

THE SERVICE OF WORSHIP FOR SEA SUNDAY
PEACEMAKING OFFERING

September 16, 2018

10:30 a.m.

* All who are able may stand

Congregation reads aloud the **bold print**

THE TIME OF CENTERING

Gracious God, we give thanks for merchant seafarers and for port chaplains and people in port communities who welcome strangers in their midst, providing a home away from home. May they continue to open their arms to welcome their brothers and sisters of the sea. Amen

THE COMMUNITY OF FAITH GATHERS

PRELUDE

Contemplation

Richard Purvis

OPENING SCRIPTURE

WELCOME

Rev. Elizabeth Lyman

THE LIGHT OF CHRIST ENTERS

How Awesome Is This Place

J. N. Beck

Chancel Choir

*CALL TO WORSHIP

from Psalm 105

O give thanks to the Lord, call on God's name;

Make known God's deeds among the peoples.

Sing praises to God; tell of all God's wonderful works.

Glory in God's holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice!

Let us remember the wonderful works of God.

Rejoice, people of God! Praise the Lord!

Come, let us worship the Lord!

*HYMN NO. 401

Here in This Place

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND RECONCILIATION

Ah, Lord Jesus! It is difficult enough for us to get into the boat with you. And yet we are also called to get out of the boat? To walk toward you, ignoring the wind that gusts, and the water that laps at our feet? Are we also called to trust that you will not let the waves swallow us whole? Indeed it is so, but we resist mightily. You bid us come, but we want to stay behind. We cry out in fear, not faith. Increase our trust in you in all things.

Sometimes, O God, we feel battered by the waves. We feel the wind against us, and we wonder if you will reach us in time. Yet you always do. Not even death, nor grief, nor illness nor despair, nor the waves crashing into the boat, nor our sinking feet, can change this assurance: that you are with us, you are for us, you are among and within us. Give us hearts to trust you. 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

When we come before God in humility and honesty, God draws near to us with forgiveness and renewed blessing.

Thanks be to God!

*RESPONSE (all sing)

There’s a Sweet, Sweet Spirit

NO. 408, v. 2

**There are blessings you cannot receive
Till you know him in his fullness and believe;
You’re the one to profit when you say,
“I am going to walk with Jesus all the way.”**

Refrain:

**Sweet Holy Spirit, sweet heavenly Dove,
Stay right there with us, filling us with your love;
And for these blessings we lift our hearts in praise;
Without a doubt we’ll know that we been revived
When we shall leave this place.**

*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

Jim Hunter & Christina Pressley

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON Exodus 14:10-13, 21-22, 26-31 p. 53

Behold, God Is My Salvation

Eric Thiman

Chancel Choir

Behold, God is my salvation; I will trust and not be afraid.

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON Matthew 14:22-33 p. 796

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON *Walking on Water* Rev. Elizabeth Lyman

*HYMN NO. 476 *Crashing Waters at Creation*

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 *Grant Us Light* Eric Thiman

Chancel Choir

Grant us light in our minds, O Lord;
Wisdom in thought and truth in word:
Understanding in all we do,
That Thy bright Spirit may shine through.

Lead our steps and direct our will
That we may work for Thee until
Thy purpose is achieved on earth
And undreamed beauty comes to birth.

Grant us peace in our separate ways,
And time to sing and speak Thy praise,
That all our lives may come to be,
A clear reflection, Lord, of Thee. Amen

*DOXOLOGY (all sing)

For the Life That You Have Given

NO. 717

**For the life that you have given, for the love in Christ made known,
With these fruits of time and labor, with these gifts that are your own:
Here we offer, Lord, our praises; heart and mind and strength we bring;
Give us grace to love and serve you, living what we pray and sing.**

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Almighty God, You who calm restless waves, bring your children who sail the seas safely into port, protecting them from all the dangers of the deep and comforting their families who await their return. We dedicate our Peacemaking Offering to the Seamen's Center for the ongoing work and ministry they provide. 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. Amen.

*HYMN NO. 8

Eternal Father, Strong to Save

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

RESPONSE

Keep Us, O Lord
Chancel Choir

J. N. Beck

Keep us, O Lord, throughout this mortal life until the shadows lengthen and our work is done. Then grant us lodging and a holy rest, and peace at the last, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING BEGINS

(See back cover for docket)

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.

Assisting in the service of worship are:

Deacon-in-Charge: Dick Carter

Liturgist: Ron McKinney

Ushers: Troy Gehret, Kay Jewett

The flowers today are given to the glory of God by June Tshudy and family in loving memory of her husband Harry.

Weekly Prayer List (follows directory):

Martha Gilbert

Jenny & Dean Godowsky, Aria & Julianna

Allene Goodfellow

Garry Gosling



Sea Sunday – Peacemaking Offering

This Sunday we recognize the work of the Seamen's Center here at the Port of Wilmington. We have supported this ministry for years and continue to lift up those members who volunteer to provide needed respite for the men and women who come into the port from ships all over the world. Our portion of the PC(USA) Peacemaking Offering goes to support this ministry. We will take our Peacemaking Offering this week and next. Please use the envelopes in the pews or write a check to Concord with the memo "Peacemaking."

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.)



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.



Come visit us on Facebook... for photos, announcements, events, and engaging questions. If something catches your eye or touches your heart, "like" it or share it with friends.



INQUIRERS' CLASS

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 want info, please contact Pastor Elizabeth (elizabeth.lyman@concordpc.org, 654-9557).

