

THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN



CHURCH IN GERMANTOWN

JUNE 28, 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.*

June 28, 2020

"Never be afraid to trust an unknown future to a known God." - Corrie Ten Boom

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

Prelude: *We Walk By Faith and Not By Sight*

Raymond H. Haan

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Kevin Porter

†\*Call to Worship

One: God of wondrous love, you have touched us and never left us in despair.

**Many: You have held us in our grief and chaos. You have never deserted us.**

One: You paid us a visit and your visit has never ended.

**Many: You clung to us when we were given up for dead.**

One: In life and in death— you raise us anew!

**Many: This we know! This we experience! This is your word of assurance!**

One: God of wondrous love, touch us again in this time.

**Many: Stay with us—as we continue healing our memories and lives.**

**All: Let us worship the Lord!**

\*Hymn 485: *To God Be the Glory*

TO GOD BE THE GLORY

To God be the glory, great things he has 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 we 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 thro' Jesus the Son, and give him the glory, great things he has done!

Great things he has taught us, great things he has done, and great our rejoicing through 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 thro' Jesus the Son, and give him the glory, great things he has done!

**CONFESSING OUR SINS TO GOD**

Prayer of Confession

**O God, free us from such absorption in our own concerns that we forget your loving intention for us. We find it hard to view what is happening around us through any eyes but our own. We obey our own passions rather than joining your intention for the good of all. It is hard for us, who so value our autonomy, to speak of obedience. Yet we are ashamed of things we have done and things we have failed to do. We want to claim your free gift of eternal life through Jesus**

**Christ. We sense that you intend for us to accept and live within the gift here and now. Help us, loving God.**

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

Elijah Grewe

The First Lesson: Matthew 10:40-42

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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!**

A Time for Children

Anthem: *Offertory*

John Ness Beck

Text: Micah 6:6-8

With what shall I come before the Lord, and bow myself before God on high?

Shall I come before him with burnt offerings, shall I come before him with yearling calves?

Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousand rivers of oil?

Shall I give him my first born for my transgressions, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?

He has shown you, O people; He has shown you what is good. And what does the Lord require of you

But to do justice and to love kindness and to walk humbly with your God?

Margaret Mezzacappa, mezzo soprano

The Second Lesson: Genesis 22:1-14

Rev. Rebecca Segers

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Leader: God, we thank you for your Word.

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

Sermon: **YOU WANT ME TO DO WHAT?!**

Rev. Rebecca Segers

### RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

A Time for Meditation on the Word

\*Hymn 386: *O for a World*

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<http://www.godsongs.net/2017/09/o-for-a-world-where-everyone-respects-winter.html>

\*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.**

Offering Our Gifts

**GOING FORTH IN GOD'S NAME**

\*Hymn 399: *We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight*

DUNLAP'S CREEK

We walk by faith, and not by sight; no gracious words we hear from Christ who spoke as none e'er spoke, but we believe Him near.

We may not touch His hands and side, nor follow where He trod; but in His promise we rejoice and cry, "My Lord and God!"

Help then, O Lord, our unbelief; and may our faith abound to call on You when You are near and seek where You are found.

That, when our life of faith is done, in realms of clearer light, may we behold You as You are, with full and endless sight.

\*Charge and Benediction

Rev. Rebecca Segers

\*Congregational Response: #585

McNeil Robinson II

Postlude: *To God Be the Glory*

Frederick Swann