

Takoma Park Presbyterian Church

THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Third Sunday after Pentecost



June 13, 2021

Live-streamed at 10:00 a.m.

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*Every day I am afraid
That he died in vain
Because he is buried in our churches
Because we have betrayed his revelation
In our obedience to authority
And our fear of it*

*I believe in Jesus Christ
Who rises again and again in our lives
So that we will be free
From prejudice and arrogance
From fear and hate
And carry on his revelation
And make way for his kingdom*

- Dorothee Soelle



WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

*(People who want to share a prayer during the Prayers of the People
may write their petitions in the Chat format.)*

Prelude

Welcome

Call to Worship

Psalm 98:1-4

Sing to the Lord a new song,
for the Lord has done marvelous things.

**The right hand and the holy arm of the Lord
have secured the victory.**

The Lord remembers mercy and faithfulness to the house of Israel,
and all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.

**Shout with joy to the Lord all you lands;
lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.**

Hymn of Praise 35

LOBE DEN HERREN

Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty

Praise ye the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise him, for God is thy health and salvation!
All ye who hear, now to God's temple draw near;
join me in glad adoration!

Praise ye the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,
Shelters thee under God's wings, yea, so gently sustaineth!
Has though not seen how thy desires e'er have been
granted in whatever God ordaineth?

Praise ye the lord! O let all that is in me adore Thee!
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before Thee!
Let the Amen sound from God's people again;
gladly for aye we adore Thee.

Opening Prayer (unison)

Lord God, we sing to you a new song, for your victory is ever new.
The resurrection of Christ has given us a glimpse of your future,
and in your victory over death you have shown us how we shall
overcome the last enemy. As the seas roar and the hills sing
together, we too will praise you. Amen.

Invitation to Confession

All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, yet we are
justified by the gift of God's grace through the redemption that is
ours in Christ Jesus. Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin.
Let us first in silence pray:

Silent Prayer

Prayer of Confession (read responsively)

For failing to love others as you have loved us.

God of grace, forgive us.

For wasting your gifts and hoarding our goods.

God of grace, forgive us.

For plundering the earth and abusing the planet.

God of grace, forgive us.

For fearing those who are strange to us
and ignoring those in need.

God of grace, forgive us.

For losing heart and abandoning hope.

God of grace, forgive us.

For all the ways we turn away from you.

God of grace, forgive us.

These prayers we offer in the name of the one whose forgiveness
saves us, our Lord Jesus Christ.

Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Do not fear, says the Lord, for I have redeemed you. I have called
you by name. You are mine. God is doing a new thing; now it
springs forth. By the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

Sung Response 649

AMAZING GRACE

Amazing grace how sweet the sound, that saved a wretch like me!

I once was lost, but now I am found, was blind but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved.

How precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed.

Sharing the Peace of Christ

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

(Worshippers may unmute themselves and share the peace.)

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Preparation for the Word 459

MUNICH

*O Word of God incarnate, O Wisdom from on high,
O Truth unchanged, unchanging, O Light of our gray sky,
we praise thee for the radiance that from the hallowed page,
a lantern to our footsteps, shines on from age to age.*

First Lesson

Isaiah 43:14-21

Thus says the Lord our Redeemer, the Holy One of Israel: For your sake I will send to Babylon and break down all the bars, and the shouting of the Chaldeans will be turned to lamentation. I am the Lord, your Holy One, the Creator of Israel, your King. Thus says the Lord, who makes a way in the sea, a path in the mighty waters, who brings out chariot and horse, army and warrior; they lie down, they cannot rise, they are extinguished, quenched like a wick: Do not remember the former things, or consider the things of old. I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert. The wild animals will honor me, the jackals and the ostriches; for I give water in the wilderness, rivers in the desert, to give drink to my chosen people, the people whom I formed for myself so that they might declare my praise.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Anthem

God So Loved the World

John Stainer

Quartet: Liz Hoge soprano
Mary Beth Hastings alto
Bruce Beran tenor
Roger Griffis bass

Second Lesson

Revelation 21:1-7

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,

“See, the home of God is among mortals.
God will dwell with them as their God;
they will be God’s peoples, and God’s self will be with them;
God will wipe every tear from their eyes.
Death will be no more;
mourning and crying and pain will be no more,
for the first things have passed away.”

And the One who was seated on the throne said, “See, I am making all things new.” Also, that One said, “Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.” Then the One on the throne said to me, “It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life. Those who conquer will inherit these things, and I will be their God and they will be my children.”

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Silent Reflection on the Word

Sermon

Permission to Experiment

Pastor Reisner

Text: *“I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth,
do you not perceive it?”* – Isaiah 43:19

Every Time I Feel the Spirit

Every time I feel the spirit moving in my heart I will pray.
Yes, every time I feel the spirit moving in my heart I will pray.

Upon the mountain, when my Lord spoke,
Out of God's mouth came fire and smoke.
Looked all around me, it looked so fine,
Till I asked my Lord if all was mine.

