

THE SERVICE OF WORSHIP FOR THE LORD'S DAY

July 8, 2018

10:30 a.m.

* All who are able may stand

Congregation reads aloud the **bold print**

THE TIME OF CENTERING

"Miracles are a retelling in small letters of the very same story which is written across the whole world in letters too large for some of us to see."

~ C.S. Lewis, 20th century

THE COMMUNITY OF FAITH GATHERS

PRELUDE

Prayer and Praise

Eric Ewazen

Barbara Prugh – trumpet, Hiroko Yamazaki, piano

WELCOME

Nancy Tucker

SILENCE AS THE LIGHT OF CHRIST ENTERS

*CALL TO WORSHIP

adapted from Psalm 30

Sing praises to God, all you faithful ones

God hears us in our fear and our sorrow

Where there was no way

God leads us in a new way

Where there was no mercy

God surprises us with fresh mercy

Where there was weeping

God invites us to step into a new dance.

Come, let us worship God!

* HYMN NO. 2

Come, Thou Almighty King

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND RECONCILIATION

God calls us in our lives to take a risk,

to be like the woman in the gospel who reaches out to Jesus for healing for herself;

or the father who risks the scorn of others to bring Jesus to his dying daughter.

Let us ponder for a moment the places of our lives where we may resist

turning to God for healing and change.

(Silence)

When we resist your call to open our hearts to allow
the freshness of your grace to enter:

God have mercy.

When we close our eyes to your new and unexpected possibilities
of healing and reconciliation:

Christ have mercy.

When we let fear overwhelm us, and cling to the security of what we know
instead of risking new steps toward your freedom and justice:

God have mercy.

(Time of Silent Confession)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

God's mercies are fresh every morning.

In Christ, God offers forgiving grace

and welcome into a community of trust, abundance, and hope.

Let us give thanks for the mercy of God.

Alleluia, Amen!

*RESPONSE (all sing)

Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

NO. 232, v. 2

Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia!

Unto Christ, our heavenly King, Alleluia!

Who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia!

Sinners to redeem and save, Alleluia!

*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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Psalm 130

p. 500

Mark 5:21-43

p. 816

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

If I But Touch His Cloak...

Rev. Scott Maxwell

*HYMN NO. 178

The Woman Hiding in the Crowd

vs. 1, 3, 4

JOYS AND CONCERNS

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

Lord, in your mercy:

Hear our prayer.

Almighty God, in Christ you taught us to pray,
and promised that we would receive all that we ask in his name.

Hear now our prayers:

for the church universal ...

for this congregation, its mission and ministry ...

for the healing of the earth ...

for peace and justice in the world ...

for nations and leaders ...

for our local community ...

for the poor and oppressed ...

for the bereaved and lonely ...

for all who need healing ...

Guide us, O God, by your Holy Spirit,

that all of our prayers and all of our lives

may serve your will and show your love;

through Jesus Christ our Lord, who taught us to pray: **Our Father ...**

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Balm in Gilead

African-American spiritual,

Barbara Prugh – trumpet, Hiroko Yamazaki, piano

arr. Lani Smith

*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

Generous God, take our gifts this day and use them so that we may be part of your great work in this world. Through our giving, bring a brighter day of justice and love, not just in our community but in the world beyond these walls. Strengthen our church and all churches so that we grow together each day into a powerful voice for healing and peace. Amen.

*HYMN NO. 733

We All Are One in Mission

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Rise Up!

William H. Walter,

Barbara Prugh – trumpet, Hiroko Yamazaki, piano arr. Ovid Young

We are pleased to welcome The Rev. Scott Maxwell, pastor of St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Wilmington, to our pulpit today. This is a continued effort to broaden our understanding of what it means to be a "Full Communion" partner with the Lutheran Church (ELCA). Ordained in 1999 in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, Pastor Maxwell has served congregations in Virginia, Pennsylvania and now, as of two years ago, Delaware. Prior to ordination, he was a member of the management team for Hyatt Hotels and Resorts. Scott and his wife Candy are proud parents and now grandparents of a 20-month old granddaughter, and have recently been adopted by Jackson and Axel, two Golden Retriever rescue dogs with whom they share their home. Pastor Scott is the coordinator of the Covenant Bible Study we are participating in.

We are also grateful to again welcome Barbara Prugh to share her musical gifts with us today. Barbara is well known throughout the Delaware Valley and beyond as a trumpet soloist and ensemble player. A graduate of UD and Eastman School of Music, she has appeared as a guest soloist with many of the Philadelphia area's top ensembles and collaborated with some of its finest performers and conductors.

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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: Alan Jewett

Liturgist: Nancy Tucker

Ushers: Dottie Harding, Ashley Tieste, Nancy Tieste

The flowers today are given to the glory of God by Melanie Slezak in celebration of all of the summer birthdays at Concord!

Weekly Prayer List (follows directory):

Laura & Anthony White,

Emily & Samantha

Willard White

Jackie & Bob Whiting

Barbara Wise

Summer Music Programming: Our Chancel Choir sings regularly in Sunday services September-May. During the summer, they receive a well-deserved respite. We use this time to foster our own talented musicians with solo and small ensemble opportunities, while also welcoming highly accomplished professional and aspiring young guest artists. 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: Pastor Elizabeth will be away attending continuing education July 11-15. Rev. Kathie Pownall will be preaching next Sunday and providing pastoral care for our Concord family in Elizabeth's absence (302/373-7127 or kspownallkathie@aol.com).

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 info. You will receive an email acknowledging the gift.



Summer Office Hours

Tuesday – Thursday, 10:00am-3:00pm

Closed Monday & Friday

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. *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) 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.

CALENDAR

- Sun., July 8** **Rev. Scott Maxwell preaching**
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**
10:00am Staff Meeting
7:00pm New Life AA (Fellowship Hall)
- Wed., July 11**
9:30am Mug & Muffin (Sanct. Lounge)
12:00pm Women's AA (Jessie's Room)
7:00pm SAGA AA (Fellowship Hall)
7:00pm Finance (Jessie's Room)
7:00pm Mission Outreach (Library)
- Fri., July 13** **Church Office closed**
- Sat., July 14**
7:00pm Step Solutions AA (FH)
- Sun., July 15** **Rev. Kathie Pownall preaching**
10:30am Worship in the Sanctuary
11:30am Special Session (Sanct. Lounge)
- Mon., July 16** **Church Office closed**
9:00am Diaspora Prayer Group