

THE SERVICE OF WORSHIP FOR THE SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER  
MOTHER'S DAY

May 13, 2018

10:30 a.m.

\* All who are able may stand

Congregation reads aloud the **bold print**

THE TIME OF CENTERING

*"God's will isn't hidden away like the myths and philosophies and knowledge of the world.  
Jesus told us openly and daily what his will for us is. Love one another."*

Francine Rivers, *As Sure as the Dawn*

THE COMMUNITY OF FAITH GATHERS

PRELUDE

*Mother of God, Here I Stand*

John Tavener

OPENING SCRIPTURE

*Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.*

(Hebrews 11:1)

WELCOME

Rev. Elizabeth Lyman

THE LIGHT OF CHRIST ENTERS

(all sing)

*Sanctuary*

HYMN NO. 701

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

based on Psalm 104

We gather in the presence of the One who breathes life into all of Creation.

**We sing God's praises, breathing in God's glory.**

All are welcome in the presence of the Most High.

**We come, seeking the goodness in the hands of God.**

We gather as God's beloved people, leaving no one outside.

**Together we reflect the fullness of God's love;**

**together we bring God's love into the world.**

Let us worship the Living God whose breath gives us life.

\* HYMN NO. 308

*O God in Whom All Life Begins*

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND RECONCILIATION

**We give thanks, merciful God, that in Christ you seek to unite all things in heaven and in earth, and to reconcile all people to one another and to you. Yes, we confess that the new creation is not yet complete in us, and that we feel everywhere the barriers that separate humankind. Forgive us and fill us with your Spirit of oneness. Reveal to us those places where pride and selfishness rebuild the walls once torn down in Christ; through the power of your Spirit. Amen**

### *A Time of Silence*

(Please take this time in silence to offer your own prayers of confession—confessing your need for God and naming those barriers that keep you from knowing life as God’s beloved child.)

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Easter People, whose light is found in Jesus our risen Christ,  
may the light of God’s face shine upon you  
in all that you say, do, think, feel, and love.

**We have the light of God within us this day and always!**

\*RESPONSE (all sing)                      *Like a Mother Who Has Borne Us*                      tune – HYMN NO. 620

**Like a Mother who has borne us, held us close in her delight,  
Fed us freely from her body, God has called us into life.  
Hallelujah! Hallelujah! God has called us into life.**

## \*GREETING OF PEACE

Since God has made peace with us, let us make peace with each other.  
The peace of Christ be with you all.

**And also with you.**

(We greet each other: “The peace of Christ be with you.”)

## CHILDREN’S SERMON

Christina Pressley

## ANTHEM

*Simple Gifts*  
Sunday School Singers

Joseph Brackett

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Matthew 18:10-14

p. 799

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

2 Corinthians 4:7-18

p. 939

(Second scripture lesson will be incorporated as part of today's sermon.)

SERMON

*Treasure in Clay Jars*

Jenny Godowsky

\*HYMN NO. 626

*As the Deer*

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE/THE LORD'S PRAYER ("forgive us our *debts* as we forgive our *debtors*")

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

*Beloved*

Mark Miller

Sunday School Singers, Men of Concord

You are my beloved, you are my child, and I will be with you always, yes, I will.

When you see the lightning flashes, and you hear the thunder roll,

just remember my promise, peace, be still.

God, go with me, God, stay by me,

give me comfort through the night till the dawn of morning light.

When you sense the storm is passing, and you pause, look to the sky:

through the rain, you'll see the rainbow.

You are my beloved, you are my child, and I will be with you always, yes, I will; yes, I am.

\*RESPONSE (all sing)

*O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go*

NO. 833, v. 1

**O Love that wilt not let me go,**

**I rest my weary soul in thee;**

**I give thee back the life I owe,**

**That in thine ocean depths its flow may richer, fuller be.**

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

We are grateful today for families of all types:

**For single parents juggling jobs and after-school activities;**

For grandparents raising their children's children;

**For nuclear families and families-in-law;**

For our church family;

**For aunts and uncles, and the way they enrich our lives;**

For stepchildren and step-siblings and step-parents;

**For adoptive and foster families;**

For non-traditional families

**And for traditional ones.**

**Thank you, Lord, for the gift of family.**

\*HYMN NO. 267

*Come, Christians, Join to Sing*

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

The One who created all that is  
calls us by name and invites us into a life of abundant Love.

