

THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

The First Presbyterian Church
of Howard County

Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
Third Sunday after Pentecost
June 14, 2015

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 **bold**, by the congregation.

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

A church is a place where we try to think, speak, and act in God's way, not in the way of a fear-filled world.

William Sloane Coffin

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.

Lighting the Christ Candle

*O give thanks to the Holy One, the Name Unnamed,
with your whole heart!*

God's steadfast love endures forever!

Whenever we light this candle, we proclaim:

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

Song

Am I Awake?

Aronson

A Prayer for the Morning

May God be with you.

And also with you.

God, my friend, you give me strength.

God, my shield, my help, you watch over me.

You bring me out to a broad place

because you delight in me.

It is you who light my lamp. You light up my darkness.

By you, God, I can leap over the wall.

**For this I will extoll you in the morning and in the evening,
now and always.**

Amen.

* Hymn 49

The God of Abraham Praise

Leoni

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.

God of grace, love and communion,

we confess that we have failed to love you

with all our heart, souls, mind and strength;

and to love our neighbor as ourselves.

We have thought better of ourselves than others.

We have told lies, said hurtful things,

acted in ways we wish we could take back,

and looked the other way when action was needed.

Renew us, O God, with the love of Christ,

that we no longer live to ourselves, but for you.

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

Assurance of Grace

* Response of Praise

Halleluyah

Aronson

Halleluyah. Halleluyah. Halleluyah. Halleluyah.

Va'anachnu n'varech Ya meatah vead o-lam...

(All creatures shall bless God's name forever and ever.)

Halleluyah. Halleluyah. Halleluyah. Halleluyah.

* **Sharing the Peace**

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

* **Songs**

#62 Love the Lord Your God

Strathdee

Love the Lord

Lincoln Brewster

Children's Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

Let There Be Love

Noah Aronson

Let there be love and understanding among us

Let peace and friendship be our shelter from life's storms.

Afterwards, children may join Vacation Bible Summer. Meet an usher to escort you.

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.

We Hear God's Word

Prayer for Illumination

First Lesson: Psalm 92:1-4, 12-15

Page 479; pew Bible

It is good to give thanks to the LORD,

to sing praises to your name, O Most High;

to declare your steadfast love in the morning,

and your faithfulness by night,

to the music of the lute and the harp,

to the melody of the lyre.

For you, O LORD, have made me glad by your work;

at the works of your hands I sing for joy.

The righteous flourish like the palm tree,

and grow like a cedar in Lebanon.

They are planted in the house of the LORD;

they flourish in the courts of our God.

In old age they still produce fruit;

they are always green and full of sap,

showing that the LORD is upright;

he is my rock, and there is no unrighteousness in him.

The Word of God for the People of God.

Thanks be to God!

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Music and Conversation with Noah Aronson

We Respond to God's Word

* **Affirmation of Faith** (*together*) *from The Confession of 1967*

We believe that God has created the world of space and time to be the sphere of his dealings with humankind.

In its beauty and vastness,

sublimity and awfulness,

order and disorder,

the world reflects to the eye of faith

the majesty and mystery of its Creator.

We believe that God has created us

for personal relationship in which

we may respond to the love of the Creator.

Life is a gift to be received with gratitude

and a task to be pursued with courage.

Concerns and Remembrances

Prayer of Gratitude and Concern

Concluding Prayer (*together*)

O God, you are the tree of life,
offering shelter to all the world.

Graft us into yourself and nurture our growth,
that we may bear your truth and love to those in need.

Amen.

Call to Offering and Prayer of Dedication

Offertory

Eileh Chamdah Libi

Aronson

Eileh Chamdah libi

Chusanah v'al na tit'alam

(These things my heart desired

Have mercy on me and do not forsake me.)

We Go Forth to Serve

Sending Out – Presbyterian Women Churchwide Gathering

This Week at First Presbyterian Church

* **Hymn 307** God of Grace and God of Glory CWM Rhondda

* **Invitation to Discipleship**

* **Closing Responses**

In work and worship

God is with us.

Gathered and scattered

God is with us.

Now and always

God is with us. Thanks be to God.

* **Benediction**

* **Response 742**

We Will Walk with God

Si-zo-ham-ba na-ye, wo wo wo, si-zo-ham-ba na-ye.

Si-zo-ham-ba na-ye, wo wo wo, si-zo-ham-ba na-ye.

Ngom-hla wen-ja-bu-la, si-zo-ham-ba na-ye.

Ngom-hla wen-ja-bu-la, si-zo-ham-ba na-ye.

We will walk with God, my brothers, we will walk with God.

We will walk with God, my sisters, we will walk with God.

We will go rejoicing till the kingdom has come.

We will go rejoicing till the kingdom has come.

* **Postlude**



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 too restless 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 to alert you if you are needed while in the worship service. The ushers will be glad to help you.

Worship programs for children today during the 10:00 a.m. service:

- *Vacation Bible Summer* (through July 26, 2015)
Ages 4 – Grade 5 will worship with family, an announcement will be made for children to go to VBS. Pick up children in Branch Hall after worship.
- *Godly Play* for younger children (age 4 - grade 1) during the 10:00 a.m. services will resume on August 2.

Worship folders and crayons for children are at the ushers' table in The Commons. Please return the crayons as you leave. *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 what it means to be part of First Church household. This one session class is the way to become a member.

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 Ruth Bell.

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