



THE Church AT LITCHFIELD PARK



*A house of prayer for all people,
aspiring to be as inclusive as the love of God.*

WE HAVE GATHERED AS A FAMILY OF FAITH

Third Sunday of Easter

April 18, 2021

8:00 a.m./9:30 a.m.

The Church at Litchfield Park, aspiring to be as inclusive as the love of God, welcomes everyone who comes to the doors of this House of Prayer for all People.



PRELUDE

“For the Beauty of the Earth”
Members of both Handbell Choirs

arr. Cota

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS AND OPENING PRAYER

✦ CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Sing to the Lord a new song, a song of hope and rejoicing!

P: Praise God for wonderful acts of mercy and kindness!

L: God has remembered God’s faithful ones.

P: God has poured blessing upon blessing upon us!

L: Praise the Lord, all the earth, shout your praise!

P: Rejoice, for God is truly with us. AMEN.

✦ SONGS OF PRAISE AND WORSHIP

“Blessed Be the Name of the Lord”

Don Moen

“Blessed By Your Name”

Matt & Beth Redman

PRAYER OF THE CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY (in Unison)

God of grace, pour out your Spirit on us so that we may faithfully serve you and those around us. Teach us to express the compassion of Christ for the poor, sick, grieving, troubled, and lonely. Give us courage to share and communicate your presence to those who are powerless. Help us to grow in the knowledge of Christ, who made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ.

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. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

SCRIPTURE

Acts 6:1-7

In those days when the number of disciples was increasing, the Hellenistic Jews among them complained against the Hebraic Jews because their widows were being overlooked in the daily distribution of food. So the Twelve gathered all the disciples together and said, "It would not be right for us to neglect the ministry of the word of God in order to wait on tables. Brothers and sisters, choose seven men from among you who are known to be full of the Spirit and wisdom. We will turn this responsibility over to them and will give our attention to prayer and the ministry of the word." This proposal pleased the whole group. They chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit; also Philip, Procorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicolas from Antioch, a convert to Judaism. They presented these men to the apostles, who prayed and laid their hands on them. So the word of God spread. The number of disciples in Jerusalem increased rapidly, and a large number of priests became obedient to the faith.

SERMON

"Including the Excluded"

Rev. Lynne Kammeraad

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

MUSICAL OFFERING

"What a Friend We Have in Jesus"
Members of both Handbell Choirs

arr. Cota

SONG OF RESPONSE

"Blessed Assurance"

Phoebe Knapp

✦ BENEDICTION

**The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine upon you;
And give you peace;
And give you peace;
And give you peace forever.**

✦ POSTLUDE

"Down to the River to Pray" Traditional, arr. Mark Hayes

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✦ CONGREGATION PLEASE STAND (AS YOU ARE ABLE)

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Senior Pastor:

Rev. Lynne Kammeraad

Pianist/organist:

Jill Tabata

Bell Master:

Marilyn Chandler

Vocalist:

Ramon Ocaño

Ushers: 8:00 a.m.

Rick Miller, Dick Vasiloff

Ushers: 9:30 a.m.

Ron Smith, David Knight, Rob Gimbl

Greeters: 8:00 a.m.

Lee Miller, Peggy Vasiloff

Greeters: 9:30 a.m.

Diane Piehl, Joan Smith, Cathy Navarra

Calendar for the Week of April 18, 2021

Today, 4/18/21

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP & INFORMATION TABLE – Currently suspended due to COVID 19

- ◆ 8:00 a.m. – **WORSHIP SERVICE** in Sanctuary
- ◆ 8:50 a.m. – **MEMBERSHIP ORIENTATION** in Fireside Room South
- ◆ 9:30 a.m. – **WORSHIP SERVICE** in Sanctuary, Souers Hall and streaming
- ◆ 10:30 a.m. – **CHURCH ANNUAL MEETING** in Souers Hall
- ◆ 2:00 p.m. – **LIVE ZOOM SUNDAY SCHOOL**
VIRTUAL VIDEO SUNDAY SCHOOL AT YOUR CONVENIENCE

Monday, 4/19/21

Tuesday, 4/20/21

- ◆ 12:00 p.m. – **PRAYER MEETING ZOOM** meeting
- ◆ 6:30 p.m. – **COUNCIL MEETING** in Souers Hall
- ◆ 7:30 p.m. – **BOARD MEETING** in Souers Hall

Wednesday, 4/21/21

VIRTUAL FAMILY WEDNESDAY ACTIVITIES

Thursday, 4/22/21

- ◆ 7:30 p.m. – **ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS** in Watt House

Friday, 4/23/21

- ◆ 6:30 p.m. – **ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS** in Watt House



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Rev. Judson Souers, Pastor Emeritus