

Prince of Peace Presbyterian Church

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



Unidentified. *Loaves and Fish*, from **Art in the Christian Tradition***

SERVICE OF WORSHIP

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 2, 2020

10:30 a.m.

PRAYER FOR THE DAY

God, you see us. You see our struggles; you see our difficulties. You see our possibilities; you see our promise. Connect the dots for us, O God. Soften the hard spots with your blessing. Call us in our wandering to hear you say our names. Satisfy our longings as with loaves and fishes and manna from heaven. For you are a good God, a God present in the struggles of the present and in the end, you always, always have a blessing. Amen.

PRELUDE

"Holy Manna"

arr. Barthold

Nicole Campbell, Carlene Craytor, and Ellen Mitchell, Bells

LIFE OF THE CHURCH

CALL TO WORSHIP

All who are thirsty, come!

God is the fountain for our lives.

All who are hungry, come!

Jesus feeds us with goodness and grace.

Rich and poor, young and old, neighbor and guest, come!

The Holy Spirit gathers everyone around the table.

Let us worship God.

HYMN (GTG) 529

"Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether"
Verses 1 and 2

(Union Seminary)

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (by Thom M. Shuman)

We are sure we do not have enough to end hunger in our communities, Holy God. Forgive us that we forget that, by your presence and power, very little can do so much. We believe we are the only ones who carry heartache around with us. Forgive us, Compassion's Heart, that we do not see, or embrace the despair of those around us. We think we do not have the words with which to offer hope and healing to strangers. Forgive us, Welcoming God, for not having the courage to run up to them with your grace. We convince ourselves that we need to devote all our time, our energy, our resources, our lives on keeping up with others. Forgive us for not living that joyful, gracious life modeled for us by you, Jesus our Brother.

(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

"His Eye Is on the Sparrow"
Ellen Mitchell, Voice

Martin/Gabriel

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON

Isaiah 55:1-5; OT Page 685

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON

Matthew 13:13-21; NT Page 14

SERMON

“When ‘Nothing’ Is More than Enough”

Rev. Mary D. Gaut

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

All who put their trust in Jesus Christ are welcome to partake in the communion meal, regardless of age or denominational affiliation. We will be celebrating Communion by “virtual” intinction. Please take a piece of bread, dip it into your juice/wine, and then eat the bread.

INVITATION

THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The Pastor gives thanks.

Congregation:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

The Pastor continues.

SHARING OF THE FEAST

“Verse 3” of *Draw Us in the Spirit’s Tether*
Ellen Mitchell, Voice

(Union Seminary)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Prayer family of the week: Vickie Mohr

Prayer institution of the week: Comunidad Presbiteriana la Trinidad (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

“Trumpet Air”
Suzann Barthold, Organ

Purcell

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 Valerie Mentzer (410-562-2726) with your prayer request, and the Prayer Support Team will lift these concerns in prayer.

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