Refrain

Jordan River, chilly and cold,
It chills the body but not the soul.
There us but one train on this track.
It runs to heaven and then right back.

Refrain

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Moment for Mission

Lauren Goldberg

Crossroads Community Food Network

Recognition of Graduates

Prayers of the People

Rev. John Seaman

The prayers in the chat box will be read with the response:

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

The Lord's Prayer (unison)

Parker Palmer

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 to each one.

Lead us to holy innocence

Beyond the evil of our days

Come swiftly Mother, Father come

For yours is the power, mercy, the glory.

Forever your name is all in One. Amen

The Offering Invitation

The Offertory

Doxology 607

OLD HUNDREDETH

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise Christ, all people here below;

Praise Holy Spirit ever more;

Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.

Prayer of Dedication

For the life that you have given;
for the love of Christ made known,
with these fruits of time and labor,
with these gifts that are your own:
here we offer, Lord, our praises;
heart and mind and strength we bring.
Give us grace to love and serve you,
living what we pray and sing. Amen.

Announcements of the Community's Life

Sending Hymn 320

WAREHAM

The Church of Christ in Every Age

The church of Christ in every age,
beset by change but Spirit-led,
must claim and test its heritage,
and keep on rising from the dead.

Across the world, across the street,
the victims of injustice cry
for shelter and for bread to eat,
and never live before they die.

Then let the servant church arise,
a caring church that longs to be
a partner in Christ's sacrifice,
and clothed in Christ's humanity

For Christ alone, whose blood was shed
can cure the fever in our blood,
and teach us how to share our bread
and feed the starving multitude.

We have no mission but to serve
in full obedience to our Lord:
to care for all, without reserve,
and spread Christ's liberating word.

Charge and Benediction

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

Participants in this morning's service

Jim Reisner, Interim Pastor
Carol Christensen, Liturgist
James Bingham, Music Director
Liz Hoge, Soprano
Mary Beth Hastings, Alto
Bruce Beran, Tenor
Roger Griffis, Bass
Gary Cardillo, Cinematographer
Joe Reynolds, Technician

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ZOOM schedule for this week

Monday, June 14, noon	Coffee Hour
Monday, June 14, 7:00 PM	Sermon Study
Monday, June 14, 8:00 PM	Police Transformation Meeting
Wednesday, June 16, 7:00 PM	Evening Prayer
Wednesday, June 16, 7:00 PM	Pastor Nominating Committee
Sunday, June 20, 10:00 AM	Worship Service

+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 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. office@takomaparkpc.org; (301-270-5550)

+**Please keep the Pastor Nominating Committee in your prayers.** Our PNC members are: Philip Boyer, Carol Christensen, LaVerne Davis, Roger Griffis, Samuel Kalibala, Madeline Radman, and Vicki Warren

+Interim Pastor Jim Reisner invites everyone to join him for a **Sermon Study** tomorrow, Monday, June 14, at 7:00 p.m. Our hour together will focus on the scripture in worship for the following Sunday, June 20th. The group will ponder together how these texts could be preached. We will look at I Peter 4:7-11 and Matthew 11:28-30. Sermon preparation will consider that we will celebrate the ordination and installation of Ruling Elder Rebecca Woodings next Sunday and focus on the theme of leadership in the church. Jim's working title for the sermon is "Called as Partners in Christ's Service."

+Next Sunday, June 20th, in worship we will celebrate the ordination and installation of Rebecca Woodings. Following worship we invite everyone to stay for **an opportunity to gather in small groups to reflect on the theme "Called as Partners in Christ's Service"** and share stories of when we have participated in meaningful accomplishments as part of the church.

+**Next Sunday we invite people with last names starting with letters L through Z to the sanctuary to participate in hybrid worship.** The service will continue to be produced as primarily live-streamed worship for people attending on Zoom. People should not feel obligated to come to church, and may choose to continue to worship from home. Those attending in person will still have an experience of worship and may also find it interesting to see how the sanctuary has been transformed into a recording studio.

Each Sunday will be a step in a summer-long process through which Takoma Park Presbyterian Church will return to full in-person worship in our sanctuary. Live-streaming will continue to be a part of our worship beyond the end of the COVID-19 pandemic.

We respectfully ask that all those who have yet to be vaccinated including children wear masks in the church.

+**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>.

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2021 Graduates

Ethan Bailey
Katherine Thomas High School, Rockville

Eric Charpentier
Frederick Gunn School, Washington, Connecticut

Alison Reynolds
William & Mary, Bachelor's in Applied Mathematics and Data Science

Will Seaman
Hammond High School, Columbia

Jamie Smith
Clark University, Bachelor's in Political Science, American Politics and
Public Policy

Caroline Ward
Montgomery Blair High School

Nicholas Ward
Montgomery Blair High School

Phillip Woodings
Montgomery Blair High School

STAFF

“Ministers: all the people of the church.”

James L. Reisner - *Interim Pastor*

Dr. James Bingham - *Director of Music*

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