

THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN



CHURCH IN GERMANTOWN

SUMMER COMMUNION
AUGUST 5, 2018

ALIVE,
CELEBRATING
& SERVING
THE LIVING LORD!

*The mission of The First Presbyterian Church in Germantown
is to reflect the loving presence of Christ
as we serve others faithfully, worship God joyfully and share life together
in a diverse and generous community.*

In preparation for worship please take the opportunity to speak silently to God.
At the close of the service let us greet one another with cheerfulness.

August 5, 2018

Eleventh Sunday After Pentecost

“We boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God’s love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.” – Romans 5:2b-5

ORDER OF MORNING WORSHIP AT 10:00 AM

GATHERING AS GOD’S FAMILY

Prelude: *Prelude and Fugue* (“ST. ANNE”) in E-Flat Major

J.S. Bach

Welcome and Announcements

Minute for Mission

Jim Thompson

*Call to Worship

Arlene Grace

Leader: As we gather and worship this day,

People: we wait with faith and hope.

Leader: As we reflect on a troubled world,

People: we wait with faith and hope.

Leader: As we face the sadness and sorrow of life,

People: we wait with faith and hope.

Leader: As we celebrate the joys and gifts that abound,

People: we wait with faith and hope.

Leader: Come, let us worship with faith and hope this day.

*Hymn 210: *Our God, Our Help in Ages Past*

ST. ANNE

CONFESSING OUR SINS TO GOD

Prayer of Confession

God of new life, we often say that anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. Yet when we consider our lives, we confess our failure to live in Christ. You promised to be present with us always, yet our fear for the future shows we do not trust in you. You love us with a great, eternal, and costly love, yet our self-hatred shows that we have not opened ourselves to your love. You promise that where your Spirit is, there is a freedom, yet the injustice within your church shows that we have not let you set us free. God, guide us on the slow journey of growth. Free us from our fears, our prejudice, and our self-hatred, that we may live in Christ in the freedom of your Spirit.

*congregation standing

† latecomers may be seated

Silent Meditation

Assurance of Pardon

*Congregational Response 579: *Gloria Patri*

Glory be to the Father

And to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost,

As it was in the beginning, is now,

And ever shall be, world without end. Amen, Amen.

* Sharing the Peace of Christ

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

(As worshipers, we come from diverse experiences and points of view. We have different racial, educational, and economic backgrounds. Yet we are all one in Christ. We symbolize this as we exchange with one another, by words and gestures, signs of peace and reconciliation such as, "The peace of Christ be with you. And also with you.")

A Time for Children

Children in grades five and younger may now leave for their classes.

Solo: Linda Jaymes: *People Need the Lord*

Greg Nelson and Phill McHugh

Ev'ry day they pass me by, I can see it in their eyes; empty people filled with care, headed who knows where. On they go through private pain, living fear to fear; laughter hides the silent cries only Jesus hears. People need the Lord. At the end of broken dreams, he's the open door. When will we realize, people need the Lord? We are called to take his light to a world where wrong is right. What could be too great a cost for sharing life with one who's lost? Through his love our hearts can feel all the grief they bear. They must hear the words of life only we can share. People need the Lord. At the end of broken dreams, he's the open door. When will we realize, people need the Lord? That we must give our lives, for people need the Lord. People need the Lord.

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

Lesson: Mark 5:21-24a, 35b-43

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Leader: God, we thank you for your Word.

