

**TAKOMA PARK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
JUNE 19, 2022**

**FATHER'S DAY / JUNETEENTH and  
THE TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR C)**  
Live streamed at 10:00 a.m.



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## **THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY JUNETEENTH FATHER'S DAY**

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, If you have a vulnerable health condition or just prefer to wear a mask, please feel free to do so.

*TPPC Health and Safety Committee*

### **Preparation for the Word WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME**

**Prelude** "Prelude in E" by Alexander Scriabin, opus 11, No. 9

#### **Welcome**

#### **Opening Prayer**

Gracious God, this new day carries the potential for growth and new life. Help us to attend to those things in us that need care and attention. Sow your word in us that we may grow in faithfulness and understanding. Shake us out of dull routines, so that we may take part in the good news you continue to tell urgently and passionately. In Christ's name we ask this. Amen.

#### **Call to Worship**

**(Ps. 32:1)**

Grace and peace be to you in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Blessed are those whose transgression is forgiven

In quietness and darkness, in peace and confusion, Jesus Christ wants to make his home among us. Christ is the hope for the world.

In Jesus there is neither Jew nor Gentile, neither Black nor White, neither straight, gay, nor transgender. All are one in Christ. Christ is the light of life, Christ is the hope for the world.

Let us worship God.

## Opening Hymn 435

IN BABILONE

### There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

There's a wideness in God's mercy,  
like the wideness of the sea.  
There's a kindness in God's justice,  
which is more than liberty.

There is welcome for the sinner,  
and more graces for the good.  
There is mercy with the Savior,  
there is healing in his blood.

But we make God's love too narrow  
by false limits of our own,  
and we magnify its strictness  
with a zeal God will not own.

For the love of God is broader  
than the measures of the mind,  
and the heart of the Eternal  
is most wonderfully kind.

If our love were but more simple,  
we should rest upon God's word,  
and our lives would be illumined  
by the presence of our Lord.

### Prayer of Confession

(Luke 15:11b-24)

Merciful God, we confess that we have strayed from your ways.

Like the Prodigal Son, we have wasted our inheritance.

You gave us the earth for our home, but we squander earth's resources and hoard its beauty,

You gave us neighbor's to love, but we pursue selfish ambitions.

You gave us commandments that lead to human flourishing, but we break your law and forsake your love. Forgive us our sin and bring us to repentance.

*T'Shuv*—we remember that ancient Hebrew word—*t'shuv*—that we now speak—*t'shuv*--let us stop, turn, and go another way.

Draw our wandering hearts back to you that we may find freedom in obedience to your love. Through Christ our Lord we pray. Amen.

*Silent Prayer* (We pause now, O Beloved God, to reflect in prayer)

**Declaration of Forgiveness – Assurance of Pardon (Luke 15:20)**

As a parent welcomes home a wayward child, so our Loving God embraces all who return in true repentance. When we turn away from God, we are invited to turn and go another way and share in the creative, justice-making love who makes all things new—especially us. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Amen.

**Prayer of the Day (Luke 15:20; 2 Cor. 5:18-20)**

Gracious God, always the seeker of the lost: draw your children back to your loving embrace, restore us to our inheritance as daughters and sons, and reconcile our hearts to you, that we may become ambassadors of your reconciling love to all the world. Through Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit we pray. Amen.

**Response of Joy 591 (v. 1)** Halle ... Halle ... Halle ... *(sung twice)*

**Sharing the Peace of Christ**

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

I invite you to greet and share with each other the Peace of Christ  
(Worshippers on Zoom may unmute themselves and also 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**

## **1 Kings 19 1-4 (5-7) 8-15a**

Ahab told Jezebel all that Elijah had done, and how he had killed all the prophets with the sword. Then Jezebel sent a messenger to Elijah, saying, "So may the gods do to me, and more also, if I do not make your life like the life of one of them by this time tomorrow." Then he was afraid; he got up and fled for his life, and came to Beer-sheba, which belongs to Judah; he left his servant there.

But he himself went a day's journey into the wilderness, and came and sat down under a solitary broom tree. He asked that he might die: "It is enough; now, O LORD, take away my life, for I am no better than my ancestors." Then he lay down under the broom tree and fell asleep. Suddenly an angel touched him and said to him, "Get up and eat." He looked, and there at his head was a cake baked on hot stones, and a jar of water. He ate and drank, and lay down again. The angel of the LORD came a second time, touched him, and said, "Get up and eat, otherwise the journey will be too much for you." He got up, and ate and drank; then he went in the strength of that food forty days and forty nights to Horeb the mount of God. At that place he came to a cave, and spent the night there.

