

A CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

The Third Sunday After Pentecost

June 13, 2021

8:30 and 10:00 a.m.

*All who are able may stand.

Bold type spoken by the congregation

Self-service assistive listening devices are located on top of the bookcase at the rear of the Sanctuary on the Princess Anne St. side.

GATHERING. . .

The Prelude

Gavotte
The Jubilate Ringers

William Boyce

The Welcome and Announcements

The Introit

Open My Eyes, That I May See

The Call To Worship

The God we worship is the giver of life;
**the One Who makes the dry tree green
and grows a forest from the smallest seed.**
The God we worship is the giver of life:
**the One who forms us, names us, loves us,
and teaches us to share our lives with the world.**

The Prayer of Adoration

God of our refuge, what have we to fear? You are a very present help in times of trouble, a source of comfort during distress. There is no matter so small that You are not aware of it, no problem too great that we cannot share it with You. You who move mountains and set streams on their courses, within Your providence You take care even of us. We praise You and honor You, God of Creation; You are indeed our refuge and strength. In the Name of Christ, by the power of the Holy Spirit, we worship and pray. Amen.

The Hymn 263

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!
*All hail the power of Jesus' name! Let angels prostrate fall;
Bring forth the royal diadem, and crown Him Lord of all!
Bring forth the royal diadem, and crown Him Lord of all!*
*Ye chosen seed of Israel's race, Ye ransomed from the fall,
Hail Him who saved you by His grace, and crown Him Lord of all!
Hail Him who saves you by His grace, and crown Him Lord of all!*
*Let every kindred, every tribe, on this terrestrial ball,
To Him all majesty ascribe, and crown Him Lord of all!
To Him all majesty ascribe, and crown Him Lord of all!*
*O that with yonder sacred throng we at His feet may fall!
We'll join the everlasting song, and crown Him Lord of all!
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The Prayer of Confession

Holy God, the parable of the mustard seed teaches us that a little faith can produce great work in Your kingdom. Yet we are too timid to bear the fruit of Your righteousness, for we walk by sight and not by faith. Too often we do not uphold the poor or the oppressed. We do not advocate for the powerless or the voiceless. We do not sacrifice ourselves for the needs of our neighbors ...(time for silent confession)... . In Your mercy, renew us with the love of Christ so that we live no longer for ourselves, but for Christ Who became the seed of Your righteousness in us. Amen.

The Assurance of Pardon

Christ died for all so that all might die to sin.
Therefore, we no longer live for ourselves.
We live for the One Who for our sakes died and was raised.
Because of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Alleluia! Amen.

The Gloria Patri (spoken)

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: World without end. Amen.

*The Peace and Greeting

The peace of Christ be with you all. **And also with you!**

(Please stand to greet one another in the name of Christ. For those worshipping at home, please share Christ's peace with someone outside Your home this week.)

The Reception of New Members

Questions of Membership

*The Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,
And in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell;
the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Ghost;
the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

*The Prayer of Reception

Almighty God, by the love of Jesus Christ You draw people to faith, and welcome them into the church family. May we show Your joy by embracing new brothers and sisters, who with us believe the Good News of Your undying love. Together may we live in the Spirit, build one another up in love, sharing in the life and worship of the church, and serving the world for the sake of Jesus Christ, to Whom we give honor and glory forever. Amen.

Hymn of Reception

**Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love:
The fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.**

TO HEAR THE WORD OF GOD. . .

The Prayer for Illumination

The Old Testament Lesson: *1 Samuel 15:34-16:13*

The Anthem

What Shall I Bring to the Lord
What shall I bring to the Lord when I come to worship Him?
Shall I bring my best as offering to Him? What shall I bring?
Will the Lord require something special from me?
Oh, what shall I bring for a King?
I could bring riches, power; now is the hour to lift our voices and sing.
I could bring wisdom, glory, I could tell of the story of Jesus, my King.
But hear what the Lord says: Do justice, have mercy, and walk humbly with your God.
What shall I bring to the Lord? Walk with God.

