

Prince of Peace Presbyterian Church

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



SERVICE OF WORSHIP

Prayer Vigil

June 10, 2020

7:00 p.m.

PRELUDE

"Make Me a Channel of Your Peace"
Suzann Barthold, Organ

Temple

CALL TO WORSHIP

In the midst of a world where people hunger and thirst for food and water...

Come worship a God who feeds the hungry and offers springs of living water.

In the midst of the world where people are abused and oppressed...

Come worship a God who calls for compassion and justice for all.

In the midst of a world plagued by an unstoppable virus, by sanctioned and unsanctioned violence, by fear and hatred...

Come worship a God who desires nothing less than wholeness and peace for all of Creation.

Let us worship the one who gives life meaning, and whose grace and love know no end.

Come let us worship God!

HYMN (GTG) 799

"I Love the Lord, Who Heard My Cry"
Nicole Campbell, Voice

(I Love the Lord)

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of wisdom and mercy, we open our hearts to you confessing the brokenness in ourselves and our world. Forgive us for all the ways we have strayed from your path of peace. Forgive us for the little wars we have started that have disrupted the harmony in our homes and communities. Forgive us for the times we have held our own opinion so rigidly that we could not see another's perspective, and for the times we have lashed out in anger. Forgive us for the times we have taken advantage of or ignored the vulnerable, or judged others for being different from ourselves. Forgive us for accepting the status quo when it benefits us, and for resisting change that would benefit others. Help us and heal us Lord in your mercy, and enable us to learn the ways of peace. We offer this prayer in Jesus' name. Amen.

(A time for silent confession)

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

A PRAYER FROM THE CLERK OF SESSION BASED ON PSALM 121

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Micah 6:6-8; OT Page 866

A PRAYER FOR JUSTICE AND KINDNESS – Read by Elder Cindy Collins

Gracious God, by day and night we pour out our prayer to you. We are crying out for justice, yearning for what is right, longing for your peace. We have seen and heard of hateful violence and senseless killing, unveiled now where it once was hidden. We feel the suffering, sorrow, and rage of the oppressed. Recognizing patterns of privilege, we fear that justice will never be served, that systems of discrimination will be protected more than your children. Grant us, Lord God, a vision of your world as your love would have it: a world where the weak are protected, and none are poor or go hungry; a world where the riches of creation are shared, and everyone can enjoy them; a world where different races and cultures live in harmony and mutual respect; a world where peace is built with justice, and justice is guided by love. We lift up the names of George Floyd, Breonna Taylor, and Ahmaud Arbery, as well as the souls of the thousands of other victims, named and unnamed, who have lost their lives over the years to racial prejudice, police brutality, and systemic injustice. We lift up the families and children still held in cages because they dared to seek a new life for their loved one. We lift up refugees who have nowhere to go, and the prisoners who cannot get away from the virus. We lift up the Navajo and the other Native American tribes long ignored and disrespected. By your Spirit, Lord, let your justice pour down like waters on the lives of all who are oppressed, ignored, and abused. Enable us to rebuild our world where all of your children are safe, valued, and blessed according to your righteousness, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SCRIPTURE LESSON

John 5:2-9; NT Page 96

A PRAYER FOR HEALING AND WHOLENESS – Read by Elder Mark Weadon

Gracious God, source of all healing, in Jesus Christ you heal the sick and mend the broken. We want so badly to be made whole. Give us the courage to pick up our mats and claim the new life you would offer, even if it requires us to change our expectations or our ways. By your Spirit, give hope to the hopeless, strength to the weak, good health to the sick, and calm spirits to the troubled. Inspire those in healing professions with wisdom, compassion, and courage. Keep watch over them and keep them safe. Comfort those whose bodies and minds are broken beyond repair with a sure sense of your presence and the truth of your promises in Christ. We pray for a world where pandemics of all kinds are a thing of the past. We pray for a world where there are no incurable diseases, where medicine and medical care are available and affordable to all, and where no one must grieve or die alone. Touch us with your healing grace, so that individually and communally we will at last be whole. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Isaiah 11:1-9; OT Page 640

A PRAYER FOR CREATION – Read by Elder Lillian Van Rompay

Gracious, Creator God of the Universe, how wonderful are the works of your hands! Empower us with the Holy Spirit that our actions might declare your glory as we care for this planet Earth and beyond, and seek to live in harmony with all your creation. The waves that break against the shore, the beasts that seek to wander freely in the fields, the birds that depend on soaring through clean air, the lilies of the fertile field, all signify your will. If we listen closely, we know that in your goodness we can hear the music of the world. Help that music to not be drowned out in ways that scar your creation beyond recognition. Give us the wisdom and discernment to know that what we are capable of doing is not always what we ought to do. Remind us that whatever befalls the earth befalls the children of the earth. Help us to be mindful of what needs conserving in order that future generations will know that we have cared for what you have made for them. Pour out your Spirit that we may be agents through which you can water the earth and bring the fruits to harvest so that there is enough for everyone. Unite us in your grace and love that with our siblings we may share in the wonders of the Universe, the works of your hands. As stewards of your gift of creation, may your justice be revealed. In Jesus name, we pray. Amen!

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Romans 14:17-19; NT Page 163

A PRAYER FOR PEACE – Read by Elder Beth Ross

Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace, where is peace? We pray for it! We plead for it. We have named the sorrows of this world tonight and laid before you the great burdens that are our current realities. Where is peace? We are weary with desire for it. Yet, we know that we often live together with others like we are complete strangers and that some people seem to matter more than others. You have given us an astonishing variety and diversity of people and yet, it is hard for us to widen our circles and look for your light in those who differ from us. We are too easily threatened, forgetting that all people are children of God. Prejudice turns us against one another and violence begets violence, and impacts the gift of your creation. Where is peace? You, God, sent your Son, Jesus, the Prince of Peace to be with us, to walk beside us, and to teach us your ways. In your realm, you insist that no sword is drawn but the sword of righteousness and that there is no strength equal to the power of love. You are relentless in the ways of peace. Thank you God for your persistence. God of hope, fall fresh upon us, use us and bring this suffering world home to you. Amen.

SILENT PRAYERS FOR OUR UNSPOKEN PAIN AND NEED**CLOSING MUSIC**

"Let There be Peace on Earth, and Let It Begin with Me"

Miller/Jackson

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**POSTLUDE**"Go Now in Peace"
Suzann Barthold, Organ

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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.

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

If you are in need of prayer, you may call Deacon Steven Kerry (410-279-6545) 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.

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