

TAKOMA PARK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

March 20, 2022

Live streamed at 11:00 a.m.



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THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

() Indicates those who are able, please stand*

Facemasks are currently optional at TPPC; however, if you're not vaccinated, we recommend wearing a mask. We recommend that everyone get the COVID vaccination and booster, and if you have a vulnerable health condition or just prefer to wear a mask, please feel free to do so.

Health and Safety Committee.



Preparation for the Word

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

Prelude

Arioso

Johann Sebastian Bach

Welcome!

The grace of Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Spirit be with you as we worship today and every day.

Opening Prayer (Unison)

In the morning, O Beloved, you hear our prayers. In the light of this day we praise your name. Through the abundance of your steadfast love, your *hesed*, your loving-kindness, you have gathered us into your presence. In the holiness of your presence we worship and adore you. Amen.

Call to Worship (Responsively)

Psalms 2:1-2

It is good to give thanks to you, O God.

We declare your steadfast love in the morning.

It is good to sing praises to your name.

We proclaim your faithfulness by night.

For you, O Beloved, have made us glad by your work;

At the work of your hands we sing for joy!

***Opening Hymn # 52 When Israel was in Egypt's Land**

When Israel was in Egypt's land, let my people go;

Oppressed so hard they could not stand, let my people go!

Refrain:

Go down, Moses, way down in Egypt's land;

Tell old Pharaoh: let my people go!

"Thus saith the Lord," bold Moses said, "Let my people go!

If not, I'll smite your first-born dead. Let my people go!"

Refrain:

"No more shall they in bondage toil; let my people go!

Let them come out with Egypt's spoil: let my people go

Refrain:

O let us all from bondage flee; let my people go!

And let us all in Christ be free: let my people go!

Refrain:

Call to Confession

The God of the oppressed hunts evil as a lioness stalks prey, so that sin cannot hide in high or low places. But the Holy One also forgives all who repent. Let us confess our sins.

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

God of justice and mercy, we confess that we disobey your will. We show neither justice nor mercy to others. Christ our Savior, love incarnate, we confess that we take your love for granted. We do not give of ourselves, nor do we rejoice in all the blessings we receive. Holy Spirit, power and breath, we confess that we block your movement. We do not live holy lives of sacrificial love. Gracious Trinity, forgive us and grant us your peace. Help us to turn from our sins so that we may love you by joyfully caring for others. Amen.

Silent Prayer

Assurance of Pardon

Luke 7:48

Jesus said to the one who had sinned much, "Your sins are forgiven." The cross of Christ stands as the sign that the love of God lives in us through faith in the grace of God. In the power of Christ's Spirit, I say to you, your sins are forgiven.

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 17:8-19:15 (NIV)

The Amalekites Defeated

The Amalekites came and attacked the Israelites at Rephidim.

Moses said to Joshua, "Choose some of our men and go out to fight the Amalekites. Tomorrow I will stand on top of the hill with the staff of God in my hands."

So Joshua fought the Amalekites as Moses had ordered, and Moses, Aaron and Hur went to the top of the hill. As long as Moses held up his hands, the Israelites were winning, but whenever he lowered his hands, the Amalekites were winning. When Moses' hands grew tired, they took a stone and put it under him and he sat on it.

Aaron and Hur held his hands up — one on one side, one on the other — so that his hands remained steady till sunset. So Joshua overcame the Amalekite army with the sword. Then the Lord said to Moses, "Write this on a scroll as something to be remembered and make sure that Joshua hears it, because I will completely blot out the name of Amalek from under heaven."

Moses built an altar and called it The Lord is my Banner. He said, "Because hands were lifted up to the throne of the Lord, the Lord will be at war against the Amalekites from generation to generation."

The Word of God, **Thanks be to God.**

Anthem **Jesu, Grant Me This I Pray** Charles H. Kitson

Jesu, grant me this I pray,
Ever in Thy heart to stay:
Let me evermore abide
Hidden in Thy wounded side.

If the evil one prepare,
Or the world, attempting snare,
I am safe when I abide
In Thy heart and wounded side.

If the flesh, more dangerous still,
Tempt my soul to deeds of ill,
Naught I fear when I abide
In Thy heart and wounded side.

Death will come one day to me;
Jesu, cast me not from Thee:
Dying let me still abide
In Thy heart and wounded side.

*From the Latin
Henry Willam Baker*

Time with the Children

Elder Bruce Beran

Second Scripture Reading

John 2: 13-22 (NRSV)

Jesus Cleanses the Temple

The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and the money changers seated at their tables. Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, both the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables. He told those who were selling the doves, "Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father's house a marketplace!"

