

THE SERVICE OF WORSHIP FOR THE LORD'S DAY

May 27, 2018

10:30 a.m.

* All who are able may stand

Congregation reads aloud the **bold print**

THE TIME OF CENTERING

"We sense our Creator yearns to cultivate in us the fruits of the Holy Spirit: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. In order to do that, God yearns for us to re-establish Spiritual formation and growth as a priority for Concord. We are urged to lose some of our shyness or self-consciousness in sharing our spiritual lives with each other in order to provide mutual support for spiritual formation and growth of all."

*Discerning God's Yearnings for Concord and Moving Forward with Collaborative Ministries,
Concord Mission Initiative Report to Session, May 23, 2018.*

THE COMMUNITY OF FAITH GATHERS

PRELUDE

Sonatine (I. Modéré)
Hiroko Yamazaki, piano

Maurice Ravel (1875-1937)

WELCOME

Rev. Kathie Pownall

THE LIGHT OF CHRIST ENTERS

Take My Life, and Let It Be

David H. Williams

Chancel Choir, Liane Grieco - Flute, Bob Brown – percussion

Take my life and let it be consecrated, Lord, to thee.

Take my moments and my days; let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Take my hands and let them move at the impulse of thy love.

Take my feet and let them be swift and beautiful for thee.

Take my voice and let me sing always, only, for my King.

Take my lips and let them be filled with messages from thee.

Take my silver and my gold; not a mite would I withhold.

Take my intellect and use every power as thou shalt choose.

Take my will and make it thine; it shall be no longer mine.

Take my heart, it is thine own; it shall be thy royal throne.

Take my love, my Lord; I pour at thy feet its treasure-store.

Take myself and I will be ever, only, all for thee.

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

We gather in the name of the living Christ to worship God.

Surely, God is in this place and calls us to worship in spirit and in truth.

God's love is for you and for all people everywhere.

That we may share God's love and life, may we be renewed in the refreshing Spirit of the living Christ.

The living Christ is with us.

Praise the Lord!

***HYMN NO. 729**

Lord, I Want to Be a Christian

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

In the mystery of creation, Imaginative God, you shaped beauty and goodness, yet we damage it by our selfishness and anger. In the mystery of life, Child of Hope, you became one of us, yet all too often we turn our back on you. In the mystery of peace, Breath of Life, you would gentle our natures, yet we cling tenaciously to our bitterness and hurt.

In the mystery of grace, Holy God, you forgive us our sins, that we might embrace others. In the mystery of mercy, you touch our lips, that we might speak gently to others. In the mystery of hope, you claim us as family, sisters and brothers of the One who brought new life for all, Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.

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

Here, in this moment and in this place, the Spirit of gentleness moves in our midst. Mercy, hope, and joy are the gifts of God to each and every one of us.

No longer lost, we have found our way home, surrounded by God's peace, by God's grace, by God's love. Thanks be to God, we are forgiven! Amen.

***RESPONSE (all sing)**

Gloria Patri

NO. 581

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
World without end. Amen, Amen**

*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

MEDITATION (all sing)

"Day by Day" (*Godspell*)

S. Schwartz

Day by day, day by day, oh dear Lord, three things I pray:

to see Thee more clearly,

love Thee more dearly,

follow Thee more nearly day by day.

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Proverbs 3:1-2

p. 510

Romans 15:4-6

p. 924

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Rev. Kathie S. Pownall

*HYMN NO. 453

Open Your Ears, O Faithful People

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

Chancel Choir, Congregation

The REFRAIN below is repeated immediately after the choir sings it at the beginning and as indicated in the text.

Teach me, O Lord, the way of your statutes,
and I shall keep it to the end.

Give me understanding, and I shall keep your law;
I shall keep it with all my heart.

Make me go in the path of your commandments,
for that is my desire.

REFRAIN

Incline my heart to your decrees
and not to unjust gain.

Turn my eyes from watching what is worthless;
give me life in your ways.

REFRAIN

Fulfill your promise to your servant,
which you make to those who fear you.

Behold, I long for your commandments;
in your righteousness preserve my life.

REFRAIN

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*DOXOLOGY (all sing) **Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Christ, all people here below;
Praise Holy Spirit evermore;
Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen**

NO. 607

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Holy Lord, the whole earth is full of your glory! We are in awe of your majesty! In great kindness, you reveal yourself as the One who forgives us. You give us gifts and invite us to go into the world to tell your good news. Help us to respond in faith and go where you lead us each day. We dedicate our gifts so that our community will draw closer to you. Amen.

*HYMN NO. 462

I Love to Tell the Story

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

RESPONSE/POSTLUDE

Let There Be Peace

Jill Jackson Miller/Sy Miller,

Chancel Choir

arr. J. Althouse

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: Steve Studer

Liturgist: Cynthia Miller

Ushers: Marj Johnson, Barbara Wise

The flowers today are given to the glory of God by Gayle & Chip Hazel in loving memory of our parents Lou Lambert, Dick Lloyd, and Audrey & Buck Hazel.

Weekly Prayer List (follows directory):

Jeannette Schaffer

Carol Schlegel

Carolou Schlegel

Helen Schmude

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 to set up a convenient time.

