,  
and when we yearn at someone's head to let a brickbat fly, give us the grace to use instead a well-aimed custard pie....

When cherished institutions stand before your throne of grace, with good intentions in each hand and egg on every face,  
teach us to query grand designs with laughter born of tears, for deep in earth's jam-buttu mines your rainbow still appears

### AFFIRMATION of FAITH

#### *A Communion of Saints Affirmation of Humor*

We believe with the Bible that: *"there is a time to weep and a time to laugh."*

We believe with Chrysostom that: *"laughter has been implanted in our souls."*

We believe with Aquinas that: *there is a time for "playful deeds and jokes."*

We believe with Luther that: *"You have as much laughter as you have faith."*

We believe with Calvin that: *"we are nowhere forbidden to laugh."*

We believe with Francis De Sales that: *"humor is a foundation for reconciliation."*

We believe with Wesley that: *"A sour religion is the devil's religion."*

We believe with Bonhoeffer that: *"Ultimate seriousness is not without a dose of humor."*

We believe with Kierkegaard that: *"Humor is intrinsic to Christianity."*

### PRAYER of ILLUMINATION

**SCRIPTURE † John 20:19-29**

**SERMON † Behind Closed Doors**

**PRAISE SONG † There is One Name Under Heaven**

*sung by Pat Ambrose*

There is one name under heaven by which men can be saved  
Jesus alone

Only one name under heaven Jesus, and Jesus alone

**REFRAIN: One sacrifice One holy Lamb**

**Shed His own blood paid for my sin**

**And this righteous One God's only Son**

**I sing my praises to Him**

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There is one way to the Father and His merciful throne

Jesus alone

Only one way, to the Father Jesus and Jesus alone. **REFRAIN**



**PRAYERS of the PEOPLE with LORD'S PRAYER**

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.

Going to share the good news of God's love

**OFFERING of OUR LIVES and GIFTS**

**DOXOLOGY # 815** Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise God all creatures here below.  
Praise God above the heavenly hosts. Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen

**PRAYER of DEDICATION**

**CLOSING HYMN † Sing a Happy Alleluia**

Sing a happy alleluia, sing it out with heart and style—  
We're the echo of God's laughter, we're the image of God's smile.

**REFRAIN**

***Alleluia, all creation, alleluia, everyone!***

***Alleluia, all creation, alleluia, everyone!***

We're the proof of God's good humor, we're the twinkle in God's eye,  
made to shine, reflect the glory, given light and space to fly.

**REFRAIN**

***Alleluia, all creation, alleluia, everyone!***

***Alleluia, all creation, alleluia, everyone!***

*Just look at him,  
he totally thinks he's*



*God's gift to the world!*

**CHARGE and BLESSING**

Carnegie Presbyterian Church is a caring and serving community of devoted believers in Jesus Christ called to inspire and nurture the spiritual health and physical well-being of our neighboring communities.

**“A sense of humor is the best indicator that you will recover;  
it is often the best indicator that people will love you.  
Sustain that and you have hope.”**

*~ Andrew Solomon, writer, lecturer and Professor*

***Blessings for a beautiful week  
Carnegie Presbyterian Church***