His disciples remembered that it was written, "Zeal for your house will consume me."

The Jews then said to him, "What sign can you show us for doing this?" Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up."

The Jews then said, "This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?" But he was speaking of the temple of his body.

After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this; and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

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

Reflection on the Word

**Sermon Who's Holding Up Your Arms?
And, Oh ... what about the memory
of the Amalekites?**

Rev. Carolyn Tilley

***Hymn #725 O Jesus I Have Promised**

O Jesus, I have promised to serve thee to the end;
be thou forever near me, my Master and my friend;
I shall not fear the battle if thou art by my side,
nor wander from the pathway if thou wilt be my Guide.

O, let me feel thee near me! The world is ever near;
I see the sights that dazzle, the tempting sounds I hear.
My foes are ever near me, around me and within;
but, Jesus, draw thou nearer, and shield my soul from sin.

O, let me hear thee speaking, in accents clear and still,
above the storms of passion, the murmurs of self-will;
O, speak to reassure me, To hasten, or control;
O, speak, and make me listen, thou guardian of my soul.

O Jesus, thou hast promised to all who follow thee
that where thou art in glory there shall Thy servant be;
And Jesus, I have promised to serve Thee to the end;
O, give me grace to follow, my Master and my friend.

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Prayers of the People

Rev. John Seaman

*Prayers will be invited from the congregation, read from the
Prayer Book and the Zoom "Chat Box"*

Response: God of Peace, Hear **our Prayers.**

The Lord's Prayer (Unison)

Lord of Life, forgive us when we fail to seek the things that make for peace.
Forgive us when we assume that our well-being must come

at the expense of someone else;

when we ignore the desperation of neighbors;

without access to housing, healthcare, and good schools;

when we turn plowshares into swords;

when we poison the earth and air for short-term gain.

Send your Spirit to inspire our imaginations and soften our hearts so that
we might live in accordance with your will. Amen

Minute for Mission – Small Things Matter

The Offering Invitation

Offertory

Be Not Afraid

Craig Courtney

Be not afraid: for I have redeemed you;

Be not afraid: I have called you by name.

When you pass through the waters,

I will be with you;

When you pass through the floods,

They will not sweep o'er you;

When you walk through the fire,

You will not be consumed;

You are mine, you are precious in my sight.

My love for you is everlasting,

My love for you shall have no end.

Based upon Isaiah 43:1-4

***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)**

We give you thanks, O God, for the great love that you have lavished upon us in Christ Jesus.

Teach us to share this love with others, bringing the good news of your holy realm to all the ends of the earth; we pray through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

WE ARE SENT INTO THE WORLD

Announcements of the Community's Life

***Sending Hymn #65 Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah**

Guide me, O thou great Jehovah,
pilgrim through this barren land;
I am weak, but thou art mighty.
Hold me with thy powerful hand.
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven,
feed me till I want no more;
feed me till I want no more.

Open now the crystal fountain,
whence the healing stream doth flow.
Let the fire and cloudy pillar
lead me all my journey through.
Strong deliverer, strong deliverer,
be thou still my strength and shield;
be thou still my strength and shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan,
bid my anxious fears subside.
Death of death and hell's destruction,
land me safe on Canaan's side.
Songs of praises, songs of praises,
I will ever give to thee;
I will ever give to Thee.

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Charge and Blessing

Go out into the world in peace; have courage; hold on to what is good; return no one evil for evil; strengthen the fainthearted; support the weak and help the suffering; honor all people; love and serve the Lord, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit

Live to God and let the love of Christ live in you.

And may the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. Amen.

***Postlude**

March

Flor Peeters

Community worship ends; discipleship and service begin anew.

Participants in this morning's service

Rev. Carolyn Tilley, Worship Leader

Ruth Noel, Liturgist

Roger Griffis, baritone

Takoma Park Presbyterian Church Choir

Dr. James Bingham, Music Director

Gary Cardillo, Cinematographer

Mateo Griffis, Technician

Mandy Parsons-Moser, Technician

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Schedule for upcoming events

Zoom Events **

Monday, March 21, 7:00 PM	Choir Rehearsal
Tuesday, March 22, 12:00 PM	Informal Coffee**
Wednesday, March 23, 9:30 AM	Meditation
Wednesday, March 23, 7:00 PM	Lenten Vesper Service (<i>hybrid</i>)
Wednesday, March 23, 8:00 PM	Presbyterian for Police Transformation**
Thursday, March 24, 7:30 PM	Committed Racial Mindfulness**
Saturday, March 26, 10:30 AM	Online Book Discussion**
Sunday, March 27, 11:00 AM	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.

