

THE SERVICE OF WORSHIP FOR THE LORD'S DAY

August 12, 2018

10:30 a.m.

* All who are able may stand

Congregation reads aloud the **bold** print

THE TIME OF CENTERING

"Try to be a rainbow in someone's cloud."

~ Maya Angelou

THE COMMUNITY OF FAITH GATHERS

PRELUDE

I Will Lift My Eyes

T. Alonso, arr. C. DeSilva

Becky Hamilton – soprano, Chip Hazel – baritone

It is time for me to move from my shelter of safety, to sail as a pilgrim over the waves of the sea.

It is time to be still and to seek the Son of Mary, time to rest, time to leave behind my fears.

Refrain: I will lift my eyes to the mountains; from where shall come my help?

My help shall come from the Lord!

So I'll walk in the light of the path set before me, for I know your love will show me the way.

And I will not fear the storm, though it rages around me,

for slowly I am learning to place my trust in you,

to forgive every hurt and to loosen every burden; to let go and to follow where you lead.

OPENING SCRIPTURE

WELCOME

Rev. Elizabeth Lyman

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Covenant Bible Study

Carol Lind

SILENCE AS THE LIGHT OF CHRIST ENTERS

*CALL TO WORSHIP

God has set his rainbow in the skies, as a reminder of his steadfast love.

God's love endures forever.

God has promised to measure his justice with his grace.

Grant us grace to believe in your goodness.

The Lord spoke, the earth shook and the skies were ripped open.

Grant us faith to trust you, even in times of darkness.

The Lord is King. The Lord is good.

God's faithful love endures forever.

Come, let us worship the Lord!

God's faithful love endures forever!

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND RECONCILIATION

God of all the colors, we confess to you that our lives are too often monochromatic. You present us with all the opportunities of the rainbow, and we restrict ourselves to safe neutrals. We do not risk bright yellow love or deep purple justice. We keep our choices to a minimum, preferring to stick with what we know. Wrap your rainbow around us, O God, and liberate us. Your covenant reminds us that we do not need to be afraid to take risks. Let us be a rainbow people for you.

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

God has set a bow in the clouds, to be a sign of the covenant between God and the earth. God is faithful and remembers God’s promises, so be not afraid! Live as a forgiven and color-full people.

*RESPONSE (all sing)

We Are Standing on Holy Ground

NO. 406

We are standing on holy ground,

And I know that there are angels all around;

Let us praise Jesus now;

We are standing in his presence on holy ground. (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

Dottie Lund

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Genesis 6:5-7; 7:1-6, 10-11,16b-24

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Genesis 8:2-13, 20-22; 9:9-17

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The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

The Rainbow Connection

Rev. Elizabeth Lyman

*HYMN

The Rainbow Connection

**Why are there so many songs about rainbows and what's on the other side?
Rainbows are visions, but only illusions, and rainbows have nothing to hide
So we've been told and some choose to believe it
I know they're wrong wait and see
Someday we'll find it, the rainbow connection
The lovers, the dreamers and me**

**Who said that wishes would be heard and answered when wished on the morning star?
Someone thought of that and someone believed it
Look what it's done so far**

**What's so amazing that keeps us stargazing and what do we think we might see?
Someday we'll find it, the rainbow connection
The lovers, the dreamers and me**

**All of us under its spell
We know that it's probably magic
Have you been half asleep and have you heard voices?
I've heard them calling my name
Is this the sweet sound that calls the young sailors?
The voice might be one and the same
I've heard it too many times to ignore it
It's something that I'm supposed to be**

**Someday we'll find it, the rainbow connection, the lovers, the dreamers and me
Someday we'll find it, the rainbow connection, the lovers, the dreamers and me**

Songwriters: KENNY ASCHER, PAUL HAMILTON WILLIAMS
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JOYS AND CONCERNS

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

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

For the Beauty of the Earth
Becky Hamilton – soprano, Chip Hazel – baritone

arr. Sally DeFord

*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

**God of extravagant love, fill our spirits with your love and place upon our hearts
your call to serve all in the name of Christ. We ask that you dedicate our gifts and
our lives to faithful service and ministry. Amen.**

*HYMN NO. 329 *God Is Our Refuge and Our Strength*

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

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.*

Assisting in the service of worship are:

Deacon-in-Charge: Al Lund

Liturgist: Rob Eppes

Ushers: Marj Johnson, Nancy Tucker

The flowers today are given to the glory of God by Don & Gail Greene in thanks for all the people who are employed in hands-on healthcare and the comfort they give.

