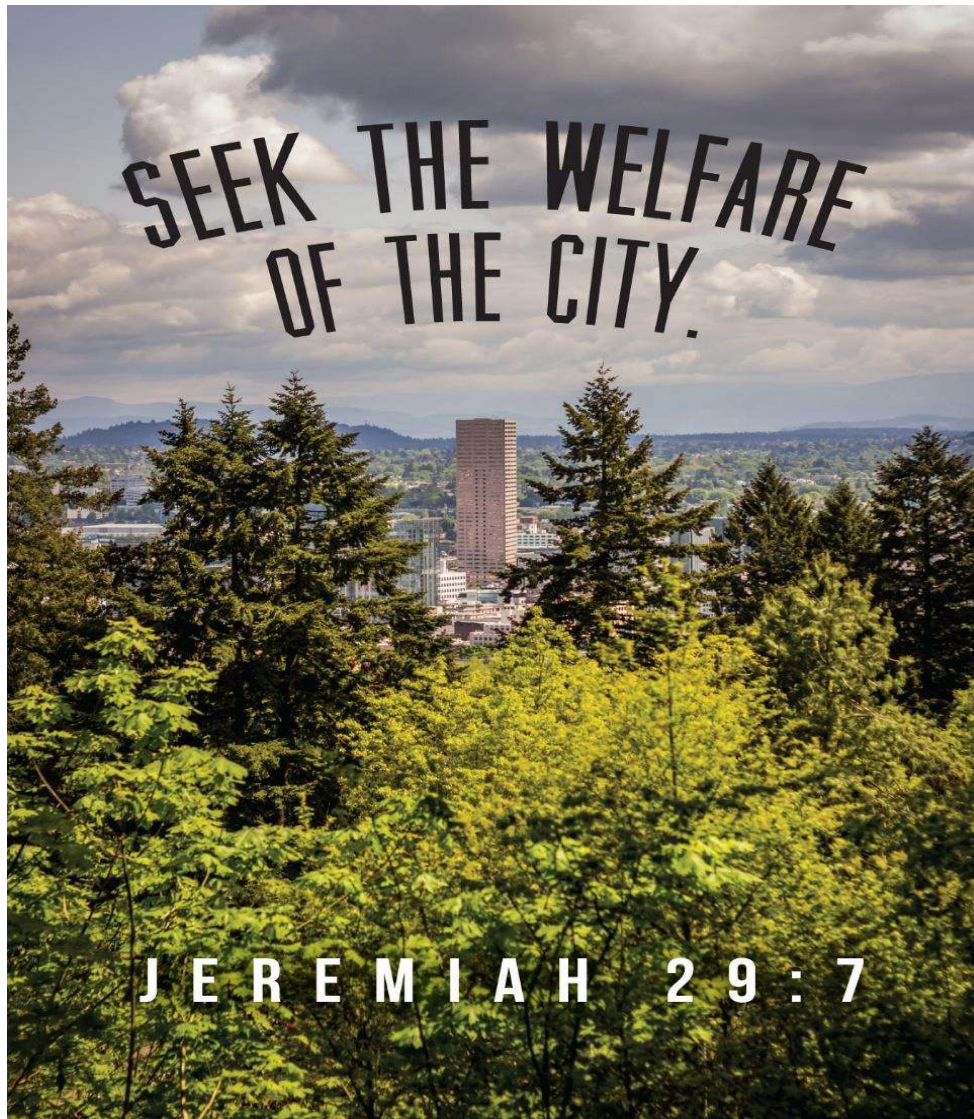


TAKOMA PARK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

June 26, 2022

3rd Sunday after Pentecost

Live streamed at 10:00 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. 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 must admit that the city is not just a collection of houses with ramparts, but also a spiritual power. I am not saying it is a being. But like an angel it is a power, and what seems prodigious is that its power is on a spiritual plane."

Jacques Ellul, The Meaning of the City

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

Prelude

Welcome

Opening Prayer (Unison)

O God, light of the minds that know you, life of the souls that love you, strength of the thoughts that seek you: Help us to know you that we may truly love you, so to love you that we may fully serve you, whose service is perfect freedom; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Call to Worship (Responsively) **from Psalm 16**

I say to the Lord, "You are my Lord; I have no good apart from you."
**Therefore, my heart is glad, and my soul rejoices;
my body also rests secure."**

You show me the path of life.

In your presence there is fullness of joy.

Let us worship God!

***Opening Hymn 63** **The Lord is God** AZMON

The Lord is God, the Lord alone! Give honor, thanks, and praise to God,
the maker of all things and giver of our days.

With all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind and might,
O people, love the Lord your God, the source of truth and light.

At night or day, at home, away, together and apart,
O children, take these holy words and keep them in your heart.

The Lord is God, the Lord alone! Give honor, thanks and praise
To God the maker of all things and giver of our days.

Prayer of Confession

On most days, we limit our love to family, to friends, to those who love us
back. But the Spirit of the living God calls us to expand our hearts and
imagininations so that we might realize that our future is caught up in the
welfare of all people, places, and things.