People: **The Story of your grace.**

Sermon: **BELIEVE IT OR NOT**

The Reverend Rebecca Segers

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

A Time for Meditation on the Word

Communion Hymn 513: *Let Us Break Bread Together*

LET US BREAK BREAD TOGETHER

*Affirmation of Faith: *Apostles Creed*

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,

And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Offering of Our Gifts and Lives

Offertory: *Lamb of God*

Twila Paris

Your only son, no sin to hide, but you have sent him from your side. To walk upon this guilty sod, and to become the lamb of God. O lamb of God, sweet lamb of God. I love the holy lamb of God. O wash me in his precious blood. My Jesus Christ, the lamb of God. Your gift of love they crucified, they laughed and scorned him as he died. The humble King they named a fraud and sacrificed the lamb of God. O lamb of God, sweet lamb of God. I love the holy lamb of God. O wash me in his precious blood. My Jesus Christ, the lamb of God. I was so lost I should have died, but you have brought me to your side. To be led by your staff and rod, and to be called a lamb of God. O lamb of God, sweet lamb of God. I love the holy lamb of God. O wash me in his precious blood. Till I am just a lamb of God.

*Congregational Response 592: *Doxology*

OLD HUNDREDTH

*Prayer of Dedication

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

Leader: Give thanks to the Lord who is good.

People: God's love is everlasting.

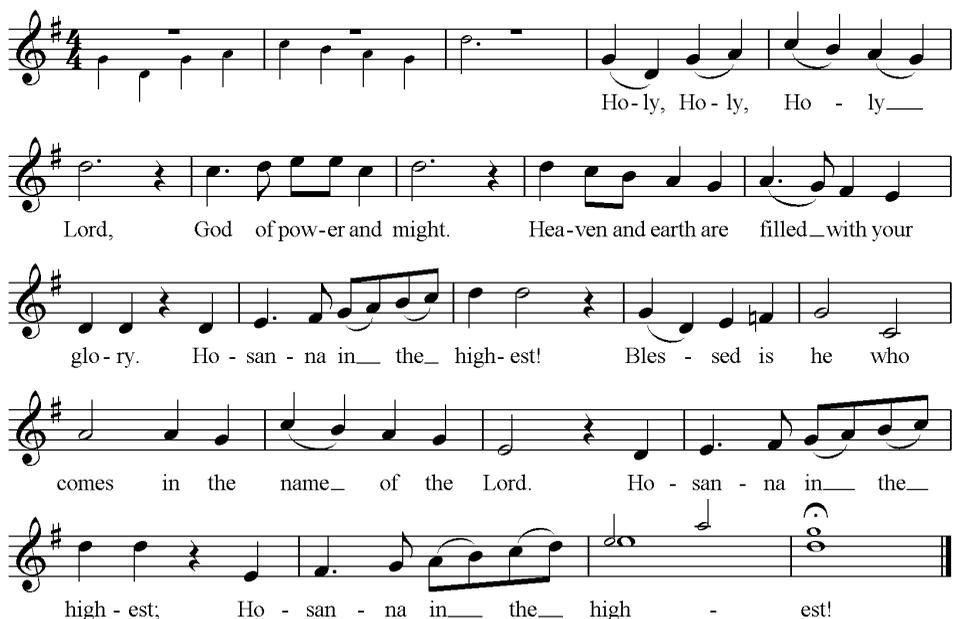
Leader: Come, let us praise God joyfully.

People: Let us come to God with thanksgiving.

Leader: Eternal God, by your Holy Spirit, you breathed life into human form, and set us on the earth to praise and serve you. When we wander from your ways and are in need of healing and hope, you are there to love us and lead us back to you. In the fullness of time, you sent your Son to deliver us from sin and rescue us from evil. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with choirs of angels and all the faithful of every time and place, who forever sing to the glory of your name:

Congregational Response: *Holy, Holy, Holy*

F. Anthony Thurman



Ho-ly, Ho-ly, Ho-ly

Lord, God of pow-er and might. Hea-ven and earth are filled with your

glo-ry. Ho-san-na in the high-est! Bles-sed is he who

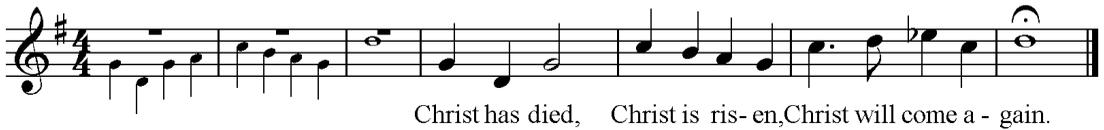
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the

high-est; Ho-san-na in the high-est!