**We go out into the world as God's beloved people,  
bringing Holy Love to all whom we meet.**

Jesus taught us to love one another as fiercely and freely  
as God loves each of us,

with the power that binds us together as the Body of Christ.

**We will embody Christ by shattering stigma and welcoming all,  
leaving no one outside.**

The Spirit fills us with the Breath of Life

and urges us to imagine anew how to be the Church in the world today.

**We will breathe deeply and move beyond what has been and what is.**

We will follow the Spirit and bring hope and healing

to all who live in despair and brokenness. We will be the Church!

POSTLUDE

*Songs My Mother Taught Me*

Antonín Dvořák

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**Welcome visitors!** We are glad that you have chosen to worship with us today. Please record your name, address, and phone number/email on one of the Connection Cards in the pew and introduce yourself to the pastor as you leave. All are invited to join us for light refreshments and fellowship following the service in the back of the Sanctuary.

Whether you are a visitor, occasional attendee, or current/former/prospective member, **you can stay connected to the people, plans, and possibilities of Concord by subscribing to our weekly *Concord Connects* e-newsletter.** Just write a note on a Connection Card, along with your name and email address, and place it in the offering.

**Large-print bulletins, hymnals, and Bibles** are available for use during the worship service. Please ask an usher for assistance.

**Assisting in the service of worship are:**

**Deacon-in-Charge:** Alan Jewett

**Liturgist:** Rick Rudolph

**Ushers:** Gerry Crock, Terry Lynch

**The flowers today** are given by Kay & Alan Jewett in honor of our daughter and daughter-in-law Jenn Misra and Joanna Smutzler and all the mothers of young children.

**Weekly Prayer List (follows directory):**

Aggie & Paul Pringle

Michele & Doug Rambo (Beth, Sabrina, Noelle)

Holly & Bob Reuther

Sarah Reuther, Trey Reuther

**Pastoral Care: The Rev. Kathie Pownall** is currently providing pastoral care for our Concord family and would love to visit anyone – not just in times of emergency. If you would like a visit, call her at 302/373-7127 or email [kspownallkathie@aol.com](mailto:kspownallkathie@aol.com) to set up a convenient time.

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**Come visit us on Facebook...** for photos, announcements, events, and engaging questions. If something catches your eye or touches your heart, “like” it  or share it with friends.

# CONCORD VBS

## 2018

July 23-27

9am-12pm

All things bright and  
beautiful...



The Lord God made them  
**ALL!**

Registration forms available online &  
in the Church Office.

**Youth Group Fishing – Sun., May 20:** Grab your fishing gear (or borrow some of ours!) and join us for an evening of fishing. We are still working out the details of when and where, but it's looking like we will meet at **Concord Church parking lot at about 4:30pm** and head to either the Brandywine River or Bellevue State Park. Check your e-mail for updates!



A big “THANK YOU” to the many folks who donated their time to Friendship House this weekend: Marj Johnson, Cynthia Miller, Dick Carter, and Wayne Stahl volunteered their time with the Clothing Bank of DE van on Saturday. Gerry Crock, Barbara Wise, Kay Jewett, and Troy Gehret assisted in preparing and serving breakfast to Friendship House clients this morning.

*Can You Spare a Square?* During May, Concord and the community will be collecting toilet paper for Friendship House. Please bring your toilet paper donations any time during the month and drop off in the back of the Sanctuary or in the bins by the Fellowship Hall door. Friendship House goes through an enormous amount of this most necessary item at their various sites.



**Highmark Walk for a Healthy Community – June 9 (7:45am check-in) @ Frawley Stadium:** Concord will have a team in this year's Highmark Walk, which benefits 23 health and human service organizations, including **Friendship House**. All routes are accessible to wheelchairs, electric scooters, strollers, etc. Bring friends from Youth Group, school, work, or your neighborhood! To sign up as a walker with the Concord team or to donate, contact John Barineau at [barinejm@yahoo.com](mailto:barinejm@yahoo.com) or visit the [Concord team page](#).