SUNDAY SCHOOL & FAMILY ACTIVITIES

(All programs will begin September 16)

Concord's Family Ministries team is excited to bring new opportunities, as well as tried and true offerings, to Sunday mornings. We hope you will find meaningful ways to connect with the Spirit and each other as we come together each week!

WORSHIP AND SUNDAY SCHOOL

10:30am Worship in Sanctuary

10:45am Children's Sermon/Lesson

10:50-11:30am Sunday School

- PreK/K (F210/211 for SPARK Rotation)
- Elementary, Grades 1-5 (rotating rooms for Art, Science, Video, Bible Skills & Games, Cooking)
- Middle School, Grades 6-8 (combination of service projects, worship participation, and Bible lessons)

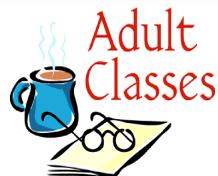
MUSIC

10:00-10:25am Youth Choir and Bells

- Open to youth in Grades 1 and up
- Learn anthems in unison and two-part harmony
- Learn beginning/intermediate bell pieces
- Share our music with the congregation in worship on a monthly basis

CHILDCARE

- Available **9:45am-11:30am** Sunday mornings in Nursery, located in Sunday School hallway.



The Reason for God

Sundays, Sept. 9 – Oct. 14

9:30-10:20am, Jessie's Room

A DVD conversation on faith and life with Presbyterian minister and author Timothy Keller. This series covers everyday thoughts like: *Isn't the Bible a myth? What gives you the right to tell me how to live my life? How can you say there is only one way to God? Why is the church responsible for so much injustice?* Come join us for thoughtful fellowship and learning.

Concord Book Club – Sundays, 9:45-10:25am, Sanctuary Lounge: (Meetings will resume **Sept. 16.**) Our summer book was *The Poisonwood Bible*. We'll discuss for a week or two before starting our next selection, *The Handmaid's Tale*.

You are invited to attend our Bible Study groups which discuss the background of the scripture for each Sunday's sermon:

- **Mug & Muffin Bible Study** – Weds. @ 9:30am in the Sanctuary Lounge.
- **Thaddeus Arc Men's Bible Study** – Thursdays @ 11:30am in the Library.

Faith in Literature – Our next meeting will be **Monday, Sept. 17, 1:00pm**, at the home of Joyce Johnson. Reading assignment from *50 Great Short Stories*, ed. by Milton Crane: "The Death of a Bachelor" by Arthur Schnitzler and "The Apostate" by George Milburn.

Children & Youth

Sunday School Teachers Needed: Each week after the Children's Sermon, children and youth leave to go to Sunday School along with their adult teachers. But in order for us to continue to provide Sunday School, we need more adults to help out. We are specifically looking for some caring folks to spend time with our 6th-9th graders, helping them navigate what it means to live like a Christian in 2018, what the Bible stories mean for us today, and how to be the hands and feet of Christ in our world. If you would like to explore the possibility of becoming a SS teacher, please contact Christina Pressley (christina.pressley@concordpc.org).

Youth Group Board Game Shuffle – today, 5:00-7:00pm: Bring a board game you like. We will choose a few, get in groups, and play the chosen games. After a set time we will switch, giving everyone a chance to play each game! Dinner will be a taco bar.

Mission

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.)

CALENDAR

**Sun., Sept. 16 Elizabeth Lyman preaching
Town Hall/Congregational Meeting**

- 10:30am Worship in the Sanctuary
- 10:50am Children/Youth Sunday School
- 11:30am Town Hall/Cong. Mtg. (Sanct.)
- 12:00pm Worship & Music (JR)
- 5:00pm Youth Group Game Night (FH)

Mon., Sept. 17

- 9:00am Diaspora Prayer Group
- 1:00pm Faith in Literature (Joyce Johnson)
- 7:00pm Covenant Bible Study (JR)

Tues., Sept. 18

- 4:00pm Presbytery (Camp Pecometh, MD)
- 7:00pm Cong. Life/Family Ministries (JR)

Wed., Sept. 19

- 9:30am Mug & Muffin Bible Study (SL)
- 7:00pm Finance (JR)

Thurs., Sept. 20

- 11:30am Thaddeus Arc Bible Study (Lib)
- 7:30pm Chancel Choir (Chapel)

**Sun., Sept. 23 Elizabeth Lyman preaching
Sunday School Commissioning**

- 9:30am Adult CE (Jessie's Room)
- 9:45am Book Club (SL)
- 10:00am Youth Choir/Bells (F204)
- 10:30am Worship in the Sanctuary
- 10:50am Children/Youth Sunday School
- 12:00pm Inquirers' Class (JR)

Upcoming Events:

- **Sept. 25:** Safe Space, facilitated by Jenny Godowsky, 7:00pm in Jessie's Room
- **Sept. 26:** Brandywine Blazers Jazz Band open rehearsal in the Sanctuary; free admission.
- **Sept. 28-29:** Youth Group River Retreat
- **Sept. 30:** Joyce Tannian of Water Is Life Kenya preaching
- **Oct. 7:** World Communion Sunday
- **Oct. 13:** Hayride, 5:00-7:00pm at Bellevue

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING DOCKET
Sunday, September 16
immediately following worship

Opening Prayer

Quorum Recognized

A Review of This Past Year (Al Lund)

A Time for Questions/Comments

Pastor Nominating Committee Presented (Margot Lamar)

- Rob Eppes
- Troy Gehret
- Jenny Godowsky
- Gail Greene
- Carol Lind
- Al Lund
- Don Potter
- Liz Rowe

Nominations from the Floor

Congregational Vote

Prayer for New PNC

Closing Prayer

Adjournment

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