Leader: You are holy, O God of majesty, and blessed is Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. Jesus was born into human form, to live as we live, and to experience our joys and our challenges, to show us the way to eternal life. He came to teach us, to guide us, to heal us, to forgive us. Through his death and resurrection, Jesus broke the power of death and led the way to be with you eternally. Great is the mystery of faith:

Congregational Response: *Memorial Acclamation*

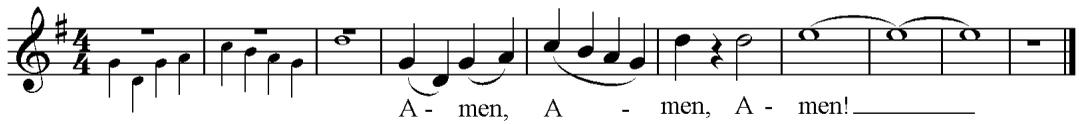
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Leader: Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us, and upon these gifts of bread and fruit of the vine, that the bread we break and the cup we bless may be the communion of the body and blood of Christ. By your Spirit unite us with the living Christ, binding us to you and one another, receiving our gratitude as we pray the prayer Jesus taught us:

Congregational Response: *The Great Amen*

Thurman



The Lord's Prayer

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

The Words of Institution

Distribution of the Elements

(We will come to the table to receive the elements of bread and wine/juice. Come forward using the center aisle, partake of the elements as you receive them, and return to your seat by the side aisle. Remember that the cups on the outside ring of the tray hold grape juice and the cups within the outside ring contain wine.)

Prayer After Supper

O God, you have so greatly loved us, long sought us, and mercifully redeemed us. Give us grace that in everything we may yield ourselves, our wills and our works, a continual thank-offering to you; through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, now and forever. Amen.

GOING FORTH IN GOD'S NAME

*Hymn 260: *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God*

EIN' FESTE BURG

*Charge and Benediction

*Congregational Response 585: *Threefold Amen*

McNeil Robinson II

Postlude: *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God*

Johann C. Kittel

WELCOME: If you are visiting with us today, please sign the Fellowship Pad at the end of your pew. We pray the hour will be meaningful to you and you will come and worship with us again. Everyone is cordially invited to a time of fellowship in the Longstreth Auditorium following the worship service.

THE MUSIC: Our soloist today is the Rev. Linda Jaymes, a native of Union, N.J., where she started singing alto in the church choir when she was in the ninth grade. Linda is a graduate of Penn State University (1971) and Princeton Theological Seminary (1994) where she sang with the Seminary Singers and the Touring Choir. Her first call was to the Central Presbyterian Church in Chambersburg, Pa., where she served as the associate pastor from 1994-1998. In 1998 she was called to be the pastor of Olivet Covenant Presbyterian Church in Philadelphia where she served until her retirement from full-time ministry in 2017. Linda has two sons, John in California and Adam (and two grandchildren) in New Jersey. She lives nearby in the Blue Bell Hill neighborhood and loves worshipping here at FPCG when she is not traveling or filling the pulpit somewhere else.

COFFEE HOUR: This week's host: Praise and Evangelism Committee. Next week's host: Mission and Outreach Committee. Thank you to the Rachel Circle for providing the munchies last week.

