

# THE SERVICE OF WORSHIP FOR THE LORD'S DAY

**July 1, 2018**

**10:30 a.m.**

\* All who are able may stand

Congregation reads aloud the **bold print**

## THE TIME OF CENTERING

*"The fragility of our era is this, too: we don't believe that there is a chance for redemption; for a hand to raise you up; for an embrace to save you, forgive you, pick you up, flood you with infinite, patient, indulgent love; to put you back on your feet. We need mercy."*

~ Pope Francis, *The Name of God is Mercy*, 21st century

## THE COMMUNITY OF FAITH GATHERS

PRELUDE

*Prelude in G Minor*  
Abraham McIlvaine, organ

Dieterich Buxtehude

OPENING SCRIPTURE

WELCOME

Rev. Elizabeth Lyman

SILENCE AS THE LIGHT OF CHRIST ENTERS

## \*CALL TO WORSHIP

The beginning of wisdom is to give reverence to God.

**God grant us wisdom to worship and live with reverence.**

The wise delight to meditate on God's will and way.

**They are like a tree, planted by streams of water, that yields fruit in season;  
its leaf does not wither.**

We come to worship God with reverence, hoping to send down the roots  
of righteousness.

**Glory be to God, to Jesus Christ, and to the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.**

\* HYMN NO. 744

*Arise, Your Light Is Come!*

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND RECONCILIATION

**O Lord our God, you call us to work for a world where all will be fed and have  
dignity, but we find ourselves distracted by our own desires. You call us to seek  
justice and peace, but we are satisfied with injustice and discord. You call us to  
bring liberty to the oppressed, but we do not insist on freedom for all. (cont'd)**

**Forgive us, O Lord. Turn us to your will by the power of your Spirit, so all may know your justice and peace: through Jesus Christ, your Son, our 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

Hear the good news! Our righteousness is found in Christ alone, a gift of God by faith. Beloved people of God, believe the good news: through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. **Amen!**

\*RESPONSE (all sing)

*Spirit of the Living God*

NO. 288

**Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.**

**Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.**

**Melt me; mold me; fill me; use me.**

**Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me. (Repeat)**

\*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

Nancy Tucker

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Deuteronomy 10:17-21

p. 147

Romans 12:9 – 13:2. 8-10

p. 922

John 13:34

p. 877

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

*Loyalties*

Rev. Elizabeth Lyman

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

*Adopted by 1993 PC(USA) General Assembly for use in the church*

**Christ Jesus,  
Child of Mary, God with us,  
King and Suffering Servant,  
High Priest and Lamb of God,  
Teacher and Word,  
living, suffering, dying and rising again,  
you challenge, redeem, and restore us.**

**Holy Spirit,  
Breath of life,  
Counsellor and Comforter,  
Fire of God,  
you inspire, sustain, and purify us.  
Forming us in the nature of Christ,  
transforming us with your gifts,  
you bind us together in one body, your church.**

**God of all creation,  
made known to us in Jesus Christ through the Holy Spirit,  
your boundless love exposes our rebellion and greed.  
A mother who will not abandon her child,  
a father who welcomes the prodigal home,  
you forgive, accept, and embrace us  
and call us into loving communion forever.  
In life and death, we belong to you,  
everlasting God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.**

**\*HYMN NO. 498**

*Loaves Were Broken, Words Were Spoken*

vs. 1, 3, 4

**JOYS AND CONCERNS**

**INVITATION TO THE OFFERING**

*This morning we receive the offering for the Deacons' Fund. Your contributions provide immediate help to individuals in our community in financial crisis – real people, real needs, real help.  
Any loose offering and designated checks go toward this fund. Let us give with grateful hearts.*

OFFERTORY

*O Light of Life*  
Chip Hazel, baritone

David Warner,  
arr. Mack Wilberg

\*DOXOLOGY (all sing)      **Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;**      NO. 607  
   **Praise Christ, all people here below;**  
   **Praise Holy Spirit evermore;**  
   **Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen**

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**Gracious Spirit, you have showered us with your gifts, and we embrace you with thanksgiving. May our embrace be arms wide open, ready to share, to serve, and to love. Use our spiritual gifts that we may live the spiritual life, moving according to the Spirit's heated touch and bending in the direction of God's holy will.**

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

*INVITATION TO THE TABLE*

*THE GREAT THANKSGIVING AND WORDS OF INSTITUTION*

O living God, For your blessing in creation, for your image deep within us,  
for your life in all its fullness,

**We give thanks.**

O Jesus our brother, For your coming to earth, for your calling of us as your  
friends, for your sharing of our life and death,

**We give you thanks.**

O Spirit of grace and truth, For revealing yourself in community, for healing us in  
our brokenness, for inspiring us with courage to share,

**We give you thanks.**

O Trinity of love, For the promise of a spreading tree giving shade and protection,  
for the vision of a body in which each part works for the health of the whole, for  
the invitation to a feast where the despised will be guests of honor,

**We give you thanks.**

For those who have blessed our lives and now live eternally with you,

**We give you thanks.**

*THE PRAYERS OF CONCERN AND BLESSING*

God of justice and peace, you stand with those who are poor.

Now, in prayers spoken and unspoken, we call upon you for those who suffer the injustice of violence and want . . .

*(time of silent prayer)*

We call upon you for those who carry heavy burdens . . .

*(time of silent prayer)*

We call upon you for those we love and those who love us . . .

*(time of silent prayer)*

Where shall we go from your spirit, and how could we be away from your presence?

