

BUCKINGHAM PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
HOLY HUMOR SUNDAY

April 24, 2022

TRADITIONAL WORSHIP SERVICE - 11:00 A.M.  
Rev. Mark Piedmonte  
Music Director – Gregory Fraser  
*\* Congregation please stand as you feel comfortable*

PRELUDE with SILENT PRAYERS:  
GREETINGS & ANNOUNCEMENTS  
PASSING of the eggs Song: *This Little Light of Mine (insert)*  
APRIL MISSION MOMENT: CRICKET Walk  
\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Ecclesiastes 3 says there is a right time to laugh, so...

Leader: Why is a bad joke like a pencil?

**All: Because it has no point!**

Leader: What has ears but cannot hear?

**All: A cornfield!**

Leader: What did one plate say to the other plate?

**All: Dinner is on me!**

Leader: What makes God happy?

**All: When we worship God with gladness;  
coming into His presence with laughter and singing!**

\*OPENING PRAYER

Leader: Let us pray:

**All: Holy God, in Christ's Resurrection you took what we call impossible and turned it into a reality. Because of you, we sing springtime alleluias where once there was only a gray dawn. In Jesus, you have call us out of the tombs we inhabit into a new life better than we could possibly dream. We praise you for this day of joyful laughter! God's name be praised! Amen.**

\*OPENING HYMN: I Saw the Light (insert)

CALL TO CONFESSION:

Leader: When your soul is suffering in silence, you may call out to the Lord our God, who heals our brokenness, who lifts us up from the pit and restores our lives. Let us confess our sin, first in prayer together, then in silent confession:

**All: God of joy, we know that you have blessed us richly, yet so often, we are down in the dumps over silly little disappointments. You have given us Jesus Christ, and raised him from the dead and promised us eternal life. But we act like we don't know it! Forgive us, God! Keep us mindful that you always have the last laugh, and that your promise is for true joy in every circumstance and life forever. Amen.**

MOMENT OF SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Friends – hear this great news: Christ is raised from the dead! Love wins!

**All: Hallelujah! In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God! Amen.**

\*RESPONSE: GLORIA PATRI

\*PASSING OF THE PEACE

Leader: May the Peace of Christ be with all of you. **All: And also with you.**

WORDS & GESTURES OF PEACE

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE:

SONG OF PRAISE: *Sing a New Song Unto the Lord (insert)*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION: Leader: Let us Pray.

**All: Spirit of Laughter, you strike the light of joy in the midst of life's doubts and despair. Open our minds to the endless possibilities of knowing Jesus in the scriptures. Open our eyes to His presence in all things and in each other, allowing us to live in joy. Amen**

SCRIPTURE READING: John 20:19-28

RESPONSE TO THE READING OF GOD'S WORD

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord! **All: Thanks be to God!**

MESSAGE: *"Cracking Up!"*

Rev. Mark Piedmonte

HYMN: *Amazing Grace (PH #280)*

\* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: (Please remain standing)

**We believe in God, who made us in His image.**

**We live, we love, we laugh, because we are like Him.**

**We believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God, our Lord and Savior.**

**He had the last laugh on evil, sin and death when He rose from the dead.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, co-equal and co-eternal with the Father and the Son.**

**Our counselor, our guide, our advocate and motivator – The Spirit is our joy!**

**We believe in the Church, The family with which we cry and pray, laugh and faithfully proclaim: He is Risen! Risen Indeed!**

**We believe in the community of Saints, laughing in heaven, reveling in Christ's eternal presence, where we will all meet again. Amen.**

SHARING OUR JOYS & CONCERNS (Please be seated)

PASTORAL PRAYER FOR HOLY HUMOR SUNDAY

THE LORD'S PRAYER (Unison)

OFFERTORY / DEDICATION: *Just a Closer Walk (insert)*

\*CLOSING HYMN: *He's Got the Whole World in His Hands (insert)*

\*BENEDICTION / \*RESPONSE:

Leader: The Laughing One called us together

**All: so we could share in the laughter of life.**

Leader: The Laughing One sends us out,

**All; to carry the joy of life and love to the world.**

Leader: Go out to laugh, to live to love. And when you hear a good joke...

**All: remember to share it – in the name of the One who laughs with you! Amen.**

Congregational Response: *Go Now in Peace*

POSTLUDE:

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let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Hide it under a bushel - NO! I'm gonna let it shine.  
Hide it under a bush - OH NO! I'm gonna let it shine,  
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let it shine, let it shine.

Don't let Satan blow it! I'm gonna let it shine.  
Don't let Satan blow it out. I'm gonna let it shine  
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let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Let it shine til Jesus comes. I'm gonna let it shine.  
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I wouldn't let my dear savior in  
Then Jesus came like a stranger in the night  
Praise the Lord, I saw the light

I saw the light, I saw the light  
No more darkness, no more night  
Now I'm so happy no sorrow in sight  
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Just like a blind man, I wandered along  
Worries and fears I claimed for my own  
Then like the blind man that God gave back his sight  
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I was a fool to wander and stray  
For straight is the gate and narrows the way  
Now I have traded the wrong for the right  
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Jesus keep me from all wrong  
I'll be satisfied as long  
As I walk, let me walk close to Thee

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Grant it, Jesus, is my plea  
Daily walking close to Thee  
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