

THE SERVICE OF WORSHIP FOR THE LORD'S DAY

August 26, 2018

10:30 a.m.

* All who are able may stand

Congregation reads aloud the **bold print**

THE TIME OF CENTERING

"We're only passers-by, and all you can do is love what you have in your life. A person has to fight the meanness that sometimes comes with you when you're born, sometimes grows if you aren't in lucky surroundings. It's our challenge to fend it off, leave it behind us choking and gasping for breath in the mud. It's our task to seek out something with truth for us, no matter if there is a hundred-mile obstacle course in the way, or a ramshackle old farmhouse that binds and binds."

~ Jane Hamilton, *The Book of Ruth*

THE COMMUNITY OF FAITH GATHERS

PRELUDE

The Girl With the Flaxen Hair
Hiroko Yamazaki – piano

C. Debussy (1862-1918)

WELCOME

Rev. Elizabeth Lyman

SILENCE AS THE LIGHT OF CHRIST ENTERS

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Based on Psalm 147

Praise the Lord!

How good it is to sing praises to our God!

How great is our God! His power is absolute! His understanding is beyond our comprehension.

How good it is to sing praises to our God!

The Lord delights in those who honor him, who put their hope in his unfailing love.

How good it is to sing praises to our God!

Praise the Lord!

*HYMN NO. 33

Praise the Lord! God's Glories Show

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND RECONCILIATION

Forgive us, O God, for thinking we have you all figured out. We pretend we know who is in and who is out of your family, as if your care were not for all of us.

We want people to be like us before we help them, and we welcome into our company only those who will benefit us.

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**Forgive us. Reconcile us to those we have treated as worthless or unwanted; mold us into a community where all your children are accepted, included and loved.
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

Hear this good news: God brings us into life again and again through the love of Christ our Lord. Receive the gift of forgiveness for your shortcomings and go forward with your life in the certainty that God loves you no matter what.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

*RESPONSE (all sing)

Great Are You, Lord

NO. 614

Great are you, Lord: you are holy and just; by your power we trust in your love.

Great are you, Lord: you are faithful and true; by your mercy you prove you are love.

Great are you, Lord, and worthy of glory! Great are you, Lord, and worthy of praise.

Great are you, Lord. We lift up our voice; we lift up our voice:

Great are you, Lord! Great are you, Lord!

*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 LESSON

Ruth 1: selected verses

p. 210

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Ruth Remembered

Rev. Edee Fenimore

*HYMN

For All the Faithful Women

Tune: No. 361

**For all the faithful women who served in days of old,
To you shall thanks be given; to all, their story told.
They served with strength and gladness in tasks your wisdom gave.
To you their lives bore witness, proclaimed your power to save.**

**We praise your name for Miriam, who sang, triumphantly
While Pharaoh's vaunted army lay drowned beneath the sea;
For Ruth, who left her homeland and ventured forth in faith,
Who pledged to serve and worship Naomi's God till death.**

**Lord, hear our praise of Dorcas, who served the sick and poor.
Her hands were cups of kindness, her heart an open door.
O God, for saints and servants, our fervent prayer we raise,
That, faithful in your service, our lives may sing your praise.**

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

Whither Thou Goest

Guy Singer

Matthew Pressley – tenor, Hiroko Yamazaki – piano

*DOXOLOGY (all sing)

We Give Thee but Thine Own

NO. 708, v. 1

**We give thee but thine own, whate'er the gift may be;
All that we have is thine alone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.**

*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. 300

We Are One in the Spirit

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Minute Waltz

F. Chopin (1810-1849)

Hiroko Yamazaki – piano

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: Paul Pringle

Liturgist: Rob Eppes

Ushers: Marcie Jorgensen, Melanie Slezak

The flowers today are given to the glory of God by Terry Lynch in appreciation of Concord's music program.

Weekly Prayer List (follows directory):

Sally Coulson

Jean & Bob Custin

Gerry Crock

Jane & Wes Diemer

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.)



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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.**

Discover your church

INQUIRERS' CLASS

Suns., Sept. 23 & 30, Oct. 14

Noon – 1:30pm

Lunch & Childcare Provided

An adult study and discussion class for those considering membership or simply wishing to continue their faith journey.

(We are planning to receive new members during worship on Oct. 28 and welcome them at a reception following the service.)

If you are interested in attending the class or have questions, please contact Pastor Elizabeth (elizabeth.lyman@concordpc.org, 654-9557).

Homecoming Picnic

Sun., Sept. 9 after church

Reconnect as summer winds down and church activities pick up! There will be a moon bounce, music, and a potluck picnic! *Please sign up in the Narthex or outside the office – let us know how many will attend and what salad, side dish, or dessert you will bring along to share.* Hamburgers, hot dogs, and drinks will be provided. Dress casually and plan to join us!



CALENDAR

- Sun., Aug. 26** Edee Fenimore preaching
10:30am Worship in the Sanctuary
4:30pm Youth Group Summer Gathering
- Mon., Aug. 27** **Preschool & Office closed**
9:00am Diaspora Prayer Group
- Tues., Aug. 28** **Preschool closed**
9:30am Emmanuel Dining Room East
7:00pm New Life AA – Fellowship Hall
7:30pm Congregational Life – Library
- Wed., Aug. 29** **Preschool closed**
9:30am Mug & Muffin – Sanctuary Lounge
12:00pm Women's AA – Jessie's Room
7:00pm SAGA AA – Fellowship Hall
7:00pm Session – Jessie's Room
- Fri., Aug. 31** **Preschool & Office closed**
5:30pm Epiphany House Dinner
- Sat., Sept. 1**
7:00pm Step Solutions AA – Fellowship Hall)
- Sun., Sept. 2** **Elizabeth Lyman preaching**
Deacons' Fund Offering received
10:30am Worship in the Sanctuary
- Mon., Sept. 3** **Preschool & Office closed**
Labor Day
9:00am Diaspora Prayer Group

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.



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

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