

# TAKOMA PARK PREBYTERIAN CHURCH

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*Live streamed at 11:00 a.m.*



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**A Church for All People *Isaiah 56:7***

# THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

*(\*) Indicates those who are able, please stand*

**We respectfully ask everyone to wear a well-fitting mask in the church for their own health. Those who are presenting may remove their masks while they are presenting.**

*Health and Safety Committee.*



## Preparation for the Word

*"There is no way of telling people that they are all walking around shining like the sun." - Thomas Merton*

## WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

**Prelude**    **Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring**    Johann Sebastian Bach

### **Welcome!**

We pray God's blessings be with you as you worship today.

### **Opening Prayer (Unison)**

May the God of peace and power, who brings back the prophets of old to accompany us on our journeys today, make us all complete in everything good so we may do God's will. May we live out the rest of our days to see farther, love deeper, and celebrate more beautifully. May we never, never, never turn away from terrible injustice but fight until our very last breath for equality, freedom, and justice for all. Amen.

### **Call to Worship**

Psalm 99

Holy is God!

**Mighty Ruler, lover of justice, you have established equity; you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob.**

Extol the Lord our God; worship at God's feet.

**Holy is God!**

**\*Opening Hymn 193 (v.1-3) Jesus, Take Us to the Mountain**

Jesus, take us to the mountain,  
where with Peter, James, and John,  
we are dazzled by your glory,  
light as blinding as the sun.  
There prepare us for the night  
by the vision of that sight.

What do you want us to see there,  
that your close companions saw?  
Your divinity revealed there  
fills us with the self-same awe.  
Clothed in the flesh like ours you go,  
matched to meet our deadliest foe.

What do you want us to hear there,  
that your dear disciples heard?  
Once again the voice from heaven  
says of the Incarnate Word,  
“Listen, listen, everyone:  
This is my beloved Son.”

**Prayer of Confession**

Why do we assume the worst? Why do we find ourselves looking for the bad in ourselves and our neighbors rather than the good? Let us come before God and ask that our vision be restored so that we might see the world as our Creator does.

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Let us pray:

**God of compassion, in Jesus Christ you reveal the light of your glory, but we turn away, distracted by our own plans.**

**We confess that we speak when we should listen, and act when we should wait. Forgive our aimless enthusiasms. Grant us wisdom to live in your light and to follow in the way of your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.**

## *Silent Prayer*

### **Assurance of Pardon**

By love, God reminds us that we are created in the holy image, and that we have the capacity to help others see that they are, too. Through God's gracious mercy the scales fall from our eyes and we see life anew.

**Thanks be to God! Amen.**

### **\*Response of Joy 637(v.1) O Sing to the Lord**

O sing to the Lord; O sing God a new song.

O sing to the Lord; O sing God a new song.

O sing to the Lord, O sing God a new song.

O sing to our God; O sing to our God.

### **\*Sharing the Peace of Christ**

The peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

*(Worshippers on Zoom may unmute themselves and share the peace.)*

## **WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD**

### **Prayer of Illumination 458**

THY WORD

*Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path. (2x)*

### **First Scripture Reading**

**Exodus 34:29-35**

Moses came down from Mount Sinai. As he came down from the mountain with the two tablets of the covenant in his hand, Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone because he had been talking with God. When Aaron and all the Israelites saw Moses, the skin of his face was shining, and they were afraid to come near him. But Moses called to them; and Aaron and all the leaders of the congregation returned to him, and Moses spoke with them.



Afterwards all the Israelites came near, and he gave them in commandment all that the Lord had spoken with him on Mount Sinai. When Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil on his face; but whenever Moses went in before the Lord to speak with the Lord, he would take the veil off, until he came out; and when he came out, and told the Israelites what he had been commanded, the Israelites would see the face of Moses, that the skin of his face was shining; and Moses would put the veil on his face again, until he went in to speak with the Lord.

The Word of the Lord.   **Thanks be to God.**

**Anthem      Rejoice, the Lord Is King!**

*Darwall's 148th*  
Arr. Joe Raney

Lift up your voice, let all creation sing  
a song of love and praise to glorify the King.

Lift up your voice! Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!  
Rejoice, the Lord is King! Your Lord and King adore!  
Rejoice, give thanks, and sing and triumph evermore.

