

TAKOMA PARK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

February 19, 2023

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. 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.

"You are at the beginning of something new. You are learning a new way of being."

- International Council of 13 Indigenous Grandmothers

Preparation for the Word

WE GATHER IN GOD'S PRESENCE

Let the Prelude's music open you to God's presence as we begin worship.

Prelude Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service

BEACH SPRING

The Sacred Harp, 1844

Arr. Chuck Marohnic

Welcome

Rev. Mark Harper

Opening Prayer (unison)

God in the midst, come close to us, and help us come close to you. For a fraction of time, we step back from our busyness and seek to meet you. We bring to you the things we are doing and look to you to find new meaning in them and courage to follow paths yet unseen. Fill us with awe at the gift of life, and compassion to act on behalf of those crushed by the injustice that is so deeply entrenched. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

Call to Worship

Responsively

adapted from the
Iona Community

Your love is high as the heavens, O God; your faithfulness soars through the skies.

Your righteousness reaches the towering peaks; your justice the depths of the sea.

We shelter beneath your wings; we feast on the food you provide.

We open our eyes to drink in your goodness; for you are the source of all life, and because of your light we see light.

Let us worship God.

***Hymn 192**

Lord, the Light of Your Love is Shining

Prayer of Confession

The way of discipleship to Jesus is down into servanthood. And yet to sustain that path for the long haul we need the presence of the One who leads us to sink in and take root in our lives.

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.** Let us pray:

God of mercy and power, 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. Teach us to live in the holy tension between your revelation to us and our readiness to bear witness to your way of compassionate, justice-seeking love.

Silent Prayer

Assurance of Forgiveness

The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting. In Jesus Christ we are forgiven and freed to love in ways that break through the walls that divide us from our neighbors.

Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Amen.

***Response of Joy 750 Goodness is Stronger than Evil**

Goodness is stronger than evil;
love is stronger than hate;
Light is stronger than darkness;
life is stronger than death.
Victory is ours; victory is ours
through God who loves us.

***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.)

LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

Prayer of Illumination 458 Thy Word

Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path. (x2)

First Scripture Reading

2 Peter 1:16-21

Anthem He's Got the Whole World

Traditional Spiritual
Arr. Moses Hogan

Time with the Children

Pastor Harper

Second Scripture Reading

Matthew 17:1-9

Reflection on the Word

Sermon

Before We Go Down the Mountain

Rev. Mark Harper

***Hymn 350**

Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning

Mission Spotlight

Lynn Rose, Director of Development
and Community Partnerships with MCCH

RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Prayers of the People

Rev. John Seaman

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

Prayer Response: God of justice, **Grant us peace.**

The Lord's Prayer (Unison)

O Holy Trinity of Love, holy are you and holy is your name.
May your shalom come and your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.

Give us our daily bread,

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

Walk with us through times of trial and save us from evil.

For the Beloved Community, the power, 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 each other's gifts.*

Offertory This Little Light of Mine

Traditional Spiritual

Arr. Calvin Taylor

***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)**

O God of love, bless these offerings that they may give those who receive
them a glimpse of your hope and the new world to come. We pray in Jesus'
name. Amen.

WE ARE SENT INTO THE WORLD

Announcements of the Community's Life

*Sending Hymn 313 Lord, Make Us More Holy

*Charge and Benediction

Postlude Every Time I Feel the Spirit

Traditional Spiritual
Arr. Calvin Taylor

Community worship ends; discipleship and service begin anew.

Participants in this morning's service

Rev. Mark Harper, Pastor

Elizabeth MacGregor, Liturgist

Roger Griffis, baritone

James Bingham, piano

Gary Cardillo, Cinematographer

Jay Clouse, Technician

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Schedule for upcoming events

** Zoom events

Monday, February 20, 7:30 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal
Tuesday, February 21, 12:00 p.m.	Virtual Coffee Hour**
Tuesday, February 21, 3:30 p.m.	Critical History Project**
Tuesday, February 21, 6:30 p.m.	Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper and Talent Show
Wednesday, February 22, 7:00 p.m.	Ash Wednesday Service
Wednesday, February 22, 8:15 p.m.	Presbyterians for Police Transformation**
Friday, February 24, 7:00 p.m.	Men's Gathering
Sunday, February 26, 9:30 a.m.	Adult Sunday School based on Acts (<i>hybrid</i>)
Sunday, February 26, 11:00 a.m.	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.