Concord now accepts credit card donations. Scanning this QR code with your smart phone camera or app will connect you to a Concord website page. Click on the blue “Donate Now” button to enter a secure portal where you can enter donation amount and credit card information. You will receive an email acknowledging the donation.



Unable to make it to a worship service...?

Recordings of current sermons are available online at

<http://concordpc.org/service-recordings/>.



Potluck

Chancel Choir * Sunday School *
Youth Group *

Sunday, June 10 from 5:00-7:00pm

At the Pressleys'

(1107 Graylyn Rd, Chatham)

RSVP to christina.pressley@concordpc.org

Please bring an entrée, side, or dessert to share.

Drinks provided!

Sunday School & Family Activities

CONCORD VBS 2018

July 23-27

9am-12pm

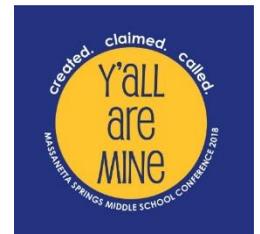
All things bright and beautiful...



The Lord God made them ALL!

Registration forms available [online](#) &
in the Church Office.

This will be Concord youth group's second year attending the middle school conference at Massanetta Springs Presbyterian Conference Center in Virginia! Our group of 6 youth and 3 adults are looking forward to being with other youth and adults from across the U.S. exploring the scripture...



Do not fear for I have redeemed you, I have called you by name; you are mine.

Isaiah 43:1-2

...through games, art, sports, and music! Keep these young people and their chaperones in your prayers as they travel and participate June 17-21.

Sunday School Teacher Appreciation –



Sun., June 3: Help us say “thank you” to our Sunday School teachers in worship next Sunday during the Children’s Sermon! We have a wonderfully dedicated volunteer staff

who commit to teaching our children and youth throughout the school year. Many thanks to our teachers and helpers for the 2017-2018 school year:

Brenda Kidder	Liane Gehret
Carly Twilley	Chip Hazel
Adrienne Lenz	Troy Gehret
Caitlin Kidder	Marj Johnson
Kris Twilley	Heather Janas
Dottie Lund	Jennifer Eppes
Cristen Whittaker	Liz Rowe

Adult Classes

Concord Book Club – Suns., 9:45-10:25am, Sanctuary Lounge: We’ll meet for the last time on **June 3** in the Sanctuary Lounge, then finish up our current book selection, *The Poisonwood Bible* by **Barbara Kingsolver**, over the summer.

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. *Will not meet this Wed., May 30.*
- **Thaddeus Arc Men’s Bible Study** – Thursdays @ 11:30am, Library. *After May, we’ll break for the summer and restart in Sept.*

Faith in Literature – Concord’s book group will meet **Monday, June 18, 1:00pm**, at the home of Joyce Johnson. Reading assignment from *50 Great Stories*: “The Catbird Seat” by James Thurber and “The Schwartz-Metterklume Method” by Saki (H. H. Munro). *After our June meeting, we’re taking the summer off and will meet again in September.*

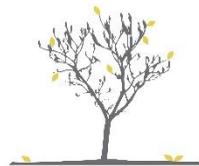
Mission Outreach

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 the following items:



- 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.)



In Memoriam

FRANK M. DOUGHERTY
D. MAY 3, 2018

Frank Dougherty passed away May 3 at age 92. Frank & Barbara (d. 2008) Dougherty were long-time, active members of Concord. A memorial service will be held in the Sanctuary on **Sat., June 2 @ 1:00pm**. To read complete obituary, visit:

www.legacy.com/obituaries/delawareonline/obituary.aspx?n=frank-m-dougherty

CALENDAR

- Sunday, May 27** **Kathie Pownall preaching**
10:30 am Worship in the Sanctuary
- Monday, May 28** **Memorial Day Church Office & Preschool closed**
9:00 am Diaspora Prayer Group
- Tuesday, May 29**
11:30 am Staff meeting
7:00 pm New Life AA (Fellowship Hall)
- Wednesday, May 30** **No Mug & Muffin**
12:00 pm Women's AA (Jessie's Room)
7:00 pm SAGA AA (Fellowship Hall)
- Thursday, May 31**
11:30 am Thaddeus Arc (Library)
- Saturday, June 2** **Frank Dougherty Memorial Service**
1:00 pm Memorial service & reception – Frank Dougherty (Sanctuary, FH)
7:00 pm Step Solutions AA (Fellowship Hall)
- Sunday, June 3** **Communion*, Sunday School Appreciation** **Elizabeth Lyman preaching**
9:45 am Book Club (Sanctuary Lounge)
10:30 am Worship in the Sanctuary
**No Children/Youth Sunday School*
- Monday, June 4** **Friendship House Breakfast Closet delivery**
9:00 am Diaspora Prayer Group
1:00 pm Mary Circle (Gerry Crock)
- Tuesday, June 5**
9:30 am Emmanuel Dining Room South
11:00 am Staff meeting
11:30 am Clerk's meeting (membership rolls)
7:30 pm Membership (Library)
7:30 pm Mission Outreach (Jessie's Room)

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