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

Let us pray:

**Lord, when you hear us praying, you seldom hear our petitions on behalf
of the powers and places that shape our lives. We confess that some
realities seem too big for us to address.**

**And yet if we only engage with what seems manageable we distance
ourselves from the very things that impact our neighbors and this planet
and even ourselves the most.**

**Grant us the courage and persistence to pray for our enemies as well as
the institutions and principalities that we would rather ignore.**

Silent Prayer

Assurance of Forgiveness

Hear and receive the good news: even now God is working to redeem all of creation, creating a new world in the shell of the old. As a forgiven people, let us share in that amazing work.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia! 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.**
(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

Jeremiah 29:4-7

Thus says the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel, to all the exiles whom I have sent into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon: Build houses and live in them; plant gardens and eat what they produce. Find spouses and create families; multiply there, and do not decrease. But seek the welfare of the city where I have sent you, and pray to the Lord on its behalf, for in its welfare you will find your welfare.

Anthem

This is my Song

FINLANDIA

sung by Roger Griffis

Jean Sibelius

Time with the Children

Pastor Harper

Second Scripture Reading

Luke 9:51-62

When the days drew near for Jesus to be taken up, he set his face to go to Jerusalem. And Jesus sent messengers ahead of him.

On their way they entered a village of the Samaritans to make ready for him; but they did not receive him, because Jesus' face was set towards Jerusalem. When his disciples James and John saw it, they said, 'Lord, do you want us to command fire to come down from heaven and consume them?' But Jesus turned and rebuked them. Then they went on to another village.

As they were going along the road, someone said to Jesus, 'I will follow you wherever you go.' And Jesus said to him, 'Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests; but the Son of Humanity has nowhere to lay his head.' To another he said, 'Follow me.'

But he said, 'Lord, first let me go and bury my father.' But Jesus said to him, 'Let the dead bury their own dead; but as for you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God.' Another said, 'I will follow you, Lord; but let me first say farewell to those at my home.' Jesus said to him, 'No one who puts a hand to the plough and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God.'

Reflection on the Word

Sermon

Facing the City

Rev. Mark Harper

***Hymn 469 Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying (2X)**

Lord, listen to your children praying.

Lord, send your Spirit in this place.

Lord, listen to your children praying.

Send us love; send us power; send us grace.

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Minute for Leadership

Ferd Hoefner

Prayers of the People

Rev. Eugene Eastman

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

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

The Lord's Prayer (Unison)

Creator and Sustainer of Life,
Holy is your name.

May your shalom come and your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.

Give us the bread we need for today.

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

Walk with us through times of trial,
and deliver us from evil.

For the Beloved Community, the power for life,
and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

The Offering Invitation

*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 their gifts.*

Offertory

***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 One, giver of all good gifts, receive these offerings and transform
them and us into a witness of the hope that comes from you. Amen.

WE ARE SENT INTO THE WORLD

Announcements of the Community's Life

***Sending Hymn 852**

I'LL FLY AWAY

When the Lord Redeems the Very Least

When the Lord redeems the very least, we will rejoice.
When the hungry gather for the feast, we will rejoice.

Refrain:

We will rejoice with gladness. We will rejoice.

All our days we'll sing to God in praise. We will rejoice! Will rejoice!

When the Lord restores the sick and weak, we will rejoice.

When the earth is given to the meek, we will rejoice.

Refrain:

When the Lord revives the world from death, we will rejoice.

When the word of God fills every breath, we will rejoice.

Refrain:

When the Lord returns in victory, we will rejoice.

When we live in glorious liberty we will rejoice.

Refrain:

Charge and Benediction

***Postlude**

Community worship ends; discipleship and service begin anew.

Participants in this morning's service

Rev. Mark Harper, Pastor

Karol Keane, Liturgist

Roger Griffis, Baritone

Dr. James Bingham, Music Director

Gary Cardillo, Cinematographer

Mateo Griffis, Technician

Mandy Parsons-Moser, Technician

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Schedule for upcoming events Zoom Events **

Tuesday, June 28, 12:00 p.m.	Virtual Coffee Hour**
Tuesday, June 28, 7:30 p.m.	Green Team Meeting**
Tuesday, June 28, 7:30 p.m.	SWAC Meeting**
Wednesday, June 29, 9:30 a.m.	Meditation in the Library
Wednesday, June 29, 8:00 p.m.	Presbyterians for Police Transformation**
Sunday, July 3, 10:00 a.m.	Worship (<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 Session has called a Congregational Meeting today, 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!

+Beginning August 1, we will no longer print the words to hymns and scripture passages in the weekly bulletins. This decision has been made by the Ministry of Worship to conserve staff resources and paper. If you regularly worship via Zoom and would like to have a copy of the Glory to God Hymnal at home, please call Jean Dickey (706.575.5923) and the Worship Ministry Team will provide one.

+Pentecost Special Offering helps our youth begin life with a strong start—a solid foundation of faith formed from childhood through Young Adulthood.

Each year, this celebration is marked by receiving the Pentecost Offering which nurtures the faith of those who are the church to come. If you have already donated, **thank you** for your support to the Pentecost Offering.

If you have not yet had an opportunity to donate there is still time; the time has been extended to the end of the month, after which time we will send our donation to the Presbyterian Special Offerings.

Quick Facts:

- Congregations keep 40% of raised funds to initiate or support programs for young people in their communities.
- The Day of Pentecost is referred to as the birthday of the Church.

+TPPC Meditation Group meets Wednesday mornings at 9:30 a.m. in the Church Library.

+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>.

Checks may be mailed to

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If you have questions, please contact finance@takomaparkpc.org.

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