



Chatham Community Church

Joined in the Spirit
April 8, 2018

Words of Welcome and Announcements

Thank you for worshipping with us. We rejoice that you are here today!

Music for Prayer and Meditation

Let us silence our hearts, our minds, and our voices to worship our God

Choral Introit

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Thom Shuman

Leader: The Word of life spoke:

People: **so we could hear the 'Alleluias!' of the angels.**

Leader: The Word of life reached out:

People: **so we could touch the hope which heals us.**

Leader: The Word of life walked out of death's dread tomb:

People: **so we could follow him into life forever.**

*Opening Prayer

Leader: Let us pray...

Emptier of Tombs: you raised Jesus from the grave so all fears might be banished; so the locked doors of our hearts could be flung open; so our quivering lips could declare what we have seen and heard. Bright Glory of God: as you stood in the middle of your friends on that first Easter night, come among us now, in this time and place, showing us that death and sin no longer stand in the way of our life with you. Breath of Peace: strengthen us so we may stand with all who fear life; take our hands in yours, so we may serve all who are broken with grief; inspire us to share the grace which has been breathed into our very souls. Amen.

*Opening Hymn #248

"I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light"

First Scripture Reading

1 John 1:1-2:2

Children's Moment

Anthem

EXPRESSING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS

Prayer Hymn Prayer Hymn #482

"Sanctuary"

**Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary, pure and holy, tried and true;
with thanksgiving, I'll be a living sanctuary for you.**

Pastoral Prayer, Silent Prayer, Lord's Prayer *(words printed in hymnal #740)*

Prayer Response #490: **Hear our prayer, O Lord, hear our prayer, O Lord.**

Incline thine ear to us, and grant us thy peace.

SHARING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

*Doxology #34

Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow;

Praise God, all creatures here below;

Praise God above, ye heavenly host;

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen

*Prayer of Dedication

GOD'S WORD REVEALED

*Hymn of Preparation #312

"Christ Is Alive!"

Scripture Reading

Acts 4:32-35

Message

"From the Beginning...and...Into the Future"

Pastor Patty

*Closing Hymn #310

"Thine Is the Glory"

*Benediction and Congregational Response

May the Lord, Mighty God, bless and keep you forever.

Grant you peace, perfect peace, courage in every endeavor.

Lift up your eyes and see God's face, full of grace forever.

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*Postlude

**please stand as you are able*

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Pastor Patty will be helping with the retired clergy brunch in Norwalk on Tuesday then in Chatham Tuesday evening, Wednesday morning, and Thursday afternoon/evening.

She will be attending class in Delaware OH on Friday and Saturday.

Please continue to pray for...

Hoyt Mis, Lou Gehrig's disease

Laura Tice, health concerns

Neva Bournival, now at Elmcroft

Collin Bohley, recovering from surgery

Clarice, Rosalie's sister – health concerns

Rev. Doug Lewis, returning to work – praise God!

Ethan Siman, Adam Klein in the service

Kyle Bohley as he journeys through his confirmation preparation

Jeff Natterer, health concerns

Larry Staples, health concerns

Bob Summers, transitions

Record of our Faithfulness

*Attendance Maundy Thursday: **32** Good Friday: **18** Sunrise: **26***

*Attendance last week: **78** Offering: **\$2,643.00** Matthew 25: **\$35.00***

UPCOMING EVENTS

- ✓ Tuesday, April 10 – 7:00 p.m. Education Committee meeting
- ✓ Thursday, April 12 – 1:30 and 6:30 Bible Study (Luke 1:26-38)
- ✓ Thursday, April 12 – 3:30 p.m. Care & Share at the north church
- ✓ Sunday, April 15 – 11:15 Worship Committee meeting
- ✓ Sunday, April 15 – 11:30 Confirmation at Chatham

EASTER FLOWERS – We apologize for the condition of the Easter flowers and the fact that what arrived was not what was ordered. Please know we are working to rectify this situation and will be looking at a different vendor.

VISIONING BRAINSTORMING – As we begin to pray about a vision for Chatham Community Church, I invite you to be in prayer about what God is calling us to now and in the future. God is still speaking – are we listening?