Then the word of the LORD came to him, saying, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" He answered, "I have been very zealous for the LORD, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away."

He said, "Go out and stand on the mountain before the LORD, for the LORD is about to pass by." Now there was a great wind, so strong that it was splitting mountains and breaking rocks in pieces before the LORD, but the LORD was not in the wind; and after the wind an earthquake, but the LORD was not in the earthquake; and after the earthquake a fire, but the LORD was not in the fire; and after the fire a sound of sheer silence. When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. Then there came a voice to him that said, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" He answered, "I have been very zealous for the LORD, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away." Then the LORD said to him, "Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus; when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael as king over Aram.

The Word of God from the Hebrew Bible

Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Amen.

**Anthem**

**Elder Alphonso Williams (Soloist)**  
**Great Is Thy Faithfulness**

**Time with the Children**

Rev. Carolyn Tilley  
Juneteenth/Father's Day

**Second Scripture Reading**

**Luke 15:1-32**

All the tax collectors and sinners were gathering around Jesus to listen to him. The Pharisees and legal experts were grumbling, saying, "This man welcomes sinners and eats with them."

Jesus told them this parable: "Suppose someone among you had one hundred sheep and lost one of them. Wouldn't he leave the other ninety-nine in the pasture and search for the lost one until he finds it? And when he finds it, he is thrilled and places it on his shoulders. When he arrives home, he calls together his friends and neighbors, saying to them, 'Celebrate with me because I've found my lost sheep.' In the same way, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who changes both heart and life than over ninety-nine righteous people who have no need to change their hearts and lives.

"Or what woman, if she owns ten silver coins and loses one of them, won't light a lamp and sweep the house, searching her home carefully until she finds it? When she finds it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, 'Celebrate with me because I've found my lost coin.' In the same way, I tell you, joy breaks out in the presence of God's angels over one sinner who changes both heart and life."

Jesus said, "A certain man had two sons. The younger son said to his father, 'Father, give me my share of the inheritance.' Then the father divided his estate between them. Soon afterward, the younger son gathered everything together and took a trip to a land far away. There, he wasted his wealth through extravagant living.

“When he had used up his resources, a severe food shortage arose in that country, and he began to be in need. He hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him into his fields to feed pigs. He longed to eat his fill from what the pigs ate, but no one gave him anything. When he came to his senses, he said, ‘How many of my father’s hired hands have more than enough food, but I’m starving to death! I will get up and go to my father, and say to him, “Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I no longer deserve to be called your son. Take me on as one of your hired hands.”’ So he got up and went to his father.

“While he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was moved with compassion. His father ran to him, hugged him, and kissed him. Then his son said, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I no longer deserve to be called your son.’ But the father said to his servants, ‘Quickly, bring out the best robe and put it on him! Put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet! Fetch the fattened calf and slaughter it. We must celebrate with feasting because this son of mine was dead and has come back to life! He was lost and is found!’ And they began to celebrate.

“Now his older son was in the field. Coming in from the field, he approached the house and heard music and dancing. He called one of the servants and asked what was going on. The servant replied, ‘Your brother has arrived, and your father has slaughtered the fattened calf because he received his son back safe and sound.’ Then the older son was furious and didn’t want to enter in, but his father came out and begged him. He answered his father, ‘Look, I’ve served you all these years, and I never disobeyed your instruction. Yet you’ve never given me as much as a young goat so I could celebrate with my friends. But when this son of yours returned, after gobbling up your estate on prostitutes, you slaughtered the fattened calf for him.’ Then his father said, ‘Son, you are always with me, and everything I have is yours. But we had to celebrate and be glad because this brother of yours was dead and is alive. He was lost and is found.’”

The Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ.  
Thanks be to God. Amen.

## **Reflection on the Word**

**Sermon**

**Lost and Found**

**Rev. Carolyn Tilley**

## Hymn 619

## LAUDA ANIMA

### Praise My Soul, the God of Heaven

Praise, my soul, the God of heaven;  
glad of heart your carols raise;  
ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven  
who, like me, should sing God's praise?

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Praise the Maker all your days!  
Praise God for the grace and favour  
shown our forebears in distress;  
God is still the same forever,  
slow to chide, and swift to bless:  
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!  
Sing our Maker's faithfulness!

Like a loving parent caring,  
God knows well our feeble frame;  
gladly all our burdens bearing,  
still to countless years the same.  
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!  
All within me, praise God's name!

