

THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN



CHURCH IN GERMANTOWN

AUGUST 30, 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.*

August 30, 2020

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

Prelude: *Morning Has Broken*

Charles Callahan

Welcome and Announcements

†*Call to Worship

Rev. Kevin Porter

One: We are standing here on holy ground.

Many: O give thanks to God and call upon God's name.

One: God calls us and promises to be with us in all of life.

Many: Sing to God and praise God's holy name.

All: Let our hearts rejoice in the wonderful works God has done.

*Hymn 469: *Morning Has Broken*

BUNESSAN

Morning has broken Like the first morning, Blackbird has spoken Like the first bird. Praise
for the singing! Praise for the morning! Praise for them, springing Fresh from the Word!

Sweet the rain's new fall Sunlit from Heaven, Like the first dewfall On the first grass. Praise
for the sweetness Of the wet garden, Sprung in completeness Where God's feet pass.

Mine is the sunlight, Mine is the morning, Born of the one light Eden saw play. Praise with
elation, Praise every morning, God's re-creation Of the new day!

CONFESSING OUR SINS TO GOD

Prayer of Confession

**Have mercy on us, Lord; you have set your way before us, and we tremble to see
it. It is not just suffering we are afraid to bear, but also the weight of your call:
your command to excel in love, rejoice in hope, and live peaceably with all –
your appeal to overcome evil with good. Who are we to live in such a way? We
do not merit your confidence. Merciful God, forgive our fear and faithfulness.
Help us to see what you see, to follow where you go, and to live in awe at your
presence, which is our help and encouragement.**

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

Faith Lewis

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: *Amazing Grace!*

Gayle Martin, piano

(New Orleans Style)

The Second Lesson: Romans 12:9-21

Rev. Kevin Porter

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Leader: God, we thank you for your Word.

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

Sermon: **EVERY NOW AND THEN, A SIGN**

Rev. Kevin Porter

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

A Time for Meditation on the Word

*Hymn 442: *The Church's One Foundation*

AURELIA

The church's one foundation is Jesus Christ, her 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 see 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 hath 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.

*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 332: *Live Into Hope*

TRURO

Live into hope of captives freed, Of sight regained, the end of greed. The oppressed shall be the first to see The year of God's own jubilee!

Live into hope the blind shall see With insight and with clarity, Removing shades of pride and fear--A vision of our God brought near.

Live into hope of liberty, The right to speak the right to be, The right to have one's daily bread, To hear God's word and thus be fed.

Live into hope of captives freed From chains of fear or want or greed. God now proclaims our full release To faith and hope and joy and peace.

*Charge and Benediction

Rev. Kevin Porter

*Congregational Response: #585

Thurman



Postlude: *Meditation on an Irish Air*

Ted W. Barr



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