

Prince of Peace Presbyterian Church

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



SERVICE OF WORSHIP

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 16, 2020

10:30 a.m.

PRAYER FOR THE DAY

With sounds of gentle stillness and quiet voice of calm, by which you bring your bidding and sing your inner psalm, inform our thoughts and motives by your internal voice, and cultivate our conscience at every point of choice. Forgive us when we fail you; reveal what we must mend; renew your spirit in us that willful sin may end. Lord, guide our thoughts and actions, advise us when we speak, till private stillness strengthens the public walk we seek.

– David A. Robb, 1989

PRELUDE

“Create in Me a Clean Heart”
Nicole Campbell, Voice

Burkhardt

LIFE OF THE CHURCH

CALL TO WORSHIP

As we come to worship, let us leave behind our self-centered thoughts,

And spiritually embrace our neighbors in worship.

As we come to worship, let us behind our feelings of superiority and shame,

And embrace the wholeness you offer all.

As we come to worship, let us leave behind our anger and fear,

And open our hearts to the love of Christ.

For we come above all to worship him, and to discover through him what can be, not just what is.

Come, let us lift our voices in praise for the God of all, who showers us with grace and calls us to love. Come let us worship God!

HYMN (GTG) 436

“God of Compassion, in Mercy Befriend Us”
Verses 1 and 2

(O Quanta Qualia)

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O Lord, when our eyes fail to see what you seek to reveal, and our ears hear, but our minds do not understand; when our mouths speak, but our words lack wisdom and compassion, and when the truth stares us in the face and we remain deceived, create in us a clean heart, O Lord, so that our souls may live in you. Forgive us for ignoring the brokenness within us while judging others for being broken. Forgive us for hiding behind masks and deluded senses of self. Cleanse us, O Lord, by your Spirit, so that inside and out we will be wholly yours, and be able to help heal the world through 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

Psalms 51:1-2, 6-12; OT Page 520

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON

Matthew 15:1-20; NT Page 16

SERMON

“Unhealthy Conditions”

Rev. Elizabeth D. McLean

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

MUSICAL INTERLUDE

“Spirit, Open My Heart”
Nicole Campbell, Flute and Voice

Wild Mountain Thyme

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (*A Declaration of Faith* 1977; Ch. 5, ¶4)

The Spirit helps believers grow in the new life. The Christian fellowship was not a society of perfect people. The struggle between the old way of life and the new was severe. Yet the Spirit produced among followers of Jesus love, joy, peace, and victories in the battle against evil. We believe the Holy Spirit works today whenever believers grow toward maturity in Christ. As long as we live we struggle with sin, but the Spirit's presence assures us God will complete what God has begun in us.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Prayer family of the week: Gary Mills

Prayer institution of the week: First 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

“In Babilone”
Suzann Barthold, Organ

Dutch Melody

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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The church office is open Monday through Friday, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon.

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Parish Associate	Rev. Dorothy LaPenta
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