

# THE SERVICE OF WORSHIP FOR THE LORD'S DAY

June 3, 2018

10:30 a.m.

\* All who are able may stand

Congregation reads aloud the **bold print**

## THE TIME OF CENTERING

*God, what is your yearning for Concord in caring for strangers? We sense that God yearns for us to be a visible expression of Christ's love, a beacon shining light into dark places. We think Our Redeemer yearns for Concord to reignite the excitement for outreach and social justice that is Concord's heritage, to strengthen the Concord community through worshipful work, and thus to experience the joy of selflessness and to appreciate the gift of our abundant lives.*

Concord Mission Initiative Report to Session, May 23, 2018.

## THE COMMUNITY OF FAITH GATHERS

PRELUDE

*Suffer the Little Children*

Ruth L. Hausman

Matthew Pressley, tenor

And they brought young children to him, that he should touch them: and his disciples rebuked those that brought them. But when Jesus saw it, he was much displeased, and said unto them: "Suffer the little children to come unto me, and forbid them not, for of such is the kingdom of God. Verily I say unto you, whosoever shall not receive the kingdom of God as a little child shall not enter therein." And he took them up in his arms, put his hands upon them, and blessed them.

## OPENING SCRIPTURE

WELCOME

Rev. Elizabeth Lyman

## SILENCE AS THE LIGHT OF CHRIST ENTERS

## \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Christ says: I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. What do you say?

**Christ is the vine, we are the branches. Shelter us!**

Christ says: You have been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you.

**Christ is the vine, we are the branches. Prune us!**

Christ says: Abide in me as I abide in you.

**Christ is the vine, we are the branches. Sustain us!**

Christ says: Apart from me you can do nothing.

**Christ is the vine, we are the branches. Save us!**

Christ says: Ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you.

**Christ is the vine, we are the branches. Alleluia! Amen.**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND RECONCILIATION

**Awesome and disturbing God, you breathed life into us, and each day you fill us with the power of your Spirit. We are given your courage and yet act with caution and timidity. We know your intentions for justice, yet too often keep silent or yield to the complexity of issues and do nothing. We are overwhelmed with your love yet are hesitant to mention your name to another.**

**We have been forgiven much, yet we harbor old resentments, hold on to past hurts and turn away from reconciliation.**

**Wondrous God, restore us to clear thinking, give us compassionate hearts, and lead us to bold actions. Let your forgiving love cleanse fear and timidity from us. Set us on your path with your Spirit in our minds. In the name of Jesus. 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

based on Romans 6

Once we were slaves to sin, living lives that led only to death. But thanks be to God!  
In his mercy, he has set us free from the power of sin and death,  
and has offered us eternal life through Christ Jesus our Lord!  
Now we are free to choose life, and to use our lives to bring honor and glory to God!  
**Thanks be to God!**

\*RESPONSE (all sing)

*Guide My Feet*

NO. 741, v. 1

**Guide my feet while I run this race; guide my feet while I run this race;  
Guide my feet while I run this race,  
for I don’t want to run this race in vain! (race in vain!)**

\*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.”)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

John 15:11-17

p. 878

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

*Risk Taking Mission*

Rev. Elizabeth Lyman

\*HYMN NO. 749

*Come! Live in the Light!*

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

*"For Good" (Wicked)*

Stephen Schwartz

Sunday School Singers

*DEDICATED TO ALL SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS*

I've heard it said that people come into our lives for a reason

Bringing something we must learn and we are led

To those who help us most to grow - If we let them, and we help them in return

Well, I don't know if I believe that's true, but I know I'm who I am today

Because I knew you.

Like a comet pulled from orbit as it passes a sun

Like a stream that meets a boulder halfway through the wood

Who can say if I've been changed for the better?

But because I knew you I have been changed for good

It well may be that we will never meet again in this lifetime

So let me say before we part: so much of me

Is made of what I learned from you; you'll be with me

Like a handprint on my heart

And now whatever way our stories end,

I know you have re-written mine by being my friend.

