

Prince of Peace Presbyterian Church

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



SERVICE OF WORSHIP

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 19, 2020

10:30 a.m.

PRAYER FOR THE DAY

Dear Lord, we pray that you will give us grace this day, not only to be hearers of the Word, but also doers. Help us not only to love, but also to live your Gospel, not only to favor, but also to follow, not only to profess, but also to practice, to the honor of your holy name, and for the health of our souls and world. Amen.

PRELUDE

"Bourrée"
Nicole Campbell, Flute

Handel

LIFE OF THE CHURCH

CALL TO WORSHIP

God gives us one day at a time.

Long enough for laughter to follow any tears;

Deep enough for prayer and silence to dance together;

Time enough to help someone in need;

Plenty of time to notice beauty and praise the Maker;

Sufficient time to build a bridge for forgiveness or tear down a wall of resentment;

The right time to embrace friends, smile at strangers, play with children, sing praise to God.

Let us praise the Lord for this day we are given. Let us worship God!

HYMN (GTG) 761

"Called as Partners in Christ's Service"
Verses 1 and 3

(Beecher)

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of grace and mercy, you call us your beloved, your children, your friends, loving us with an unconditional love unlike any we have ever known. Yet we confess that we still struggle to love as you do. Forgive us for seeking popularity instead of authenticity, and strength in numbers instead of in compassion. Forgive us for allowing fear and busyness to make us fair-weather friends, and selfishness and shyness to keep us from reaching out to others. Forgive us for trying to go it alone. By your Spirit, give us hearts that are open to sharing and receiving, and minds that search for commonalities with others instead of differences. Make us loyal in our commitments and loving in our actions, so that we may remain connected to you and one another through the love of Jesus Christ our Lord.

(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!

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON

1 Samuel 18:1-5; OT Page 262

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON

Mark 2:1-5; NT Page 36

SERMON

"Soul Friends"

Rev. Elizabeth D. McLean

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

MUSICAL INTERLUDE

"Friends"
Nicole Campbell, Voice

Deborah and Michael Smith

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (*A Declaration of Faith* 1977; Ch. 2, ¶4)

God made us for life in community. God created human beings with a need for community and with freedom to enter into it by responding to their Maker with grateful obedience and to one another with love and helpfulness. We believe that we have been created to relate to God and each other in freedom and responsibility. We may misuse our freedom and deny our responsibility by trying to live without God and other people or against God and other people. Yet we are still bound to them for our life and well-being, and intended for free and responsible fellowship with them. Since every human being is made for communion with God and others, we must treat no one with contempt. We are to respect and love all other people and ourselves as well.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Prayer family of the week: John and Alice Mottar

Prayer institution of the week: Ark and Dove Presbyterian Church (Odenton, 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

"Alla Marcia"
Suzann Barthold, Organ

Handel

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 Kay McMahan (410-562-4767) 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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| Director of Music | Suzann Barthold |
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