FREEDOM SCHOOL has completed their sixth week of the curriculum. The scholars have read books about making a difference through hope, action and education. Books read include *Wait & See*, *Officer Buckle & Gloria the Dog* *Thomas* and *The Library Lady*. We also went ice skating at Winter Sports Complex. Our closing program is Wednesday, August 8 at 7 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

GREAT ROAD FESTIVAL 2018 will take place on Sat., Aug. 11 from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sponsored by the Germantown Special Services District (GSSD), the "**Great Road**" is **Germantown Avenue**, and the festival is between Chelten Avenue and Penn Street. First Church will have a booth near Chelten and Germantown Avenues. A main features of the festival is an antique car show, organized by our own sexton, Harold Whaley! The event will also feature live music, food trucks, local vendors and a Resource Fair and Reading Circle at Market Square. The festival is free and open to the public. To reserve a vendor table, contact Sierra White at 205-209-9102 or sierra.white@tabor.org. **To volunteer to hand out balloons for First Church please see Lois Bethea during Coffee Hour.**

DEADLINE FOR SEPTEMBER WINDOWS: Submissions for September *WINDOWS* must be emailed to fpcgwindows@gmail.com by Monday, August 13. Thank you.

GACM SUMMER VACATION DATES: The Germantown Avenue Crisis Ministry will be closed from Monday, August 13 through Friday, September 7. The GACM will reopen for clients on Monday, September 10.

GACM 21st ANNIVERSARY! Did you know that 2018 marks the Crisis Ministry's 21st Anniversary? Many fun and informative fundraising events to support the Ministry will take place in August and September. For example, if you want to learn more about the art treasures here at First Church, you can sign up for a **Tour and Tea**. Tour the Sanctuary to view the 29 stained-glass windows, designed and crafted by **Louis Tiffany** and other masters; then enjoy tea in the Jennings Room to view and discuss with an expert from the Woodmere Art Museum the stunning murals painted by famed Philadelphia artist **Violet Oakley**. **Tour and Tea** events will take place from 1 to 3 p.m. on August 28, 29, and 30; and September 4, 6, 11 and 12. Suggested donation: \$21. Contact Beth Cox, (215) 808-1571 or ecox312@verizon.net, to schedule your tour!

WINDOW ON THE WEEK

Sunday, August 5

- 10:00 AM Worship—The Rev. Rebecca Segers preaching
- 10:15 AM Sunday School Grades K-5
- 11:30 AM *Searching for Happiness* Book Discussion with Rev. Segers—Finney Rm.

Monday, August 6 Freedom School

- 1:00 PM Ladies Teen Challenge—Gymnasium

Tuesday, August 7 Freedom School

- 5:00 PM *Searching for Happiness* Book Discussion with Rev. Segers—Finney Rm.

Wednesday, August 8 Freedom School

- 10:00 AM Staff Meeting—Finney Room
- 5:00 PM Keystone State Boychoir Auditions—Choir Room
- 5:30 PM GACM Board Meeting—Jennings Room
- 6:00 PM Christian Education Committee—Upstairs Office
- 7:00 PM Freedom School Closing Program—Sanctuary

Thursday, August 9 Freedom School

- 8:00 AM Pastor Rebecca at Uncle Bobbie's, 5445 Germantown Ave. (8-10 a.m.)

Friday, August 10 Last Day of Freedom School

- 6:30 PM Middle/High School Youth Group—Gymnasium, Youth Lounge

Saturday, August 11 Great Road Festival (11 a.m. to 6 p.m.)

- 10:00 AM Open Gym

Sunday, August 12

- 10:00 AM Worship—Christian Heyer-Rivera preaching
- 10:15 AM Sunday School Grades K-5
- 11:30 AM Congregational Discussion on the PC(USA) Declaration

AUGUST CHALLENGE OFFERING: ATHLETES IN ACTION

(AIA) is a sports ministry of **Cru** (formerly Campus Crusades for Christ). Their goal is to reach sportspeople for Christ and train them to share their faith with others. Carl and Noreen Dambman have devoted more than 40 years in many countries to AIA; our church has supported them with both prayers and financial support for many years. Carl and Noreen are currently at the Asian Games in Jakarta, Indonesia with other AIA staff helping accelerate sports chaplaincy in Asia. More information can be found on the church bulletin board or at <https://give.cru.org/0007991>. Please help to ensure this important work continues with your generous contributions to the August Challenge Offering.

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