

THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN



CHURCH IN GERMANTOWN

JULY 26, 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.*

July 26, 2020

"Old and new make the warp and woof of every moment. There is no thread that is not a twist of these two strands." - Ralph Waldo Emerson

ORDER OF MORNING WORSHIP AT 10:00 AM

GATHERING AS GOD'S FAMILY

Prelude: *Two Bagatelles in A Major and A Minor*

Ludwig van Beethoven

Gayle Martin, piano

Welcome and Announcements

†*Call to Worship

Rev. Kevin Porter

One: O give thanks to God. Call on God's name.

Many: Sing to God and tell of all God's wonderful works.

One: Let the hearts of those who seek God rejoice.

Many: Remember the wonderful works God has done.

One: Seek God and remember God's promises to always be with us.

*Hymn 460: *Holy God, We Praise Your Name*

GROSSER GOTT, WIR LOBEN DICH

Holy God, we praise Your name, Lord of all, we bow before You; All on earth Your scepter claim, all in heaven above adore You; Infinite Your vast domain, ever lasting is Your reign.

Hark! the glad celestial hymn angel choirs above are raising; Cherubim and seraphim in unceasing chorus praising, Fill the heavens with Your sweet accord; holy, holy, holy Lord.

All apostles join the strain as Your sacred name they hallow; Prophets swell the glad refrain, and the blessed martyrs follow; And from morn to set of sun, through the church the song goes on.

Holy Father, Holy Son, Holy Spirit, three we name You; While in essence only one, undivided God we claim You, And, adoring, bend the knee, while we own the mystery.

CONFESSING OUR SINS TO GOD

Prayer of Confession

Loving God, whose realm is like treasure hidden in a field, like a pearl of great value, like a tree with many branches that emerges from a tiny seed, focus our attention on your will for us, for our community, for our world, that we might experience your reign among us, yearn for its fulfillment, and give us our best efforts toward full realization of the community of faith on earth as in heaven.

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

Ernie Freeman

The First Lesson: 1 King 3:5-12

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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: *What Is the World Like*

Adam Tice/Sally Ann Morris

Dugan Morgridge, tenor
Kristi Morgridge, piano

The Second Lesson: Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

Rev. Rebecca Segers

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Leader: God, we thank you for your Word.

People: The story of your grace.

Sermon: **WHAT IT'S LIKE**

Rev. Rebecca Segers

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

A Time for Meditation on the Word

*Hymn 453: *O Holy City, Seen of John*

MORNING SONG

O holy city, seen of John, Where Christ, the Lamb, doth reign, Within whose four-square walls shall come No night, nor need, nor pain, And where the tears are wiped from eyes That shall not weep again.

O shame to us who rest content While lust and greed for gain In street and shop and tene-ment Wring gold from human pain, And bitter lips in blind despair Cry, "Christ hath died in vain"

Give us, O God, the strength to build The city that hath stood Too long a dream, whose laws are love, Whose ways are servanthood, And where the sun that shines becomes God's grace for human good.

Already in the mind of God That city rises fair. Lo, how its splendor challenges The souls that greatly dare, And, bids us seize the whole of life And build its glory there.

*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 285: *God, You Spin the Whirling Planets*

AUSTRIAN HYMN

<https://digitalsongsandhymns.com/songs/6455#tab-lyrics>

*Charge and Benediction

Rev. Rebecca Segers

*Congregational Response: #585

McNeil Robinson II

Postlude: *Festive Trumpet Tune*

David German

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2021

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2022

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2020

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2021

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2022

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