Weekly Prayer List (follows directory):

Leah Berl

Ginny Brawders

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COMING THIS FALL: COVENANT BIBLE STUDY
(IN COLLABORATION WITH THREE OTHER AREA CHURCHES)



COVENANT IS AN IN-DEPTH GROUP BIBLE STUDY IN WHICH PARTICIPANTS READ AND DISCUSS THE BIBLE TOGETHER, LEARNING HOW TO LOVE GOD – AND EACH OTHER – BETTER.

Three 8-episode segments each explore a different aspect of Covenant life. Each will examine what Covenant means, and the progression of a Covenant relationship with God.

- **CREATING:** Examines how the Covenant community is created and established.
- **LIVING:** Focuses on how the community lives out their Covenant in faithful love – how it's applied to actual relationships in everyday life.
- **TRUSTING:** Looks at the crises that sometimes call Covenant life into question, and how we are restored to trust in God when troubling things happen.

Covenant represents a relationship – a living, breathing conversation. And we invite you to join in it. There will be classes a few different times each week at various locations. **The class held here at Concord will meet Monday evenings, 7:00-8:30pm in Jessie's Room or the Sanctuary Lounge, beginning September 10, 2018.** Led by Rev. Elizabeth Lyman and Carol Lind.

What's the commitment? 90-minute class once/week; 24 weeks from fall through early spring (4 weeks on, 1 week off); daily Bible reading (about 20-30 minutes/day). Check out the website: www.covenantbiblestudy.com.

Cost and deadline: \$25 (includes 3 participant books). Make checks payable to *St. Mark's Lutheran Church* and mail check with [response card](#) (or outside the Church Office) to 501 Duncan Road, Wilmington, DE 19809. **Deadline to sign up: Friday, August 31, 2018.**

Summer Worship for Children: Children are always welcome in worship at Concord. During the summer months, we will continue to have a Children's Sermon and 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, we foster our own talented musicians with solo and small ensemble opportunities, while also welcoming some accomplished professional and aspiring young guest artists. The Chancel Choir will resume rehearsals and their regular role as worship music leaders in early September. Until then, enjoy our featured artists!

Concord now accepts donations via several electronic methods:

- Scanning the QR code with your smart phone will connect you with a Concord website page to allow **credit card** donations
- Use **PayPal** to send a donation to Concord at donations@concordpc.org
- Use your personal **banking app** (utilizing Zelle®) to send a cash donation to donations@concordpc.org. (Examples of banks utilizing Zelle® are Wells Fargo, PNC, TD, M&T, Bank of America, Citi, etc.)



Unable to make it to a worship service?

Recordings of current sermons are available online at

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



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 to set up a time.

CALENDAR

- Sun., Aug. 12** Elizabeth Lyman preaching
10:30am Worship in the Sanctuary
- Mon., Aug. 13** Church Office closed
9:00am Diaspora Prayer Group
- Tues., Aug. 14**
7:00pm New Life AA – Fellowship Hall
- Wed., Aug. 15**
9:30am Mug & Muffin – Sanctuary Lounge
12:00pm Women's AA – Jessie's Room
7:00pm SAGA AA – Fellowship Hall
- Thurs., Aug. 16**
7:00pm Mission Committee – Jessie's Room
- Fri., Aug. 17** Church Office closed
- Sat., Aug. 18**
7:00pm Step Solutions AA – Fellowship Hall)
- Sun., Aug. 19** Kathie Pownall preaching
10:30am Worship in the Sanctuary
- Mon., Aug. 20** Church Office closed
Courier Deadline
9:00am Diaspora Prayer Group

Mark Your Calendars (Upcoming Events):

- *Sun., Sept. 2: Deacons' Fund Offering*
- *Sun., Sept. 9: Homecoming, Communion, Church-Wide Picnic*
- *Sun., Sept. 16: Sea Sunday, Peacemaking Offering received, Town Hall/Cong. Meeting*
- *Sun., Sept. 23: New Member Class begins. Contact Pastor Elizabeth (654-9599)*
- *Sun., Oct. 7: World Communion Sunday*
- *Sat., Oct. 13: Hayride – Bellevue State Park*