+We ask that worshipers who are not fully vaccinated continue to wear masks. Also, if you have a vulnerable health condition or just prefer to wear a mask, please feel free to do so.

As before, we ask that you stay home (and join by Zoom instead) if you are sick or experiencing symptoms of COVID-19. These symptoms can include any of the following:

- Cough, shortness of breath, or difficulty breathing.
- Fever or chills.
- Muscle or body aches.
- Vomiting or diarrhea.
- New loss of taste or smell.

In addition, we ask that worshipers join us by Zoom (and not come to church) if they have been exposed to someone with COVID-19.

For more information on symptoms, the community COVID-19 Community Level, and other resources, access

<https://www.takomaparkpc.org/covid19/#hybrid>

on our church website.

+VISIT THE VIDEO BOOTH ON SUNDAY, MARCH 27!

TPPC is making a two-minute video for our website to encourage others to join us. Its title: **"Open House, Open Doors."**

On Sunday, March 27, TPPC photographers and videographers will be set up at the back of the sanctuary after worship and during coffee hour to record what draws you to TPPC. Please say hello and share your thoughts. For more information: Contact Susan Swift (202) 403-1101.

An initiative of the Congregation and Community Engagement Ministry

+Lenten Choral Communion Service - April 3, 2021:

The Takoma Park Presbyterian Church Choir and friends will present, along with the clergy, a special communion service on Sunday, April 3. The choir will be joined by a string quartet, harp and organ for the occasion. Music, specific to Lent and Eastertide will be interspersed throughout the service.

One featured work will be: *"Woman, Why Weepest Thou?"* by Heinrich Schütz, written about 1624. Hans Joachim Moser, who wrote the definitive work on the life of Heinrich Schütz, commented upon this work with:

If everything Schütz wrote except this *"Woman, why weepest thou?"* were lost, his position as the musical genius of his age would still be incontestably assured.

Other much-loved works such as *Cantique de Jean Racine* by Gabriel Fauré, *O For the Wings of a Dove* by Felix Mendelssohn, *The King of Love My Shepherd Is*, based upon the Irish tune *Columba* and arranged by Edward Bairstow will be presented. The final blessing will be the sublime *Peace I Give to You* by Craig Courtney, bring a new dimension to Christ's words as recorded in John 14:27, 16:33.

This will be a good opportunity to invite friends, neighbors and relatives to our special worship service, April 3.

+The TPPC Green Team decided to move its monthly meetings due to other conflicts. The new meeting time is 7:30 pm on the 4th Tuesday of the month; the next meeting is Tuesday April 26, at 7:30 p.m.

+April 23 - Church yard work day with Scout Troop 33 from 9:00 a.m. to noon. Bring your trowel and clippers (or just yourself) and help us beautify our church grounds.

+As part of the community of faith at Takoma Park Presbyterian Church, all have the privilege and responsibility to participate in the selection of officer candidates for consideration by the Nominating Committee of the Congregation. It is important for our church community that you have a voice.

The Nominating Committee is currently seeking nominations for the position of Elder to serve on the Session for the remainder of 2022.

Ruling Elders are elected to serve on the Session, and together with the pastors (Teaching Elders) they share the leadership and governance of the church. Accordingly, congregations should elect persons of wisdom and maturity of faith, having demonstrated skills in leadership and being compassionate in spirit. Those called to be Ruling Elders should have the ability to work collaboratively, yet be independent thinkers, be effective communicators and seek to nurture the spiritual life of our community of faith.

Please contact Laura Raney (raneylaura@gmail.com).

Ecumenical Advocacy Days (EAD) 2022 - will be held virtually from April 25-27 - is centered on expanding voting rights in the US and realizing human rights around the world. EAD is a movement of the ecumenical Christian community, grounded in biblical witness and our shared traditions of justice, peace, and the integrity of creation.

EAD's goal, through worship, theological reflection, and opportunities for learning and witness, is to strengthen our Christian voice and to mobilize for advocacy on a wide variety of U.S. domestic and international policy issues.

You can [access the agenda](#) and [register for EAD 2022](#) on the [Ecumenical Advocacy Days website](#). Until April 1, the cost is \$50. SWAC can pay the registration fee if that is an issue for anyone wanting to attend.

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

+Wednesdays Lenten Vesper Service in the sanctuary at 7:00 PM. We will hold Vesper each Wednesday through April 6.

+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; (301-270-5550)

+Our Church Family: Please see 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

+Thank you for your continued support of TPPC. As a reminder, there are several ways to give to TPPC. Information on giving, including giving online, 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.

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