

THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN



CHURCH IN GERMANTOWN

MARCH 15, 2020

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.
Please be sure that your cell phone is turned off during worship.

March 15, 2020

Women's History Month

"Water is very forgiving. Everything lifts in water." - Sarah McLachlan

ORDER OF MORNING WORSHIP AT 10:00 AM

GATHERING AS GOD'S FAMILY

Prelude: *Sonata No. 23 in F Minor, Op. 57*

LUDWIG VAN BEETHOVEN

Andante con moto

Gayle Martin, piano

Welcome and Announcements

†*Call to Worship

Rev. Kevin Porter

One: Come to the waters, all you who are thirsty:

Many: Children who need water free from diseases,

One: Women who need respite from labour and searching,

Many: Plants that need moisture rooted near the bedrock,

One: Find here a living spring.

**Many: O God, may we thirst for your waters of justice, and learn to deny no
one the water of life.**

One: Come, let us worship the Lord!

*Hymn 273: *O God the Creator*

KASTAAK

O God the Creator, the Three in One,
The Creator of earth and moon and sun,
You have loved and protected us since time first begun

And we're brothers and sisters in God's love, in God's love,
And we're brothers and sisters in God's love

For the earth is our mother, where all things grow,
And her valleys are green where the waters flow,
Gentle deer and the eagle and the mighty buffalo,

And we're brothers and sisters in God's love, in God's love,
And we're brothers and sisters in God's love

We are one in the Spirit, in the great mystery,
Walk together in beauty as we dwell in harmony,
Bringing all of God's children into one community,

And we're brothers and sisters in God's love, in God's love,

And we're brothers and sisters in God's love

Send a sense of Your presence as we seek leadership.
Pray that God will join us in our vision quest.
Welcome God to come into our hearts as our guest,

And we're brothers and sisters in God's love, in God's love,
And we're brothers and sisters in God's love

CONFESSING OUR SINS TO GOD

Prayer of Confession

What will you do with us, God? We are never satisfied with our lot. We rebel and complain when things don't go our way. Our hearts chase after things that become gods to us and consume our time, energy, and attention. We spend little time in communion with you and then begin to doubt your presence. You seem far away and unavailable. We create barriers among ourselves that separate us from one another and from you. Send your living water to cleanse us, O God. Empower us to worship in spirit and in truth.

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.**

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Rev. Kevin Porter

The First Lesson: Exodus 17:1-7

Page 61 OT

Leader: God's Word is a lamp to our feet, and a light to our path.
People: Thanks be to God!

The Second Lesson: John 4:5-42

Rev. Rebecca Segers
Pages 89-90 NT

Leader: God, we thank you for your Word.
People: The story of your grace.

Sermon: **WELL WELL WELL**

Rev. Rebecca Segers

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

A Time for Meditation on the Word

*Hymn 485: *To God Be the Glory*

TO GOD BE THE GLORY

To God be the glory, great things He hath done;
So loved He the world that He gave us His Son,
Who yielded His life an atonement for sin,
And opened the life-gate that all may go in.

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, Let the earth hear His voice!

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, Let the people rejoice!
O come to the Father, thru Jesus the Son,
And give Him the glory, great things He hath done.

Great things He hath taught us, great things He hath done;
And great our rejoicing thru Jesus the Son;
But purer and higher, and greater will be
Our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see.

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, Let the earth hear His voice!
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, Let the people rejoice!
O come to the Father, thru Jesus the Son,
And give Him the glory, great things He hath done.

*Affirmation of Faith (from *The Second Helvetic Confession*)

We are baptized with water. And therefore we are baptized, that is, washed or sprinkled with visible water. For the water washes dirt away, and cools and refreshes hot and tired bodies. And the grace of God performs these things for souls, and does so invisibly or spiritually. Amen.

Prayers of the People

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.

GOING FORTH IN GOD'S NAME

*Hymn 355: *Hear the Good News of Salvation*

NETTLETON

Hear the good news of salvation: Jesus died to show God's love.
Such great kindness! Such great mercy! Come to us from heaven above.

Jesus Christ, how much I love You!

Jesus Christ, You save from sin!

How I love You! Look upon me. Love me still and cleanse within.

All the sins I have committed To my Savior now I bring.

I bow down with tears of anguish; Christ forgives and so I sing:

Jesus Christ, how much I love You!

Jesus Christ, You save from sin!

How I love You! Look upon me. Love me still and cleanse within.

*Charge and Benediction

Rev. Rebecca Segers

*Congregational Response:

Wertsch

Nancy Wertsch



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Postlude: *To God Be the Glory*

Frederick Swann