Prince of Peace Presbyterian Church

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



SERVICE OF WORSHIP

11th Sunday in Ordinary Time

June 14, 2020 10:30 a.m.

PRAYER FOR THE DAY

All-powerful God, in Jesus Christ you turned death into life, and defeat into victory. Increase our faith and trust in him, so that we may triumph over all evil, in the strength of the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

PRELUDE "This Little Light of Mine" arr. Hayes
Betsy Lord, Piano

LIFE OF THE CHURCH

CALL TO WORSHIP

Winds blow, rains fall, storms rage,

God is our strength and sanctuary.

Floods rise, waves batter, wars ravage,

God is our rock and Redeemer.

Violence threatens, hunger abounds, diseases flourish,

God is our help and our hope.

God's sustaining and nourishing Spirit surrounds and affirms us.

Let us worship God!

HYMN (GTG) 611

"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee" Verses 1 and 3 (Hymn to Joy)

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, we confess that even after all you have done for us, we doubt your love and your care. When life grows difficult, we feel abandoned. When disasters loom, we feel betrayed. Yet it is we who abandon and betray you with our fair-weather faith. Forgive us for the times we have allowed opportunity to justify our living for unworthy ends, or let worthy ends justify unworthy means. Forgive us for the times we have allowed failure to leave us hopeless, and success make us arrogant. Forgive us for closing our minds to growth and our hearts to love. Cleanse us by your Spirit, so that we will follow you and serve you faithfully at all times and in all that we do. Through Jesus Christ, we pray. (A time for silent confession)

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

GLORIA PATRI

Glory to God, glory to God, glory in the highest! Glory to God, glory to God, alleluia, alleluia!

MUSICAL INTERLUDE "The Love of God" Ellen Mitchell, Voice

Lehman

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON Psalm 33:13-22; OT Page 507

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON Romans 5:1-8; NT Page 155

SERMON "Hope in a Season of Perplexity and Pain" Rev. Elizabeth D. McLean

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

MUSICAL INTERLUDE[†]

"Lord of All Hopefulness"

Various Artists

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (A Declaration of Faith 1977; Ch. 10, ¶5)

Hope in God gives us courage for the struggle. The people of God have often misused God's promises as excuses for doing nothing about present evils. But in Christ the new world has already broken in and the old can no longer be tolerated. We know our efforts cannot bring in God's kingdom. But hope plunges us into the struggle for victories over evil that are possible now in the world, the church, and our individual lives. Hope gives us courage and energy to contend against all opposition, however invincible it may seem, for the new world and the new humanity that are surely coming. Jesus is Lord! He has been Lord from the beginning. He will be Lord at the end. Even now he is Lord.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Prayer family of the week: Dawn Porter

Prayer institution of the week: Christ Our Anchor Presbyterian Church (Annapolis, 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

"May the God of Hope Go with You Every Day" Suzann Barthold, Organ Argentina

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.

[†]"Lord of All Hopefulness." Jan Struther and Randall DeBruyn. Journeysongs Third Edition: Volume 21. (OCP) 2012. Provided to YouTube by The Orchard Enterprises.

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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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