

THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN



CHURCH IN GERMANTOWN

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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.*

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"Only those who will risk going too far can possibly find out how far one can go." - T.S. Eliot

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

†*Call to Worship

Rev. Kevin Porter

One: Jesus walks to us over the water.

Many: Call to us, Lord. We long to be with you.

One: Jesus calls to us, "Come! Do not be afraid."

Many: "Save us, Lord, we're sinking!"

One: Jesus saves us from our fears. God delivers us from the storm.

All: Thanks be to God!

*Hymn 457: *I Greet Thee, Who My Redeemer Art*

TOULON

I greet thee, who my sure Redeemer art, my only trust and Savior of my heart, who pain
didst undergo for my poor sake; I pray thee from our hearts all cares to take.

Thou art the King of mercy and of grace, reigning omnipotent in every place: so come, O
King, and our whole being sway; shine on us with the light of thy pure day.

Thou art the Life, by which alone we live, and all our substance and our strength receive;
Sustain us by Thy faith and by Thy power, And give us strength in every trying hour.

Thou hast the true and perfect gentleness, no harshness hast thou and no bitterness: O
grant to us the grace we find in thee That we may dwell in perfect unity.

Our hope is in no other save in thee; our faith is built upon thy promise free; Lord, give us
peace, and make us calm and sure, That in Thy strength we evermore endure.

CONFESSING OUR SINS TO GOD

Prayer of Confession

**Faithful One, reach out to us with your grace and mercy. Forgive us when we
sink into sin, and when we too easily accept our shortcomings. Forgive us when
we do not venture forth when you call us forward in faith. As we call upon your
holy name, reclaim us with your mercy and grace, that we may be your chil-
dren—forgiven, renewed, and emboldened in the greatness of your living faith.**

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

The First Lesson: Psalm 85:8-13

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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: *Take My Life and Let It Be*

arr. Jonathan Veenker

The Chancel Choir

The Second Lesson: Matthew 14:22-23

Rev. Rebecca Segers

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Leader: God, we thank you for your Word.

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

Sermon: **IT ONLY TAKES A MOMENT**

Rev. Rebecca Segers

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

A Time for Meditation on the Word

*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, we may behold You as You are, with full and endless sight.

*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 562: *Eternal Father, Strong to Save*

MELITA

Eternal Father strong to save, Whose arm has bound the restless wave, Who bade the mighty ocean deep Its own appointed limits keep: O hear us when we cry to Thee For those in peril on the sea.

O Savior, Whose almighty word the wind and waves submissive heard, Who walked upon the foaming deep And calm amidst it's rage did sleep; O, hear us when we cry to Thee For those in peril on the sea.

O Holy Spirit who did brood Upon the chaos wild and rude, And bade it's angry tumult cease, And gave, for fierce confusion, peace; Oh, hear us when we cry to Thee For those in peril on the sea!

O Trinity of love and power, All travelers guard in danger's hour; From rock and tempest, fire and foe, Protect us wheresoever they go; Thus evermore shall rise to Thee Glad praise from air and land and sea.

*Charge and Benediction

Rev. Rebecca Segers

*Congregational Response: #585

Thurman



Postlude: *Hornpipe* (from *Water Music*)

G.F. Handel



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