+Annual Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper and Talent Show on Tuesday, February 21st starting at 6:30 pm. We will hold our annual Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper and Talent Show. We will be cooking up pancakes using the recipe of a talented cook and vendor with the TP-SS Community Kitchen - 'Sincerely Wilma,' followed by the talent show. See Jo Hoge and Phil Boyer to offer your talent, and Carol Christensen to help with the pancakes.

+Calling all bakers!

Not all of us can sing and dance at the Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper and Talent Show (Tuesday, February 21st at 6:30p.m.). Some of us can BAKE!

This year we will have a Bake-Off competition for the best **cookies or cupcakes**. Bring in at least a dozen and a brief description of the ingredients.

While all cookies and cupcakes have a place at God's dessert table, we encourage you to have fun and be extravagant. It is the last day before Lent, for heaven's sake. Let the good times – and sugar and sprinkles and everything decadent – roll!

Judges – of all ages – are also needed.

Email Jill Feasley at jfeasley@verizon.net with any questions or to volunteer to help her judge the entries.

+Please Sign-up to host Sunday Coffee Hour after worship. Hosting Sunday Coffee Hour is easy and fun! We need volunteers!

Please signup today using this sign-up genius link -

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C094BAFAD23A0FDC61-tppc> or

contact Darryl McPherson (thisisdarryl@gmail.com) for signup or more information. Contact Roger Griffis, 301-980-4694 or

rogergriffis61@gmail.com. Thank you.

+Our next gathering for the **TPPC Men's Group** will be on Friday, February 24th from 7-9p.m, at the home of Matt Kaiser, 7108 Holly Avenue. We will take some **time to further honor the life and legacy of Joe Reynolds**. Please bring a beverage of choice. Snacks will be provided. Food, fellowship and robust conversation.

Hope to see you there - Rev. John.

+Committed Racial Mindfulness (CRM) is at the heart of our congregational mission. CRM is now designated as an official ministry of TPPC. A new initiative was approved by Session for 2023 to ensure that CRM is an integral aspect of our church life.

You are invited to participate in this exciting new step.

Please come and join as we learn together how we can make a difference. Our next CRM meeting will be March 9, at 7:30 p.m. The zoom link will be provided.

+Donations are needed to help send Takoma kids to summer camps. Last year we raised \$3,255 which was used to register over 60 kids for summer camps, fall clinics and sports leagues. This year, we have only raised \$1,215 which will allow us to be ~1/3 as helpful. Please consider a not-for-profit donation today:

<https://www.gofundme.com/f/send-takoma-kids-to-basketball-camp>

All donations are received directly by the Takoma Park Presbyterian Church and distributed directly by them.

As many of you know, the time for summer camp registration is upon us. Please have anyone who needs a summer camp scholarship email radman.thomas@gmail.com.

+Applications are open for the Jashemski Scholarship:

The Stanley A. Jashemski Memorial Scholarship Fund was originally established in 1986 by action of the Session of the Takoma Park Presbyterian Church and through the generosity of the family and friends of Stanley A. Jashemski, a physicist with a deep appreciation for the arts.

For many years he and his wife, Wilhelmina, then a professor of humanities and ancient history at the University of Maryland, sponsored a Sunday school forum in which young adults could explore their faith in an intellectually challenging environment. Their shared commitment to encourage the development of people with potential for inspired, enlightened leadership is reflected in the goals and purposes of the Fund. When Wilhelmina Jashemski died in 2007, the scholarship was renamed the Stanley A. and Wilhelmina Jashemski Memorial Scholarship Fund. Jashemski Scholarships provide financial assistance for students of outstanding intellectual ability as evidenced by prior academic performance, and significant religious commitment as evidenced by formal membership in a religious body, regular participation in its worship life, and active involvement in its service ministry.

Scholarship recipients will:

- be persons (17-25 years of age) who demonstrate in their thought and action the broad religious sensitivity characteristic of Stanley and Wilhelmina Jashemski;
- active members of a Christian church;
- have a cumulative grade point average of 3.5 at the time of application;
- pursue liberal arts studies, which is understood as having a balanced curriculum that includes the arts and humanities, sciences, social sciences, and mathematics. Qualifying students will normally major in one of these areas. Students from other fields must demonstrate how they are pursuing the liberal arts.
- show evidence of social and civic concern
- have financial need

The application is available at:

<https://www.takomaparkpc.org/jashemski-scholarship>

Please contact Lisa for more information at lisajkiely@gmail.com or 240-601-7336.

+Many thanks 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

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

+Please continually pray for peace and safety - - in our homes, neighborhoods, the nation, and the world.