**Refrain:**    *Lift up your heart, lift up your voice!*  
                  *Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!*

Our Savior, Jesus reigns, the God of truth and love;  
when he had purged our stains, he took his seat above.  
His Kingdom cannot fail, he rules both earth and heaven;  
the keys of death and hell are to our Jesus giv'n.

Rejoice in glorious hope for Christ the Judge shall come  
to gather all his saints to their eternal home.  
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice!  
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

*Charles Wesley*

**Time with the Children**

Pastor Harper

## Second Scripture Reading

Luke 9:28-36

Now about eight days after these sayings Jesus took with him Peter and John and James; and went up on the mountain to pray. And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep; but since they had stayed awake, they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, 'Master, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah' – not knowing what he said. While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. Then from the cloud came a voice that said, 'This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!' When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and in those days told no one any of the things they had seen.

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. **Thanks be to God**

## Reflection on the Word

Sermon

Eyes to See

Pastor Harper

**\*Hymn 273 He is King of Kings**

**Refrain:** *He is King of Kings; he is Lord of Lords,  
Jesus Christ, the first and last,  
No one works like him.*

*O he is King of Kings; he is Lord of Lords,  
Jesus Christ, the first and last,  
No one works like him.*

He built his throne up in the air;  
No one works like him;  
And called his saints from everywhere;  
No one works like him. O,

**Refrain:**

He pitched his tents on Canaan ground;  
No one works like him;  
And broke oppressive kingdoms down;  
No one works like him. O,

**Refrain:**

I know that my Redeemer lives;  
No one works like him;  
And by his love sweet blessing gives;  
No one works like him. O,

**Refrain:**

## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

### Prayers of the People

Rev. Eugene Eastman

*Prayers will be read from the Prayer Book and the "Chat Box"*

Response: Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayers.**

### The Lord's Prayer (Unison)

Eternal Spirit, Mother and Father of us all,

Holy is your name.

Let justice and mercy fill all Creation and let us recognize that every thought and thing belongs to you.

Feed us with the bread we need for today.

Forgive our sin as we forgive those who sin against us.

Stand with us in trial and temptation.

Free us from the grip of all that is evil.

For you alone are creating our universe,

now and forever. Amen.

### The Offering Invitation

#### Offertory **His Eye Is On the Sparrow** Charles H. Gabriel

Why should I feel discouraged, why should the shadows come,

Why should my heart be lonely, and long for heav'n and home,

When Jesus is my portion? My constant friend is He:

His eye is on the sparrow, and I know He watches me.

Refrain: *I sing because I'm happy, I sing because I'm free,  
His eye is on the sparrow, and I know He watches me.*

"Let not your heart be troubled," His tender words I hear,  
And resting on His goodness, I lose my doubts and fears;  
Though by the path He leadeth, but one step I may see;  
His eye is on the sparrow, and I know He watches me.

Whenever I am tempted, whenever clouds arise,  
When songs give place to sighing, when hope within me dies,  
I draw the closer to Him, from care He sets me free;  
His eye is on the sparrow, and I know He watches me.

*Civilla D. Martin, 1905*

**\*Doxology 607**

OLD HUNDREDTH

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Christ all people here below;  
Praise Holy Spirit evermore;  
Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.

**\*Prayer of Dedication (unison)**

Holy God, we are recipients of grace upon grace. Receive back from our abundance these offerings so that those neighbors we have left out and locked out and looked past might reclaim a measure of dignity and hope. Amen.

## **WE ARE SENT INTO THE WORLD**

### **Announcements of the Community's Life**

**\*Sending Hymn 192 Lord, the Light of Your Love Is Shining**

Lord, the light of your love is shining,  
in the midst of darkness, shining;  
Jesus, Light of the World, shine upon us;  
set us free by the truth you now bring us.  
Shine on me; shine on me.



**Refrain:**

*Shine, Jesus, shine; fill this land with the Parent's glory.  
Blaze, Spirit, blaze; set out hearts on fire.  
Flow, river, flow; flood the nations with grace and mercy.  
Send forth your word, Lord, and let there be light.*

Lord, I come to your awesome presence,  
from the shadows Into your radiance;  
by the blood I may enter your brightness.  
Search me; try me; consume all my darkness.  
Shine on me; shine on me.

