

OFFERTORY I Choose Love Mark Miller

Soloist: Rachel Miller '19

In the midst of pain, I choose love.
In the midst of pain, sorrow falling down like rain,
I await the sun again, I choose love.

In the midst of war I choose peace.
In the midst of war, hate and anger keeping score,
I will seek the good once more, I choose peace.

When my world falls down, I will rise.
When my world falls down, explanations can't be found,
I will climb to holy ground, I will rise.

* DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION Hymnal 607

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise Christ, all people here below; praise Holy Spirit evermore; praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE "For the Healing of the Nations" Briehl & Becker

The prayers reflect our desire for and commitment to peace for all peoples. The leaders intone the names of nations as the congregation responds continually "Peace be yours." At the end of each large section a refrain is sung by the leaders and repeated by all.

...peace be yours...

Refrain: For the healing of the nations, we pray to you, O Lord.

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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

SENDING

We are sent forth with God's blessing to serve.

* HYMN 769 For Everyone Born FOR EVERYONE BORN

v. 1-3

* CHARGE AND BLESSING Class of 2018

* POSTLUDE Carillon de Westminster Louis Vierne

Worship Leaders:

Today's service is written and led by the Senior High Dialogue Class including, Caroline Fitch, Sonia Feil, Grace Garrett, A.J. DerMosesian, Peirce Robinson, Maddy Kupper, Lauren Maransky, Stephen Maransky, Brynn Barnhart, Caroline McKenzie

Chapel Choir: John Sall, Director

Organist: Kevin Freaney

We are glad you are worshipping with us and invite you to participate in the ministry and service of Abington Presbyterian Church.

The Greeters and Ushers today are: Youth led by Cindy Miller

Bulletin Cover: The cover design is by Eric Gildner and the artwork was done by Brynn Barnhart.

In need of special prayers this week: Al Foster, Jack Waite, Ned & Bobbie Leiby, Linda Gustafson, Jane Thomson, Hiroko Dean (mother of John Dean), Kristin Rothfuss Erbst (daughter of Julia & Guy Rothfuss), Sylvia Weed (mother of Kathryn Jablokow), Grace Wells, Lois & Clark Perry (parents of Rodger Perry), Skip LaRose (brother-in-law of Steven Seeholzer), Regina Wiley (friend of Erma Yerkes), Dr. Roy Newman (friend of Marlyn White), Emily Anders, George McFall (friend of Amy & Ian Beck), Robin Cupo, Dan (friend of Bill Price), Morell LaRue (friend of Maisenhelders and Nicholsons), Bill Lawrence (father of Nancy Lawrence Hill), Don Hinmon..

We offer special prayers for comfort and sympathy to Gretchen Hansen and family on the recent death of Gretchen's grandmother.

The flowers are given by Richard Lapham and family, in loving memory of his wife, Nancy, and in honor of their wedding anniversary.

During Today's Worship: If you need assistance, please ask an usher to assist you.

Child care for infants and toddlers is provided in the nursery (Rooms 110, 112). Travel through the door to the left of the chancel and down the steps.

Children's bulletins are available at each door.

For Pastoral Care: To notify the church of an illness, hospitalization, death, or to request prayer, contact a minister or call your Deacon or the Church Office at (215) 887-4530.

¹⁷ Anyone, then, who knows the right thing to do and fails to do it, commits sin.

James 4:17



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Abington Presbyterian Church

May 13, 2018

10:00 A.M. Celebration Worship

Youth Sunday

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Youth Sunday
7th Sunday of Easter
May 13, 2018
10:00 am

GATHERING

*We gather to worship God, to confess our sins,
and share the peace of God with each other.*

REFLECTION BEFORE WORSHIP

A time for quiet preparation before worship

Abington Presbyterian Church is a community of worshipers called to be the heart, hands and voice of Christ in the world today. God loves all people equally as they are created in God's image. Shaped by that love, we offer welcome, love and acceptance to everyone. We acknowledge that achieving unity and acceptance of others is an obligation that requires vigilance and often a prayerful change of heart and mind. We commit to actively oppose intolerance, racism, and in justice that threaten the unity of humankind.

(-Welcome statement adopted by the Session in 2017)

PRELUDE

Dialogue in C

Louis Marchand

LIFE AND WORK OF THE CHURCH

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Abington Presbyterian Church celebrates God's infinite love.

All people are equal in the eyes of God.

We welcome all to worship and serve with us.

All people are equal in the eyes of God.

We seek to work together to oppose intolerance, racism, and injustice that threaten the unity of humankind.

All people are equal in the eyes of God.

* HYMN 321

The Church's One Foundation

AURELIA

CONFESSION OF SIN

Join us as we confess our sins together:

Lord, help us to understand our wrongdoing and the ways that we have avoided your guidance. Help us to follow your path in faith and unity; help us to accept all others and use our love to overcome the sins that divide us and separate us from you. Let us individually offer our silent prayers of confession.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Although we have all sinned, God puts us back on the path to His kingdom.

In God's name we are all loved and forgiven.

* RESPONSE

Glory to God

Hymnal 582

1. **Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me, and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me, and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.**
2. **World without end, without end. Amen. World without end, without end. Amen. World without end, without end. Amen. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.**

* SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

(Children will be dismissed to Sunday School with their shepherds following the Children's Message.)

WORD

God's word is read and its message is proclaimed in scripture, music and interpretation.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING

Galatians 3:26-29

Bible NT: Pg. 189

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

REFLECTION

Feeling: Diversity, Unity and Peace

Calvin Wamser '18

* HYMN 474

As A Child Rests

AS A CHILD RESTS

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalms 56:1-4

Bible OT: Pg. 523

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

REFLECTION

Listening: Disagreement and Respect

Kate Galloway '18

SOLO

Hear My Cry, O God

Cesar Franck

Soloist: Caroline Fitch '19

Hear my cry, O God, attend unto my prayer.

From the ends of the earth will I cry unto thee.

When my heart is overwhelmed lead me to Rock that is higher than I.

For Thou hast been a shelter for me and a strong tower from the enemy.

When I cry unto God then shall my enemies turn back,

This I know for God is for me.

In God will I praise his word; in God I have put my trust.

Let my mouth be filled with praise and with thine honor all the day.

SCRIPTURE READING

Proverbs 31:8-9

Bible OT: Pg. 613

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

REFLECTION

Speaking: A Positive Voice

Caeden Cloud '18

* HYMN 175

Seek Ye First

SEEK YE FIRST

RESPONDING TO GOD

We respond to the proclamation of God's Word with expressions of faith and commitment, and by offering prayers and our gifts to God.

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

from A Brief Statement of Faith

We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life. The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church. The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture, engages us through the Word proclaimed, claims us in the waters of baptism, feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation, and calls women and men to all ministries of the Church. In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.

STEWARDSHIP OF TIME AND TALENTS

OFFERTORY SENTENCE