

THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN



CHURCH IN GERMANTOWN

MAY 10, 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.*

May 10, 2020

Mother's Day

"My life as an advocate for those most in need is inspired by my mother's example. She believed in the potential inherent in each of us, and that belief is the foundation of my work." - Ayanna Pressley

ORDER OF MORNING WORSHIP AT 10:00 AM

GATHERING AS GOD'S FAMILY

Prelude: *How Firm a Foundation*

Wilbur Held

Welcome and Announcements

†*Call to Worship

Rev. Kevin Porter

One: Welcome, people of God.

Many: We have come to find refuge in the shelter of God's care.

One: Come and sit down. There is room for everyone in God's house.

Many: We have come to be nourished by God's word.

One: We are God's own people, and are precious in God's sight.

All: We have come to give thanks for God's faithful love.

*Hymn 482: *Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty*

LOBE DEN HERREN

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

Praise ye the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth, shelters thee under his wings, yea, so gently sustaineth! Hast thou not seen how thy desires e'er have been granted in what he ordaineth?

Praise ye the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him! All that has life and breath, come now with praises before him. Let the Amen sound from his people again; gladly for aye we adore him.

CONFESSING OUR SINS TO GOD

Prayer of Confession

Holy One, you are our fortress and our rock, the foundation on which all things are built. You have made us one family and one people—a holy priesthood, precious in your sight. Yet we often pursue our own plans and ignore your design for our lives. We reject those who are different from us, and build walls that separate us from each other and from you. Forgive us, O God. Tear down the barriers we have put up, and rescue us from our isolation. Gather together the living stones of our lives and fashion us into a holy temple, transformed by the marvelous light of your mercy and grace.

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

Lois Van Eerden

The First Lesson: Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16

Pages 478-479 OT

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

People: Thanks be to God!

A Time for Children

Anthem: How Firm a Foundation

American Folk Hymn

How firm a foundation, you saints of the Lord, is laid for your faith in his excellent Word!
What more can he say than to you he has said, to you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?

Jesse Padgett, baritone

The Second Lesson: 1 Peter 2:2-10

Rev. Rebecca Segers
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Leader: God, we thank you for your Word.

People: The story of your grace.

Sermon: **THE BUILDING BLOCKS OF FAITH**

Rev. Rebecca Segers

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

A Time for Meditation on the Word

*Hymn 417: *Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation*

REGENT SQUARE

<https://hymnary.org/hymn/PH1990/417>

*Affirmation of Faith—The 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.

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 442: *The Church's One Foundation*

AURELIA

The church's one foundation is Jesus Christ, Lord; she is his new creation by water and the

Word: from heaven he came and sought her to be his holy bride; with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.

Elect from every nation, yet one o'er all the earth, her charter of salvation one Lord, one faith, one birth; one holy name she blesses, partakes one holy food, and to one hope she presses, with every grace endued.

Though with a scornful wonder this world sees her sore oppressed, by schisms rent asunder, by heresies distressed, yet saints their watch are keeping, their cry goes up, "How long?" And soon the night of weeping shall be the morn of song.

'Mid toil and tribulation, and tumult of her war, she waits the consummation of peace forevermore; till with the vision glorious her longing eyes are blest, and the great church victorious shall be the church at rest.

Yet she on earth has union with the God the Three in One, and mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won: O happy ones and holy! Lord, give us grace that we, like them, the meek and lowly, may live eternally.

*Charge and Benediction

Rev. Rebecca Segers

*Congregational Response: #585

McNeil Robinson II

Postlude: *Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty*

Johann C. Kittel



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