

THE SERVICE OF WORSHIP FOR THE FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

June 24, 2018

10:30 a.m.

* All who are able may stand

Congregation reads aloud the **bold** print

THE TIME OF CENTERING

If we lose love and self-respect for each other, this is how we finally die.

~ Maya Angelou

THE COMMUNITY OF FAITH GATHERS

PRELUDE

Fugue in B-flat Major
Abraham McIlvaine, organ

Dieterich Buxtehude

WELCOME

Kathie Pownall

SILENCE AS THE LIGHT OF CHRIST ENTERS

*CALL TO WORSHIP

We gather in this place to worship our God:

**Calm Presence in our times of confusion,
Comforter in our nights of struggle.**

We gather with our brothers and sisters,
as we seek to follow Jesus –

**A Refuge to those swamped by fears,
A Friend to those overwhelmed by loss.**

We are brought together by the Spirit
who lives in the depths of our souls:

**the Serenity who travels with us
on this up-and-down journey we call life.**

* HYMN NO. 612

We Praise You, O God

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND RECONCILIATION

They can be such giants in our lives, God of Grace. Each day, our fears, our doubts, our worries wash over us, at times, lessening our faith in you. There seems to be so much wrong in the world, at times, the amount of good being done seems small. The storms of life batter us, and we cower, struggling to find the faith to withstand them. Forgive us, God of Hope. Remind us that if we open our hearts, you will heal us. If we listen to your words, we will hear peace and joy. If we open our lives to you, we can go forth to serve others, even as our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ has served us.

(Time of silent personal confession)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

With calming words, with a peaceful Spirit, with overflowing love and hope, our God forgives us and fills us with faith.

God affirms us for who we are – those whose brokenness is made whole, whose sin is forgiven, whose lives overflow with faith. Thanks be to God! 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

Raven Studer

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION (all speak in unison)

Text of HYMN NO. 184

**Calm to the waves. Calm to the wind.
Jesus whispers, "Peace, be still."
Balm to our hearts. Fears at an end.
In stillness, hear his voice.**

SCRIPTURE LESSONS	Mark 4:35-41	p. 816
	1 Samuel 17:32-49	p. 228

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

SERMON *The Power of Little* Rev. Kathie S. Pownall

*HYMN NO. 185 *Lonely the Boat* vs. 1-3, 5
v. 1 – all
v. 2 – lower voices
v. 3 – higher voices
v. 5 – all

JOYS & CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY *Canzonetta in G* Dieterich Buxtehude
Abraham McIlvaine, organ

*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

Now is the acceptable time to offer our gifts to you, Holy God. Now is the time to pray that they may be used to remove any obstacles that keep others from knowing your grace, experiencing your healing, or being filled with your hope. Now is the time to give thanks for your blessings, praying they will be used to bless others. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

*HYMN NO. 463 *How Firm a Foundation* vs. 1, 2, & 5

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Go now into a world beset by storms of worries and fears.

**Let us go to the far side of despair,
bringing God's hope to all huddled on that shore.**

Go now into all the places where people are afraid.

**Let us set out from the shore of our comfortable lives,
bringing the good news of Jesus' grace to all.**

Go now to the distant shores torn apart by violence and oppression.

**Let us set out with the Spirit as our guide,
crying out to all, "Peace! Be still, wars and terrors!"**

POSTLUDE

Fugue in C

Dieterich Buxtehude

Abraham McIlvaine, organ

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.

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!

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Assisting in the service of worship are:

Deacon-in-Charge: Ron McKinney

Liturgist: Carol Lind

Ushers: Gerry Crock, Kay Jewett

The flowers today are given to the glory of God by Ginnie Mayforth in loving memory of my husband Bob.

Weekly Prayer List (follows directory):

Margaret Twelves

Bonnie & Chip Twilley

Carly & Kris Twilley, Kaitlyn & Jake

Frances van Leeuwen

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, call her at 302/373-7127 or email kspownallkathie@aol.com to set up a convenient 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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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.

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.



Summer Office Hours

Tuesday – Thursday, 10:00am-3:00pm
Closed Monday & Friday

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, marjc@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.

- Sun., June 24** Kathie Pownall preaching
10:30am Worship in the Sanctuary
- Mon., June 25** Church Office closed
9:00am Diaspora Prayer Group
- Tues., June 26**
7:00pm New Life AA (Fellowship Hall)
- Wed., June 27**
9:30am Mug & Muffin (SL)
12:00pm Women's AA (Jessie's Room)
7:00pm SAGA AA (Fellowship Hall)
7:30pm Session (Jessie's Room)
- Thurs., June 28** EDR East
- Fri., June 29** Church Office closed
- Sat., June 30**
7:00pm Step Solutions AA (FH)
- Sun., July 1** Elizabeth Lyman preaching
Communion, Deacons' Fund
10:30am Worship in the Sanctuary
- Mon., July 2** Church Office closed
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

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July and August. Check the bulletin and
Concord Connects weekly e-newsletter
for announcements and events.*