

# Prince of Peace Presbyterian Church

*A joyful community, gathered by God's grace,  
sharing Christ's love with all.*



# SERVICE OF WORSHIP

6th Sunday of Easter

May 17, 2020

10:30 a.m.

## PRAYER FOR THE DAY (From *Blessing in the Chaos* by Jan Richardson)

Let there be an opening into the quiet that lies beneath the chaos where you find peace that you did not think was possible and see what shimmers within the storm.

## PRELUDE

“As the Deer”  
Nicole Campbell, Flute

Nystrom

## LIFE OF THE CHURCH

### CALL TO WORSHIP (From *Acts 17*)

The God who made the world and everything in it does not live in shrines made by human hands, but comes to us to be known.

**It is God who has given us life and breath.**

We can search for God and find God.

**God is not far away from each one of us for in God, we live and move and have our being.**

Come, let us gather together and worship God.

## CALL TO CONFESSION

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, in a time when we cannot physically wrap our arms around one another, forgive our missteps when we have failed to wrap our intentions towards those who are most vulnerable. When we are merely inconvenienced, help us to remember those whose lives are at stake. When we have had to cancel trips, help us remember those who have no place to go. When we have many options before us, help us to remember those with few choices. Hold us in your mercy that we might choose love over fear. And in these days, help us to find safe, appropriate, and creative ways to be the loving embrace of God for our neighbors. In Jesus name, we pray. Amen. (*A time for silent confession*)

## ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

### GLORIA PATRI

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

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

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

### SCRIPTURE LESSON

John 14:15-21; NT Page 109

### SERMON

“God Longs to be Known”

Rev. Dorothy LaPenta

### MUSICAL INTERLUDE

“Dear Lord and Father of Mankind”  
Bill McWhirter, Voice

Whittier

## DOXOLOGY

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.

**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (*A Brief Statement of Faith* 1991; ¶10.4, lines 52-57, 65-71)

**We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life. The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church.... In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage..., to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**Prayer family of the week:** Nick and Ginny Shearin

**Prayer institution of the week:** Woods Memorial Presbyterian Church (Severna Park, MD)

**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 sins, as we forgive those who sin against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

**BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

**"Allegro"**  
Suzann Barthold, Organ

Corelli

## Welcome to Prince of Peace Presbyterian Church!

If you are looking for a friendly church...

- † where you will be loved and accepted regardless of your age, class, race, ethnicity or orientation...
- † where you will be challenged to reflect on your beliefs, acknowledge your doubts, ask your questions, and grow in your faith...
- † where God's desire for compassion, healing, reconciliation, justice and joy is preached...
- † where you are given the opportunity to put your faith into action through effective outreach ministries...

Then we hope to get to know you as a new friend at Prince of Peace. No matter who you are, or where you are in your life journey, you are welcome here! Join us and discover how much you are loved, how gifted you are, and how together, we can experience and share the kingdom of God here and now.

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On behalf of everyone at Prince of Peace, WELCOME! We're glad you've found your way here today, and we hope you had a meaningful encounter with God while you were with us. Prince of Peace is a living faith community inspired by the Spirit of God, joyfully encouraging all and collectively committed to serving and caring for one another, praising God through worship, music, and mission, imparting to our children a love and understanding of Christ, welcoming all of God's people without prejudice or judgement, and growing together in numbers and in the likeness and grace of Christ.

If there is anything that we can do to make your visit more meaningful, or if there are any questions we can answer, please do not hesitate to let me know. I look forward to the chance to meet you following worship, and hope you will take a moment to introduce yourself.

Once again, welcome – we're glad you're here!

In Christ,  
Pastor Elizabeth D. McLean

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*If you are in need of prayer, you may call Deacon Carolyn Kuffel (301-464-0623) with your prayer request, and the Prayer Support Team will lift these concerns in prayer.*

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*The church office is open Monday through Friday, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon.*

Pastor	Rev. Elizabeth D. McLean
Parish Associate	Rev. Dorothy LaPenta
Director of Music • Assistant Organist	Suzann Barthold • Betsy Lord
Nursery Attendant/Teacher	Kyera Hooks
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