

Prince of Peace Presbyterian Church

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



SERVICE OF WORSHIP

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 26, 2020

10:30 a.m.

PRAYER FOR THE DAY

Eternal Creator and Redeemer of all, we praise your name above all others, giving you thanks for the gifts of life and love. Let your spark of divine love glow within us once more, that through our worship and our lives others will come to know the truth of your grace through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

PRELUDE

"Praise to the Lord"
Don Burleson, Recorder

arr. Callahan

LIFE OF THE CHURCH

CALL TO WORSHIP

We come today united not by blood, race, or nationality, but by love —

A love that places the "you" and "we" above the "I" and "me."

A love so great it must originate from the source of all love.

A love more powerful than all our hurts, all our pain.

A love that meets us where we are and calls us to more than we can imagine.

A love that can change our lives forever.

God is the source of this love. God is this love.

With open and grateful hearts, let us worship God!

HYMN (GTG) 693

"Though I May Speak"
Verses 1 and 3

(Gift of Love)

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Forgive us, O God, for breaking faith and forgetting that we are kept by your faithfulness. Forgive us for expecting the best to be the shortest and easiest; for wanting life to be exciting but not risky; for having ears and not hearing and eyes and not seeing. Forgive us for breaking our promises and forgetting yours; for covering your light and often keeping silent. But most of all Lord, forgive us for not loving all your children and Creation fully, sometimes even including ourselves. By your Spirit, wash us clean of hatred, fear, pride, and all the forces that divide so that we may be made whole individually and collectively through the abiding grace and love of Jesus Christ, in whose name 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!

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON

John 21:15-19; NT Page 116

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON

1 Corinthians 13; NT Page 175

SERMON

"And the Greatest Love of These Is *Agape*"

Rev. Elizabeth D. McLean

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

MUSICAL INTERLUDE—VIDEO

“Seasons of Love” from *Rent*
Performed by Andrew Lincoln

Jonathan Larson

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (*Confession of 1967* inclusive language version; ¶9.15)

God’s sovereign love is a mystery beyond the reach of the human mind. Human thought ascribes to God superlatives of power, wisdom, and goodness. But God reveals divine love in Jesus Christ by showing power in the form of a servant, wisdom in the folly of the cross, and goodness in receiving sinful men and women. The power of God’s love in Christ to transform the world discloses that the Redeemer is the Lord and Creator who made all things to serve the purpose of God’s love.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Prayer family of the week: Jennifer Monteith

Prayer institution of the week: Baltimore Presbytery (Baltimore, 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

Albioni

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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