In Service to God and the Church

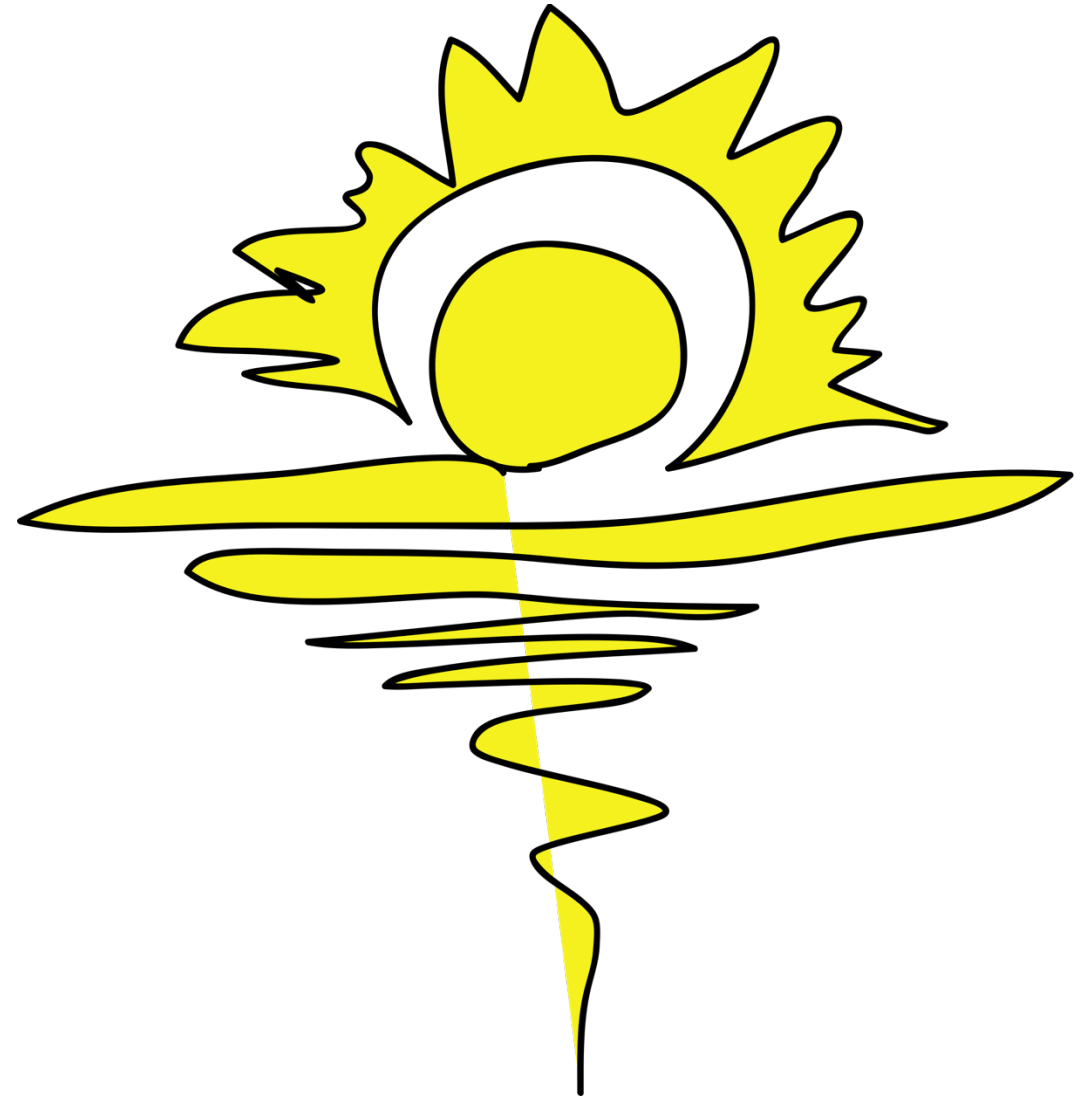
Accompaniment: Karen Geisinger

Lay Servants: Jacci Orosz, Laura Staten

Ushers and Greeters: Mike & Debbie Massie

Lay Leader: Greg Theus

Liturgist: Jacci Orosz



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