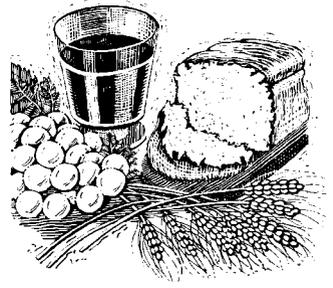


THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

The First Presbyterian Church
of Howard County

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Communion
August 3, 2014



10:00 a.m.

We Gather in God's Name

Let all enter the sanctuary in a spirit of prayer.

Please remember to turn cell phones and pagers to silent for worship.

Where you see an asterisk () please stand if you are able.*

Words in *Italics* are read by the leader;
words in **bold**, by the congregation.

For Meditation before Worship (*for personal use before worship*)

What we are asked to do at present is not so much to speak of Christ as to let him live in us so that people may find him by feeling how he lives in us.

Thomas Merton

Prelude

Words of Welcome

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Please fill out the red Friendship Pad in each pew.

Newcomers please leave us your address and phone number!

Then, pass the folder the length of the pew and back.

*** Song**

Am I Awake?

Aronson

*** Lighting the Christ Candle**

The Lord's unfailing love and compassion never cease;

They are fresh as the morning and sure as the sunrise.

Whenever we light this candle, we proclaim:

Christ is the light of the world and the center of our lives.

* **A Prayer for the Morning**

May God be with you.

And also with you.

*O God, you summon the day to dawn,
you teach the morning to waken the earth*

Great is your name, O God, and great is your love.

For you, O God, the valleys sing for joy:

For you, O God, the trees of the field clap their hands.

For you, O God, the rulers of the earth shall bow,

**For you, O God, the poor and the persecuted
shall shout for joy.**

Your love and mercy shall last forever,

fresh as the morning, sure as the sunrise

Great is your name, O God, and great is your love.

Amen.

* **Hymn 505** The Trumpets Sound, the Angels Sing *The Feast is Ready*

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Holy God, Maker of all:

Have mercy on us.

Jesus Christ, servant of the poor:

Have mercy on us.

Holy Spirit, Breath of life:

Have mercy on us.

Creating, Redeeming God,

we are not the people you want us to be;

and we are not even the people we, ourselves, long to be.

Sometimes we reach out for the new life you offer us,

but more often we are content with second-best.

Sometimes we are inspired to work for a better world,

but more often we are content with self-sufficient isolation.

Sometimes we allow ourselves to believe in your love,

but more often we act as if you were not to be trusted.

Loving God, this is our life.

We are not satisfied with it; we long for it to be better.

Forgive our half-hearted attempts at faithful living.

Even though we are timid and fearful, send us your Spirit,

and renew us for the sake of Jesus Christ.

(We continue in silent, personal prayer...)

Assurance of Grace

* **Sharing the Peace**

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

* **Response of Praise** (singing together)

I Will Sing a Song of Love

NAME AND KNOWN: John Bell

I WILL SING A SONG OF LOVE TO THE ONE WHO FIRST LOVED ME
AND I'LL SING IT AS A CHILD OF GOD WHO IS NAMED AND KNOWN AND FREE.
FOR THE LOVE OF GOD IS GOOD, IT IS BROAD AND DEEP AND LONG,
AND A-BOVE ALL ELSE THAT MAT-TERS GOD IS WOR-THY OF MY SONG.

* **Song of Thanksgiving 643** (singing together) *Now Thank We All Our God, 1&3*

Now thank we all our God with heart and hands and voices,
who wondrous things hath done, in whom this world rejoices;
who, from our mothers' arms, hath blessed us on our way
with countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.

All praise and thanks to God, who reigns in highest heaven,
to Father and to Son and Spirit now be given:
the one eternal God, whom heaven and earth adore,
the God who was, and is, and shall be evermore.

We Hear God's Word

Prayer for Illumination

First Lesson: Psalm 116

Page 491; pew Bible

The Word of God for the People of God.

Thanks be to God!

Children's Prayer & The Lord's Prayer

Afterwards, children ages 4-7 may go with Miss Kathy to Godly Play.

Parents can pick up their children following worship in Rooms 110 & 113.

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.

Second Lesson: 1 Corinthians 11:17-34

Page 933; pew Bible

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Sermon

Gently Down the Stream:
Taking Communion

Morton Harris

(after the meditation, we observe a time of silence and prayer)

We Respond to God's Word

* Affirmation of Faith (together)

The Apostles' Creed (Traditional)

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.

Concerns and Remembrances

Offering

Offertory

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation to the Table

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

God is here.

The Spirit is with us.

Open your hearts.

We open them to God and one another.

Let us give thanks to the living God.

We thank God with joy.

Holy God, Holy One, Holy Three! Before all that is, you were God.

Outside all we know you are God. After all is finished, you will be God...

*... Archangels sound their trumpets, angels teach us their song, saints pull us
into your presence. And this is our song:*

Holy, holy, holy

God of tenderness and might;

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest!

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of our God!

Hosanna in the highest!

[the pastors continue to lead us in prayer... and we conclude together:]

God in heaven, your name is to be honored.

**May your new community of hope be realized
on earth as it is in heaven.**

Give us today the essentials of life.

**Release us from our wrongdoing
as we also release those who wrong us.**

**Do not test us beyond our enduring;
save us from all that is evil.**

**For you embrace justice, love and peace,
now and to the end of time. Amen.**



WELCOME TO WORSHIP AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

We are grateful for your presence and invite you to participate in the worship, education, mission and common life of First Church.

During Today's Worship

Please turn all cell phones to "silent" when in the Sanctuary.

Large print bulletins (including hymns and scripture readings) and individual listening devices are available from the ushers. Photography during worship is discouraged, and flash is not permitted. Please, no food or drink in the Sanctuary.

If your infant or child needs care or becomes disruptive during the worship service, you may leave the Sanctuary and return as you wish. Child care for infants and children under four years old is available all morning. The nursery is in Room 159. We have a texting system that will alert you if you are needed while in the worship service. The ushers will be glad to help you.

Worship programs for children include: *Godly Play* for younger children (age 4 - grade 1) during the 10 a.m. service.

Worship folders and crayons for children are available at the usher's table in The Commons. Please return the crayons as you leave the sanctuary. *White bulletins* for children ages three to six; *Gray bulletins* for children ages seven to twelve.

If you are new to First Church

Please sign our Ritual of Friendship, the red pad in the pew.

Communion is served on the first Sunday of each month.

Handicap entrance is through the Main Entrance in the rear of the building.

We invite you to stop by Coffee Hour after worship for conversation and fellowship in Lyle Buck Hall.

New Member Orientation explores **Presbyterian history and beliefs**. This one-session class is also the way to become a member of First Church.

First Church Cares

To notify pastoral staff of personal concerns, illness, hospitalization; to pass along a prayer request; to request a Stephen Minister; or to arrange homebound Communion, contact our co-pastors Sue or Morton.

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