Frail as summer's flower we flourish,  
blows the wind and it is gone;  
but, while mortals rise and perish,  
God endures unchanging on.  
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!  
Praise the high eternal one.

Angels, teach us adoration,  
you behold God face to face;  
sun and moon and all creation,  
dwellers all in time and space.  
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!  
Praise with us the God of grace!



## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

### Prayers of the People

Rev. Carolyn Tilley

*Prayers will be invited from the congregation, and read from the Prayer Book  
(located at the back of the sanctuary) and the Zoom "Chat Box"*

### Bidding and Unison Response:

**God of steadfast love and faithfulness,  
Hear our prayers**

### The Lord's Prayer (Parker Palmer, American educator)

Heavenly Father, heavenly Mother, Holy and blessed is your true name.  
We pray for your reign of peace to come,  
we pray that your good will be done,  
let heaven and earth become one.  
Give us this day the bread we need,  
give it to those who have none.  
Let forgiveness flow like a river between us, from each one to each one.  
Lead us to holy innocence beyond the evil of our days —  
come swiftly Mother, Father, come.  
For yours is the power and the glory and the mercy;  
Forever your name is All in One. Amen.

### The Offering Invitation

The passing of the offering plate reminds us of the many contributions we  
all make to our church and God's realm.

Please pass it to your neighbor and offer thanks for each other's gifts.

### Offertory "Andante Tranquillo" by Felix Mendelssohn, Op. 83

### Doxology 607

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

O God, bless these gifts that we have given as expressions of our love of you and our neighbors, that they may bring closer to fulfillment your reign of peace and love, we pray through Jesus Christ. Amen.

## WE ARE SENT INTO THE WORKD

### Announcements of the Community's Life

Sending Hymn 339

LIFT EVERY VOICE Irregular

#### Lift Every Voice and Sing

Lift every voice and sing  
Till earth and heaven ring  
Ring with the harmonies of Liberty  
Let our rejoicing rise  
High as the listening skies  
Let it resound loud as the rolling sea

Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us  
Sing a song full of the hope that the present has brought us  
Facing the rising sun of our new day begun  
Let us march on till victory is won

Stony the road we trod  
Bitter the chastening rod  
Felt in the days when hope unborn had died  
Yet with a steady beat  
Have not our weary feet  
Come to the place for which our fathers sighed?

We have come over a way that with tears has been watered  
We have come, treading our path through the blood of the slaughtered  
Out from the gloomy past  
Till now we stand at last  
Where the white gleam of our bright star is cast

God of our weary years  
God of our silent tears  
Thou who has brought us thus far on the way  
Thou who has by Thy might Led us into the light  
Keep us forever in the path, we pray  
Lest our feet stray from the places, our God, where we met Thee

Lest, our hearts drunk with the wine of the world, we forget Thee  
Shadowed beneath Thy hand  
May we forever stand  
True to our God  
True to our native land  
Our native land

## **Charge and Benediction**

**Postlude            “Album Leaf” by Frederic Chopin, BI 151**

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

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

Worship leader: Rev. Carolyn Tilley

Liturgist: Dr. Samuel Kalibala

Soloist: Elder Alphonso Williams

Pianist: Karen Boyer

Cinematographer: Gary Cardillo

Technician: Mateo Griffis

Technician: Mandy Parsons-Moser

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

Schedule for upcoming events

Zoom Events \*\*

Tuesday, June 21, 12:00 p.m.	Informal Coffee**
Tuesday, June 21, 7:00 p.m.	Session Meeting**
Tuesday, June 21, 7:30 p.m.	Critical History Project**
Wednesday, June 22, 9:30 a.m.	Meditation Group
Wednesday, June 22, 8:00 p.m.	Presbyterian for Police Transformation**
Sunday, June 26, 10:00 a.m.	Worship Service (hybrid)
Sunday, June 26, 11:15 a.m.	Congregational Meeting

+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 Session has called a Congregational Meeting for Sunday, June 26, immediately following worship, for the sole purpose of electing a new elder. The Nominating Committee is placing Madeline Radman in nomination for the office of Elder in the Class of 2022. This slot on the Session has been open since early 2022. All members of the church are encouraged to attend in person or on zoom and cast their vote!

+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 meet the first Thursday of the month at 6:00 pm.

+Thank you to everyone 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>.

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If you have questions, please contact [finance@takomaparkpc.org](mailto:finance@takomaparkpc.org).

## STAFF

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## SESSION

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Anthony Gitangu	Kathy Belyeu	Phil Boyer
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