

A CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

The Second Sunday After Pentecost

June 14, 2020

*All who are able may stand.

Bold type spoken by the congregation

GATHERING. . .

The Prelude

Songs Without Words, Op. 30, No. 1
Brendan Shirk, English Horn

Felix Mendelssohn

The Welcome and Announcements

The Introit

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus

The Call To Worship

Susie Davis

In the midst of our failures,
we stand in God's grace.
In the midst of our struggles,
we boast in our hope through Christ.
In the midst of our suffering,
we claim the endurance given by the Holy Spirit.
In every part of our lives,
The love of our Divine Creator has been poured into our hearts.

The Prayer of Adoration

*The Hymn

Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above
Sing praise to God Who reigns above, the God of all creation,
the God of power, the God of love, the God of our salvation.
With healing balm my soul is filled and every faithless murmur stilled:
To God all praise and glory.
The Lord is never far away, but through all grief distressing,
an ever present help and stay, our peace and joy and blessing,
as with a mother's tender hand God gently leads the chosen band:
To God all praise and glory.

*The Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, You brim with compassion and overflow with unchanging love, but we are so wanton, we scarcely think of others and work only for our own happiness, provision, and security. You have forgiven us an unthinkable debt that we add to daily, but we exact revenge on others for even the smallest of offenses. Your generosity toward us is constant, but we act as if every good thing we have will run out before we have gotten to enjoy it, so we are resentful of the needs of others and see them as a threat to our comfort. Forgive us, O Lord ... (time for silent confession)... Please, give us again of Your Spirit, that we would join in with what you are doing all of our days, following after You as You move to give and give and give again. Through the mercy secured by the cross of Jesus, we pray. Amen.

*The Assurance of Pardon

Since we are justified by faith,
we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.
Through Christ we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand.
Let us boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God!
In Christ Jesus, we are forgiven. Alleluia! Amen.

*The Gloria Patri (spoken)

Glorify 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!**
(For those worshipping in the Sanctuary, please be careful to maintain adequate distance
as you exchange this ancient greeting with worshipers seated near you.
For those worshipping at home, please share Christ's peace with someone outside Your home this week.)

TO HEAR THE WORD OF GOD. . .

The Prayer for Illumination

The Old Testament Lesson: *Genesis 18:1-15*

A Moment With the Children

The Psalter Lesson: *Psalms 116:1-2, 12-19*

The Anthem

Call on Him

Phil Speary/John Leavitt

Brendan Shirk, English Horn

I love the Lord because He heard my cry. I love the Lord because He answered prayer.

When all my friends would turn their backs on me, Christ was there!

Call on Him, even in the darkest storm He found me.

Call on Jesus, children. When you call, He will be there.

Great is our God because He's merciful. Great is our God because He bolsters me.

When troubles press around on every side, He sets me free.

Call on Him, even in the hardest trial He's with you.

Call on Jesus, children, You are His eternally.

Are there words enough to thank my Lord?

Are there songs enough to praise Him?

Is there breath enough to speak His grace?

Is there voice enough to tell His love for my Saviour?

Call on Him, even in the darkest night he'll find you.

Call on Jesus, children, when you call He will be there!

The Epistle Lesson: *Romans 5:1-8*

The Gospel Lesson: *Matthew 9:35-10:8*

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

The Sermon

Always Reforming
Brittany Tamminga

TO RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD. . .

The Prayers of the People

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

O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go

O Love, that wilt not let me go, I rest my weary soul in Thee;

I give Thee back the life I owe, that in Thine ocean depths its flow may richer, fuller be.

O Light, that followest all my way, I yield my flickering torch to Thee;

My heart restores its borrowed ray, that in Thy sunshine's blaze its day may brighter, fairer be.

O Joy, that seekest me through pain, I cannot close my heart to Thee;

I trace the rainbow through the rain, and feel the promise is not vain that morn shall tearless be.

O Cross, that liftest up my head, I dare not ask to fly from Thee;

I lay in dust life's glory dead, and from the ground there blossoms red life that shall endless be.

*The Charge and Benediction

*The Postlude

Little Postlude in G Minor

Paul Taylor

Announcements for - June 14-21

Moving ahead

Three years ago during Lent we explored the topic of racism in our history and society. Many of you mentioned that it was the first time you had begun to appreciate the implications of a notion you had only started to be able to name – white privilege. Our conversations on race expanded into Adult Church School classes that have dealt more in depth with racism and privilege.

The marches through downtown Fredericksburg in recent weeks have brought the issue to the fore once again. Clearly this is a kairos time, a time full of meaning and potential for change.

In order to help us further the conversation on race in our society, expect to see here numerous resources that you may want to explore as we seek to listen and to take to heart, the pleas and protests of people who have been marginalized and overlooked far too long. The hard work is ahead in seeking to understand, appreciate, and effectively respond to social injustices that persist in our country. Watch for more information on events and resources we can engage in order to bear witness to our faith in these times.

Looking forward to sustaining the momentum of unrest into positive transformation, we are...

Sincerely yours in Christ,
Your Pastors and Session

Heartfelt Christian love and sympathies are extended to Billie Plank and family on the death of her Husband, Jack, who died on June 5, 2020.

Heartfelt Christian love and sympathies are extended to Nancy Wilson and family on the death of her Husband, Don, who died on June 5, 2020.