**Friendship House Breakfast Closet:** On the first Monday of the month, volunteers from Concord deliver breakfast supplies to the FH Women's Day Center. We need:

- cans of regular coffee
- 3-lb. bags of sugar, **sealed in plastic bag**
- large containers of powdered creamer
- large jars of peanut butter and jelly
- large boxes of regular tea bags.

Place your donations in the designated basket in the Narthex. (Personal-size toiletries for women & men are also helpful.)

### Membership

**Mom's Night In – Friday, May 18, 7:00pm:**



Join us for a Moms-Only evening – Enjoy an uninterrupted meal! Watch a movie that's not animated! We'll meet in Jessie's Room – come and stay as long as you like. Bring a

movie, games, etc. Dinner and snacks will be provided, and you're welcome to bring your own or something to share. If you'd like to join us or want more info, please contact Liane Gehret ([lmg205@gmail.com](mailto:lmg205@gmail.com)) ASAP.

### Preschool

**Dining for Dollars @ Bertucci's – May 17, 11:30am-9:00pm:** Come out to support the Preschool on Thurs., May 17 at Bertucci's on Concord Pike. Present the *Dining for Dollars* flyer (pick up in the back of the Sanctuary) and the Preschool will receive 25% of your purchase. You can dine in, carry out, or have Bertucci's deliver.



***Overtures for 223rd General Assembly***  
**May 20, 2018**

**9:30 – 10:20am, Jessie's Room**

Synods and presbyteries, governing bodies of the PCUSA, bring matters of concern and recommendations before the whole church as *overtures*. Pastor Elizabeth will review some of the overtures to be presented at the next General Assembly June 16-23 in St. Louis, MO. *Last class until September.*

**Concord Book Club – Suns., 9:45-10:25am, Sanctuary Lounge:** We are reading and discussing *The Poisonwood Bible* by Barbara Kingsolver.

You are invited to attend our Bible Study groups which discuss the background of the scripture for each Sunday's sermon:

- **Mug & Muffin Bible Study** – Weds. @ 9:30am in the Sanctuary Lounge.
- **Thaddeus Arc Men's Bible Study** – Thursdays @ 11:30am, Library. *At the end of May, we'll break for the summer.*

**Faith in Literature** – Concord's book group will meet **Monday, May 21, 1:00pm**, at the home of Joyce Johnson (302/655-3411). Our reading assignment from *50 Great Stories*: "How Beautiful with Shoes" by Wilbur Daniel Steele and "A Haunted House" by Virginia Woolf.

## CALENDAR

**Sunday, May 13**

**Mother's Day**

**Jenny Godowsky preaching**

- 10:30am Worship in the Sanctuary
- 10:50am Children/Youth Sunday School

**Monday, May 14**

- 9:00am Diaspora Prayer Group
- 1:00pm Prayer Shawls (Sanctuary Lounge)
- 6:30pm Mission Initiative (Jessie's Room)

**Tuesday, May 15**

**Preschool Picnic**

**NC Presbytery – Dover**

- 11:30am Staff Meeting
- 5:45pm Preschool Picnic (Fellowship Hall, parking lot)
- 7:00pm New Life AA (Jessie's Room)

**Wednesday, May 16**

**NYC Bus Trip**

**No Mug & Muffin, office closed**

- 7:15am New York City Bus Trip (leaves NYC @ 6:00pm)
- 12:00pm Women's AA (Jessie's Room)
- 7:00pm SAGA AA (Fellowship Hall)

**Thursday, May 17**

- 11:30am Thaddeus Arc (Library)
- 7:30pm Chancel Choir (Chapel)

**Friday, May 18**

**Mom's Night In**

- 7:00pm Mom's Night In (Jessie's Room)

**Saturday, May 19**

- 7:00pm Step Solutions AA (Fellowship Hall)

**Sunday, May 20**

**Pentecost, Communion**

**Elizabeth Lyman preaching**

- 9:30am Adult Christian Education (JR)
- 9:45am Book Club (Sanctuary Lounge)
- 10:00am Youth Choir/Bells (F204)
- 10:30am Worship in the Sanctuary  
*\*No Children/Youth Sunday School*
- 11:45am Worship & Music – Jessie's Room
- 4:30pm Youth Group & Families – Fishing

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