Robert C. Lau

The Epistle Lesson: *2 Corinthians 5:6-10*

A Moment With the Children

The Gospel Lesson: *Mark 4:26-34*

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

The Sermon

The 'Rain' of God
Allen H. Fisher, Jr.

TO RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD. . .

The Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

The 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.**

TO GO FORTH AND SERVE IN GOD'S NAME. . .

*The Hymn 36

For the Fruit of All Creation

*For the fruit of all creation, thanks be to God.
For the gifts to every nation, thanks be to God.
For the plowing, sowing, reaping, silent growth while we are sleeping,
future needs in earth's safekeeping, thanks be to God.
In the just reward of labor, God's will be done.
In the help we give our neighbor, God's will be done.
In our worldwide task of caring for the hungry and despairing,
in the harvests we are sharing, God's will be done.
For the harvests of the Spirit, thanks be to God.
For the good we all inherit, thanks be to God.
For the wonders that astound us, for the truths that still confound us,
most of all that love has found us, thanks be to God.*

*The Charge & Benediction

*The Postlude

Praise the Lord, Who Reigns Triumphant

by David Paxton

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Announcements for June 9–16

I was glad when they said to me, 'Let us go to the house of the Lord!' (Psalms 122:1)

These words begin one of the Psalter's most well-known 'Songs of Ascent' which were traditionally sung by religious pilgrims travelling to the Temple in Jerusalem.

"Let us go to the house of the Lord!" is more than an invitation, or vacation marching orders, it is also a call to preparation for worship.

Session is delighted with the increasing number of members and visitors participating in Sunday worship in the sanctuary and we know many more of you are planning to join us soon.

A second service will commence our summer schedule on **Sunday, June 27, at 10:15 a.m.** We would appreciate your continuing to use the sign-up feature on our website to let us know your plans. We will make every effort to keep the content and leaders of worship the same at both the 9:00 a.m. and 10:15 a.m. services.

We anticipate adapting our requirements through the month of July. But in the meantime, we hope and pray that you will be glad to join us in-person in the Sanctuary soon.

Blessings in the name of Christ!

The Session



Weekly Meetings & Activities

- Wed. (6/9) — Meditation Group, 5:30pm (Church Lawn)
Contact Marsha Luckett (marshajluckett@gmail.com)
- Thurs. (6/10) — Jubilate Ringers, 6pm (Sanct. Balcony)
Adult Choir, 7:15p.m. (Choir Room)
- Sun. (6/13) — Worship, 9am (Sanct. & Youtube)
Sacred Dance, 1pm (FH)
Session, 7pm (FH & Zoom)
- Mon. (6/14) — PW Faith Circle, 1:30pm (FH)
- Tues. (6/15) — Men's Breakfast Group, 7:30am (FH & Zoom)
Contact John Howe (jhowe1969@cox.net)
- Wed. (6/16) — Meditation Group, 5:30pm (Church Lawn)

SAVE THE DATE and plan to join us for our next **Blood Drive** on August 24, from 1:00 – 7:00p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Appointments are being taken now at redcrossblood.org. (Enter FredericksburgPresbyterian for the sponsor code) or 800 733-2767. For more information, please contact Linda Benn, 540 370-1646, lkrab@verizon.net.



Session has called a special **meeting of the Congregation** on Sunday, June 20, directly following worship at approximately 9:50 a.m. We will meet both in-person in the Sanctuary and virtually via Zoom. The purpose of the meeting is vote on the request of our Associate Pastor, the Rev. Brittany Tamminga to dissolve her pastoral relationship.

Church Family News:

Capsule of Concern: Hannah Fisher, Mike Gibson, Doris Glidden, Doris Gulatsi, Tom Lewis, Debra Myers, Billie Plank, Irene Repanshek, Larry Repanshek, Pam Werner

Michael Lemuel Gloyd was born on June 2, 2021. His parents are Michael and Melissa, and his siblings are Stephen, Savannah, Robert, and Maxine.