**If darkness covers us and night closes in on us, you are there. For the night is not dark for you but luminous as the day, and the two are one to you.**

Where shall we go from your spirit?

**Your presence is there, and here, and everywhere.**

Spirit of the living God, present with us now, breathe in us and on these gifts of bread and cup, that sharing your blessing and your broken life we may share in your continual presence and reality, and together, as your body, remain in your love. We give thanks that Jesus blessed bread, broke it and gave to us, asking us to always remember. We give thanks that at the end of the meal, Jesus took the cup and sealed a new covenant with us for all eternity.

**We share these gifts of God with all God's children as we pray the prayer your Son has taught us. Our Father...**

*DISTRIBUTION OF ELEMENTS*

(All are welcome to receive communion. Please come forward for intinction.)

When you get to the Table, take a piece of bread from the tray and dip it in the cup. Eat immediately.

We serve grape juice instead of wine and offer gluten-free alternatives so that all may partake.)

*COMMUNION MUSIC*

*Panis Angelicus*

César Franck

Chip Hazel, baritone

*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION*

**Beloved Christ, you have put your life into our hands; now we put our lives into yours. Take us, renew and remake us. What we have been is past, what we shall be, through you, still awaits us. May we be your living presence in this world. Amen.**

\*HYMN NO. 338

*O Beautiful for Spacious Skies*

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

*Tocotta in G Major*  
Abraham McIlvaine, organ

Dieterich Buxtehude

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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 after church in the back of the Sanctuary.

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

**Summer Worship for Children:** Children are always welcome in worship at Concord. During the summer, we will continue to have a Children's Corner, with coloring, puzzles, and other quiet activities; however, no childcare will be offered.

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

**Deacon-in-Charge:** Don Potter

**Liturgist:** Cynthia Miller

**Communion Servers:** Sally Coulson, Dottie Lund, Ron McKinney

**Ushers:** John Barineau, Barbara Wise

**The flowers today** are given to the glory of God by Richard & Dottie Harding in celebration of Libby's 24<sup>th</sup> birthday.

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

Dan Voelker

Carol Welch

Elinor Weaver

Jean Wertz

**Summer Music Programming:** Our outstanding Chancel Choir sings regularly in Sunday services September-May. During the summer, they receive a well-deserved respite. We traditionally use this time to foster our own talented musicians with solo and small ensemble opportunities, while also welcoming some highly accomplished professional and aspiring young guest artists. It is our hope and belief that this enhances our ministry and worship experience. The Chancel Choir will resume weekly rehearsals and their regular role as worship music leaders in early September. Until then, enjoy our featured artists!

**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 crisis. If you would like a visit, contact her at 302/373-7127 or [kspownallkathie@aol.com](mailto:kspownallkathie@aol.com) to set up a time.

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.

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**Unable to make it to a worship service?** Recordings of current sermons are available online at

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

## Adult Classes

You are invited to attend our **Mug & Muffin Bible Study** which meets **Wednesdays @ 9:30am in the Sanctuary Lounge** to discuss the background of the scripture for each Sunday’s sermon. *Will not meet July 4.*

**Something New! Concord Vacation Bible School for Adults: July 23-27, 10:45-11:45am in Jessie’s Room.** Come join Pastor Elizabeth for a week of study on the Book of Genesis. Bring your Bibles and your questions. *Please sign up in the back of the Sanctuary or contact the church office.*

## 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.*

If you would like to donate snacks for Vacation Bible School, good choices include pretzels, large containers of goldfish, Chewy chocolate chip granola bars, Nilla wafers, bags of apples, apple juice, and lemonade. We expect to be feeding about 55 people (kids and counselors). Please let Marj Johnson (302/765-2081, [marj@comcast.net](mailto:marj@comcast.net)) know if you are providing treats. If you wish to make a monetary donation instead, please make your check payable to Concord Church, memo: VBS, and place in the Church Office mailbox. Thanks.

#### From the Church Office

The Church & Preschool will be closed Wed., July 4 for the Independence Day holiday. Pastor Elizabeth and Margaret will also be out of the office Thurs. & Fri., July 5-6. In the event of a pastoral emergency, please contact Kathie Pownall (373-7127).

**Pulpit Exchange–July 8:** Rev. Scott Maxwell from St. Mark’s Lutheran Church will be preaching here at Concord, while Pastor Elizabeth will lead services at St. Mark’s.

The Concord *Courier* is not published in July and August. Check the bulletin and the *Concord Connects* weekly e-newsletter for announcements and events.

#### CALENDAR

- Sun., July 1** Elizabeth Lyman preaching  
**Communion, Deacons’ Fund**  
10:30am Worship in the Sanctuary
- Mon., July 2** FH Breakfast Delivery  
9:00am Diaspora Prayer Group
- Tues., July 3**  
9:30am Emmanuel Dining Room South  
7:00pm New Life AA (Fellowship Hall)
- Wed., July 4** Independence Day  
**Preschool & Church Office closed**
- Thurs., July 5** Church Office closed  
2:00pm Hugs ‘n Stitches (Jessie’s Room)
- Fri., July 6** Church Office closed
- Sat., July 7**  
7:00pm Step Solutions AA (FH)
- Sun., July 8** Scott Maxwell preaching  
**Pulpit Exchange**  
10:30am Worship in the Sanctuary
- Mon., July 9** Church Office closed  
9:00am Diaspora Prayer Group  
1:00pm Prayer Shawls (Sanct. Lounge)
- Tues., July 10**  
11:30am Staff Meeting  
7:00pm New Life AA (Fellowship Hall)

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