

THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN



CHURCH IN GERMANTOWN

MARCH 29, 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 29, 2020

Women's History Month

"Everything that has existed, lingers in the Eternity." - Agatha Christie

**ORDER OF MORNING WORSHIP AT 10:00 AM**  
**GATHERING AS GOD'S FAMILY**

Prelude: *God's Time Is the Very Best Time*

J.S. Bach

Welcome and Announcements

†\*Call to Worship

Rev. Kevin Porter

One: Coming from places that have seen better days,

**Many: God bid us to celebrate this day, a day full of new possibilities.**

One: Coming with our breath taken away by grief,

**Many: The Holy Spirit breathes new life within us, renewing our connections with God and with one another.**

One: Coming to worship seeking a hope that will endure,

**Many: Christ unbinds the fetters that hold us in death, speaking in word and sacrament, and building community for holy service.**

One: Coming together even as we are apart;

**All: We come together to worship the Lord!**

\*Hymn 324: *Open My Eyes That I May See*

OPEN MY EYES

**CONFESSING OUR SINS TO GOD**

Prayer of Confession

**Gracious and merciful Redeemer, you are the source of our healing and resurrection. We are lifeless, we are hopeless, we are dried up and cut off from one another, longing for life in the midst of death. Yet you cause us to be knit together; you cover us with the flesh of strength; you breathe into us the Spirit of life and hope and prophecy; you raise us out of the graves of our meaninglessness so that we can speak of you who have also died and are also risen again.**

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

## PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Rev. Kevin Porter

The First Lesson: Psalm 130

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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 11:1-45

Rev. Rebecca Segers

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Leader: God, we thank you for your Word.

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

Sermon: **TIMING IS EVERYTHING**

Rev. Rebecca Segers

## RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

A Time for Meditation on the Word

\*Hymn 274: *O God of Earth and Space*

LEONI

\*Affirmation of Faith—The Nicene Creed

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father [and the Son]. With the Father and the Son he is worshipped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. 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 85: *What Wondrous Love Is This*

WONDRIOUS LOVE

\*Charge and Benediction

Rev. Rebecca Segers

\*Congregational Response:

Wertsch

Nancy Wertsch

A musical score for a congregational response. It is written on a single staff in treble clef, with a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#) and a 4/4 time signature. The melody consists of quarter notes in the first measure, followed by eighth notes with beamed pairs in the second and third measures, and a final half note in the fourth measure. The lyrics 'A - men, a - men, a - men, a - men.' are written below the staff, with hyphens under the 'a' notes to indicate they are held across measures.

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Postlude: *Choral*

Alice Sauvrezis



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