Birthdays this week June 13-20

- 13. Jacob Adams, Rick Ross,
Zachary Horn, Elliott Keffer
- 15. George Sanderson, Bekah Eaton
- 16. Marshall Clark, Ruth Peters, Brittany Harvey
- 17. Leif Johnston, Kitty Hughes, Anna Robinson
- 18. Catherine Sullivan
- 19. Jacob Rembisz, Katie Blashford, Patti Kerns
- 20. Pete Beattie, Olivia Adams, Guy Gormley,
Nicholas Kallay



Lectionary Readings for Sunday, June 13:

1 Samuel 15:34-16:13; Psalm 20; 2 Corinthians 5:6-10 (11-13) 14-17; Mark 4:26-34



Rocky Railroad - Climb aboard for mountains of fun at Rocky Railway! On this faith-filled adventure, kids discover that trusting Jesus pulls them through life's ups and downs. Join us July 12-16, from 9:00 a.m. to noon. Register

online using the link below to sign up both participants and to volunteer. Any questions please contact Robin Joel. <https://vbspro.events/p/events/7710ec>

An invitation to all women of our church to join a **Presbyterian Women circle**. Benefits of being a circle member: Growing deeper in God's word by studying together, deepening friendships, making new friends; serving the church through mission projects and more. For further details, please contact Sharon Moser, Historian of the Presbytery of the James. Phone or email. 540-786-2661 (slmhorsewm@aol.com).

A "**Summer Cheer**" project for the month of July, has been organized by Katie Fidler and the Mary Washington Healthcare Hospice, Palliative, and Grief Support Services. We will be collecting donations that will be put in gift bags and given to hospice care patients to brighten their day! We have a collection bin in the Education Building Lobby for your donations.

Items needed for the gift bags: **Personal hygiene products** including: washcloths, shampoo, conditioner, body wash, shaving cream, manicure kits, toothbrush, toothpaste, mouth wash, chapstick; **Large print books** including crossword puzzles, word searches, etc.; **Soaps and lotions** – A&D cream, hand lotion, cuticle cream; **Blankets, throws, shawls, or anything to keep them warm**; **Diabetic socks, Fuzzy socks, Slippers**; **Games/puzzles/playing cards**; **Pens, markers, highlighters**; **Denture adhesive, cleanser**; **Instant coffee**; **Tissues, baby wipes**; **Band-Aids**; **Stationary**; **Stuffed animals**; **Flashlight**; **Air freshener**

This project is facilitated on behalf of James Monroe High School's Ceili Leahy Service Initiative in partnership with Mary Washington Healthcare Hospice, Palliative, and Grief Support Services. For more information, contact Katie Fidler 540-656-0057 (katie@fidlernet.com).



The Interfaith Community Council is in need of volunteers for the Meals on Wheels program. Currently, volunteer drivers deliver meals prepared by Mary Washington Hospital to approximately 24 homebound individuals per week. In addition to drivers there are two administrative positions that *urgently* need to be filled. The administrative positions take an hour or two a week, but must be done weekly. Both positions require internet access and can be accomplished from any location.

Volunteer Job 1: Answers questions regarding the MOW program. Answers requests to start MOW by providing information to clients as well as the hospital staff, issues an email letting team know of new clients.

Volunteer Job 2: Monitors the MOW telephone. Answers requests by telephone and email. Supplies the hospital with requests to suspend or cancel meals. Forwards requests to other team members when necessary. Communicates change of status of clients (transfer to nursing home or death) when information is made available. Maintains the client worksheet when changes occur.

Volunteer Drivers: Delivers meals from Mary Washington Hospital to program participants. Meals are picked up at 8:00 a.m. and delivered by noon, Monday through Friday. If you can only drive one day a month it would be helpful. Covid-19 protocols are in place. For more information or if you are able to help, please email: fredmealsonwheels@gmail.com



Kaileen Coffman, Avery Foresman, Cameron Sidebotham, Drew Spinnanger, and Charlotte Young (not pictured) have completed their Confirmation Journey. We congratulate their active membership in our church and pray for their continued engagement in the life of the church. Della Hall and Brittany Harvey are also pictured.