Like a ship blown from its mooring by a wind off the sea

Like a seed dropped by a skybird in a distant wood

Who can say if I've been changed for the better?

But because I knew you, I have been changed for good

**Heaven shall not wait for the rich to share their fortunes,  
The proud to fall, the elite to tend the least;  
Jesus is Lord; he has shown the master's privilege:  
To kneel and wash servants' feet before they feast.**

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**In response to your great love for us, gracious God, we joyfully and gratefully offer the fruits of our labor and our lives in these gifts. Bless and multiply them, we pray, that the transformative power of your love will be a reality in our neighborhood and community. Amen.**

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)*

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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 HYMN* (all sing) *Let Us Break Bread Together*

*NO. 525*

#### *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. 773

*Heaven Shall Not Wait*

vs. 1, 3 & 4

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

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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.

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

**Deacon-in-Charge:** Jim Silvius

**Liturgist:** Jim Silvius

**Ushers:** Youth & Family Ushers

**Communion Servers:** Cynthia Miller,  
Liz Rowe, Nancy Tucker

**The flowers today** are given to the glory of God by Marj Johnson in honor of our wonderful staff.

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

Bettye Shirar

Jim & Ann Marie Silvius

Sandy & Chuck Simpson, Stephen, Ryan  
Melanie Slezak

**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.



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

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

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.



**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.*



**Sunday School Teacher Appreciation:** Today we say “thank you” to our Sunday School teachers 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 year:

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

\*We are also grateful to those who coordinate and lead our Sunday morning adult classes and Bible studies: Marj Johnson, Rev. Kathie Pownall, Sister BJ Brown, and Rev. Elizabeth Lyman.



**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](mailto:christina.pressley@concordpc.org)

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

*Drinks provided!*

**Mission & Outreach**

**Support Friendship House in Highmark**

**Walk – Sat., June 9:** The 2018 Highmark Walk for a Healthy Community will be Sat., June 9 @ Frawley Stadium (7:45am check-in). The walk will benefit 23 health and human service organizations, including Friendship House. Concord Presbyterian will have a team, so you can join in the fun. There will be entertainment, refreshments, and more. Bring your friends from Youth Group, work, school, your neighborhood... To sign up as a walker for the Concord team or donate to support the team, contact John Barineau ([barinejm@yahoo.com](mailto:barinejm@yahoo.com)) or visit the [Concord Presbyterian 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 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.)

## Adult Classes

**Concord Book Club – Sun., 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 **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.

**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.*



*The June issue of the Concord Courier is now available in the Narthex and on the website. There's a lot going on – don't miss a thing!*

## CALENDAR

**Sun., June 3** Elizabeth Lyman preaching  
**Teacher Appreciation, Communion**

10:30am Worship in the Sanctuary

**Mon., June 4** **FH Breakfast Delivery**

9:00am Diaspora Prayer Group

6:30pm Mary Circle (Gerry Crock)

**Tues., June 5**

9:30am Emmanuel Dining Room South

11:30am Staff Meeting

12:30pm Clerk's Meeting (Jessie's Room)

7:30pm Membership (Library)

7:30pm Mission & Outreach (Jessie's Rm.)

**Wed., June 6**

9:30am Mug & Muffin (Sanctuary Lounge)

7:00pm Deacons (Jessie's Room)

**Thurs., June 7**

9:30am Board of Pensions (Jessie's Room)

11:30am Clergywomen's Lunch (JR)

7:00pm MAC – Presbytery (Jessie's Room)

**Sat., June 9**

7:45am Highmark Walk-Frawley Stadium

**Sun., June 10** **Mission Initiative Report**  
**Music Appreciation, Installation**

10:30am Worship in the Sanctuary

11:30am CPSP (Jessie's Room)

5:00pm Sunday School/Youth Group/  
Chancel Choir Potluck (Pressleys')

**Mon., June 11** **Church Office closed**

9:00am Diaspora Prayer Group

1:00pm Prayer Shawls (Sanctuary Lounge)

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