***Refrain:***

As we gaze on your kingly brightness,  
so our faces display your likeness;  
ever changing from glory to glory,  
mirrored here may your lives tell your story.  
Shine on me; shine on me.

***Refrain:***

**\*Charge and Benediction**

**\*Postlude**      Sinfonia from, *Abdelazer*      Henry Purcell

*Community worship ends; discipleship and service begin anew.*

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***Participants in this morning's service***

Rev. Mark Harper, Pastor  
Elias Howard, Liturgist  
Takoma Park Presbyterian Church Choir  
Alphonso Williams, tenor  
Dr. James Bingham, Music Director  
Gary Cardillo, Cinematographer  
Mateo Griffis, Technician  
Mandy Parsons-Moser, Technician

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Schedule for upcoming events

### \*\* Zoom events

Monday, February 28, 7:00 PM	Choir Rehearsal
Tuesday, March 1, 12:00 PM	Informal Coffee Hour**
Tuesday, March 1, 6:30 PM	Pancake Supper and Talent Show
Wednesday, March 2, 9:30 AM	TPPC Meditation Meeting
Wednesday, March 2, 7:00 PM	Ash Wednesday Communion Service ( <i>hybrid</i> )
Wednesday, March 2, 7:00 PM	Congregation and Community Engagement**
Wednesday, March 2, 8:30 PM	Presbyterians for Police Transformation**
Thursday, March 3, 6:30 PM	Deacons Meeting**
Thursday, March 3, 7:30 PM	Social Witness and Action Meeting**
Sunday, March 6, 11:00 AM	Communion Worship Service ( <i>hybrid</i> )

+Whoever you are and wherever you are on life's journey, **you are welcome to our worship.** We are pleased you are with us today.

+**The TPPC Meditation Group** is meeting weekly on Wednesdays, at 9:30 -10:00 a.m. Meetings will be in person, in the Library, with everyone wearing masks. For more information contact Karen Boyer.

+**Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper and Talent Show is here, Tuesday at 6:30-7:30 PM** Yes, our annual Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper and Talent Show will be held 6:30-7:30pm March 1, 2022 in the Church Assembly Room. Come join friends and family for a meal of hearty flapjacks, followed by laughter, song, dance and other fun at the talent show starting at 7:00 p.m. Help us carry on this fun tradition that began around 600 AD as a way of celebrating life and using up yummy stuff that couldn't be eaten during Lent (*really?*).



We could use help in the kitchen - to volunteer please contact Rebecca Woodings ([rlwoodings@aol.com](mailto:rlwoodings@aol.com)). To share your jokes, songs or other talents please contact [johoge@verizon.net](mailto:johoge@verizon.net) to get on the Talent Show program. See you there!

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper and Talent Show: Tuesday.

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**Deacons are called to a ministry** of “compassion, witness and service” in the life of the church. Please contact the Deacons with any requests or suggestions concerning the care of people in the congregation and within the community. Deacons meeting is the first Thursday of the month at 6:30 pm. Please contact us on [office@takomaparkpc.org](mailto:office@takomaparkpc.org); (301-270-5550)

**+Our Church Family:** Please enjoy the photo wall at the back of the sanctuary. Let me know if you would like a new photo to be on the wall. [johoge@verizon.net](mailto:johoge@verizon.net)

**+Ecumenical Advocacy Days (EAD) 2022** calls us into solidarity to restore, protect, and expand voting rights in the United States and to realize human rights around the world. As people of faith, we know each person to be created in God’s image, imbued with dignity and having a voice that demands to be heard, heeded, and treated justly. We arise in unity, holding up a mirror to leaders of nations, putting injustice on display and tearing down the veil of oppression that obscures the beautiful, God-born light shining from within us all.

**+Thank you for your continued support of TPPC.** As a reminder, there are several ways to give to TPPC. Information on giving, including giving on line, can be found at <https://www.takomaparkpc.org/give>.

Checks may be mailed to Takoma Park Presbyterian Church, 310 Tulip Avenue, Takoma Park, MD 20912. If you have any questions, please contact [finance@takomaparkpc.org](mailto:finance@takomaparkpc.org).

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