

³ When I look at your heavens,
the work of your fingers,
the moon and the stars that
you have established;
⁴ what are human beings that you
are mindful of them,
mortals that you care for
them?

Psalm 8:3-4



Abington Presbyterian Church

October 3, 2021

10:00 a.m. Celebration Worship

World Communion Sunday

ORDER OF WORSHIP

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GATHERING

The people gather wherever they may in response to God's call, offering praise in words of scripture, prayer, and song. The people acknowledge their sinfulness and receive the good news of God's forgiveness.

PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP *A time for quiet preparation before worship*

O God, our Sovereign, all the earth is filled with your glory, and all peoples benefit from the works of your hand. On this World Communion Sunday, remind us of our identities in Christ Jesus, whose Spirit lives and moves through all creatures, great and small.

PRELUDE	Prelude on K'A Mura	<i>Fela Sowande</i>
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LIFE AND WORK OF THE CHURCH

* CALL TO WORSHIP

We gather around the table with Christians everywhere to worship the Lord with one heart and in one voice.

Let us trust in the Lord with our hearts, minds, and spirits.

We do not sit in the company of the wicked; we walk in faithfulness.

Let us sing aloud a song of thanksgiving and tell of God's wondrous deeds.

Our feet stand on level ground. In the great congregation I will bless the Lord.

Let us walk in our integrity and be redeemed.

* HYMN 311 Here, O Lord, Your Servants Gather TOKYO

PRAAYER OF CONFESSIION

You are holy, O Lord, and blessed is your name in all the earth. But the things we say with our lips do not match our actions. We scorn our brothers and sisters, use the earth for our gain, and feel ashamed of the gospel of Jesus Christ. Purify our hearts, O God, and forgive us for our transgressions that we might be called children of the living God.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

We are sanctified and share in the love of God. Therefore, Jesus calls us brothers and sisters.

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

* HYMN OF PRAISE 642 Heleluyan, We Are Singing HELELUYAN

Choir will introduce and all are invited to repeat the refrain then respond to the choir in the verses.

* THE PEACE OF CHRIST *Greet one another with the sign of peace.*

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

WORD

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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING

Genesis 2:18-24

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 10:2-16

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Indignant

The Rev. Aaron Twitchell

* 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.**

THANKSGIVING & SENDING

*After the proclamation of God's Word, we respond with gratitude prepared to go
into the world where we are called to live according to God's will.*

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

OFFERTORY HYMN 530

One Bread, One Body

ONE BREAD, ONE BODY

The Choir will lead the verses and all are invited to join in singing the refrain.

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S SUPPER

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is truly right and our greatest joy... we join our voices with the heavenly choirs and with all the faithful of every time and place who forever sing to the glory of your name:

HYMN 552 Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might

heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest, Hosanna in the highest.

You are holy, O God of majesty...that our lives may proclaim the One crucified and risen.

Christ has died,

Christ is risen,

Christ will come again.

Gracious God pour out your Holy Spirit...even as we pray as our Lord Jesus has taught us:

LORD'S PRAYER

Cambodian Lord's Prayer (sung)

Cambodian Folk Song, arr. M. Sedio

Our Fa - ther, who art in heav - en, hal - lowed be thy name,
And lead us not in - to temp - ta - tion, lead us not;
Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done here on earth as it is in heav'n.
but de - liv - er us from e - vil, Lord, we pray your mer - cy.
Give us this day our dai - ly bread; and for - give our tres - pass - es,
For yours is the king - dom, and the pow - er, and the glory
Lord, for - give as we for - give those who tres - pass a - gainst us,
for - ev - er and ev - er! A - men, A - men,
for - give us Lord, For - give us, Lord.
A - men a - men, A - men.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

RECEIVING OF THE ELEMENTS

PRAYER FOLLOWING COMMUNION

* HYMN 526

Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ

LINSTEAD

* BENEDICTION

* POSTLUDE

In Dir ist Freude

Johann Matthias Michel

[service hymns and some announcements follow]

Worship Leaders:

Preacher: The Rev. Aaron Twitchell

Liturgist: The Rev. Kirby Lawrence Hill

Chancel Choir: John Sall, Director

Organ: Erik Meyer

In need of special prayers this week: Len Browna, Sylvia Jolly, MM Harris, Herb Harris, Doris Boerner, Helen Porter (mother of Joe Porter), Suzy Paravla (daughter of Susan Davis), Linda Maisenhelder, Christine Kim (wife of Stephen Kim), Will Pompilli (son of Teresa Pompilli), Wayne Gibbons, Jr., Susan Arnhold (friend of Joanne and Jeff Bates), Kris and Erik Reidenbach (friends of Sally Adams), Judy Meissner, Nina DiTimasso and Audrina Rose (friends of Anne-Marie Constable), Barb Kelly, Susan Johnson, John and Phyllis Frazier, Robin Cupo, Laura Lafferty, Emil Kupper.

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.