Capsule of Concern: Billie Plank, John Walker

Lectionary Readings for Sunday, June 21:

Genesis 21:8-21; Psalm 86:1-10, 16-17;
Romans 6:1b-11; Matthew 10:24-39

Birthdays this week June 14-21

14. Jackson Manuel
15. George Sanderson
16. Brittany Harvey, Ruth Peters
17. Linda Blakemore, Leif Johnston, Anders Pedersen, Anna Robinson
18. Catherine Sullivan
19. Katie Blashford, Patti Kerns, Jacob Rembisz
20. Olivia Adams, Pete Beattie, Guy Gormley, Nicholas Kallay
21. David Johnson, Becky Paul

Church Family News:

Condolences to:

Gaye Copley on the death of her sister, June, who died on May 24, 2020;

Porter Blakemore on the death of his brother, Colin, who died on June 6, 2020.

To Our Many Church Friends,

As of June 16, we will be residing in Verona, Wisconsin--a suburb of Madison. We are moving to be near our children and extended family. I grew up in Wisconsin and Pete and I met at college in Wisconsin, so in a way we are going home. Our new address: 9001 Hawks Reserve Lane, #203, Verona, WI 53593

After living in Fredericksburg for 47 wonderful years, we are sure going to miss this church and our many friends here!!! What a blessing you all have been. Our now-adult children were born into this church, baptized and confirmed here. Pete and I have had the honor of serving as Elders and in many other church capacities. May God continue to bless the work of this special place and guide each one of you in doing His Will. Let's not say "good-bye" but "until we meet again."

With abundant affection and heartfelt thanks,
Jane (and Pete) Kolakowski

As Session looks forward to gathering together on Sunday mornings for worship in the Sanctuary, we anticipate people **needing masks**. If you would be interested in **making masks**, please contact the church office.

Coming soon to **our YouTube Channel: Storied, a video series of The Presbyterian Church**, as well as additional resources for young families. Subscribe to the channel for the latest updates, using the following link: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCIJ5e8hmZeE2K-SAtfjoWpA>

The **Community “Dinner”** this month will again be a restaurant prepared boxed meal. Volunteers are needed on either Saturday, June 20, at 4:30 p.m. or Monday, June 22, at 11:30 a.m. to deliver the meals to Micah guests staying in local motels. (The final date is still being determined.) If you would feel comfortable helping with the delivery, contact Karen Johnson at ksjohnson422@msn.com or (540) 621-5685.

We are collecting items to put in backpacks for **School Dressing Days**. Donations of soap, deodorant, shampoo, toothbrushes, toothpaste, 1” binders, athletic socks for boys/girls, and backpacks may be brought to the Education Building Lobby, Monday-Thursday, 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. or Friday, 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Monetary donations are welcome. Checks may be made out to Interfaith Community Council, with School Dressing Days on the memo line and mailed to IFCC, PO Box 1336, Fredericksburg, VA, 22402

Thanks for your faithful support of our ongoing ministries. Please send your checks to the church office or give online through our website www.fredericksburgpc.org.

Summer Offerings for Christian Education

Faith and Art Class - Art is older than the Christian faith, of course. But human beings have always used visual images of one kind or another – figurative, abstract or symbolic, in private and in public – to articulate their individual and collective responses to the Divine. Class participants will select pieces that depict specific scriptural scenes, then use those pieces as a jumping off point for discussion around that particular Scripture. This class will be led by David Johnson and Mary Szymanski. To participate in this class, please be in touch with David Johnson (tomten46@msn.com), who will then email you a Zoom invitation. The date and time of this class is TBD.

Faith and Movie Class - Do you like to watch movies – both old favorites and unfamiliar titles? If you like to discuss the stories and themes in movies, and relate them to our sacred stories and faith, this class is for you. Class participants choose a movie for everyone to watch during the week and then lead the discussion via Zoom. This class continues to meet on Sunday mornings at 11:00 a.m. To participate in this class, please be in touch with Marty and Vicky Wilder (vnwilder@comcast.net), who will then email you a Zoom invitation.

Sowing Tears, Reaping Joy: The Bible and Brahms’ Requiem - Follow this famous requiem on a tour of Biblical prompts about death, grief, the brevity of life, and faith for here and hereafter. Through music and Scripture, we move from graveside to grieving, from the challenges of self-reflection to new perspectives and hope beyond. This class will meet on Wednesday evenings at 7:00 p.m., beginning July 1. To participate in this study, please email Larry and Mary Ann Casey (lmacasey@fredericksburgpc.org), who will then email you a Zoom invitation.

Summer Book Club 2020 – Pandemic-Style: Please join me, Jen Rowe, for a virtual book club experience this summer as we discuss *The Screwtape Letters* by C.S. Lewis via Zoom. Originally published in 1942, *The Screwtape Letters* is a collection of 31 correspondences written by a senior demon named Screwtape to his nephew, Wormwood, a younger and less experienced demon, instructing him on the finer points of how to corrupt the human soul. Screwtape’s advice to his eager protégé might surprise you... We will meet via Zoom at 6:30 p.m. on four Tuesday evenings over the summer: June 23, July 7 & 21, and August 4. Feel free to bring your own snacks and drinks. If you would like to join this “stay at home” book club, please email me (jenrowe@cox.net). I will then email you a reading schedule and a Zoom invitation for our first meeting.

Weekly Zoom Meetings

Men’s Breakfast Group, Tuesday, 7:30 a.m. Contact John Howe (jhowe1969@cox.net) for the Zoom link.

Meditation Group, Wednesday, 6:30 p.m. Contact Marsha Luckett (luckett@juno.com) for the Zoom link.

Women’s Bible Study, Thursday, 9:30 a.m. Contact Marsha Luckett (luckett@juno.com) for the Zoom link.