

THE SERVICE OF WORSHIP FOR THE LORD'S DAY  
A CELEBRATION OF *WATER IS LIFE – KENYA*

September 30, 2018

10:30 a.m.

\* All who are able may stand

Congregation reads aloud the **bold print**

THE TIME OF CENTERING

*Water does not resist. Water flows. When you plunge your hand into it, all you feel is a caress. Water is not a solid wall, it will not stop you. But water always goes where it wants to go, and nothing in the end can stand against it. Water is patient. Dripping water wears away a stone. Remember that, my child. Remember you are half water. If you can't go through an obstacle, go around it. Water does.*

~ Margaret Atwood

THE COMMUNITY OF FAITH GATHERS

PRELUDE Et Misericordia (*Magnificat*) J. S. Bach (1685-1750)  
Joyce Tannian – mezzo-soprano, Matthew Pressley – tenor, Hiroko Yamazaki – piano  
...and His mercy endures from generation to generation for those who fear Him...

OPENING SCRIPTURE

WELCOME Rev. Elizabeth Lyman

THE LIGHT OF CHRIST ENTERS

*Take Me to the Water* African-American spiritual  
Chancel Choir

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

*African Traditional Prayer*

In the beginning was God ...

**Bwana Asifiwe, Praise the Lord!**

I am the drum, you are the drum, and we are the drum ...

**Do not seek too much fame ...**

To our God of old, we bless the ground ...

**When you pray, move your feet ...**

I am one with my Father and the universe ...

**Praise ye Ngai – Peace be with us ...**

Let us worship God.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND RECONCILIATION

**Amazing God, there is more to life than we can see or fathom, yet how often we try to shrink the mystery, tame the dream, limit what is possible. Remind us that the Spirit is always blowing new life into our days, surprising us with wonder and blessing. Forgive us for dull awareness and hesitant witness. Let us be made new again and again no matter what age we are. And let us hear again and again of your love that came to us in Jesus that we might have eternal life. 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)

*All Creatures of Our God and King*

NO. 15, v. 4

**All who for love of God forgive,  
All who in pain or sorrow grieve, Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Christ bears your burdens and your fears;  
So, even in the midst of tears, sing praises!  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! 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

Joyce Tannian

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

(choir only)

*Listen, God Is Calling*

NO. 456 (Kenyan hymn)

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

Joyce Tannian

\*HYMN NO. 295

*Go to the World!*

JOYS AND CONCERNS

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

*Litany for Peace - Kikuyu - People of Kenya*

Praise ye, Ngai ... Peace be with us.

Say that the elders may have wisdom and speak with one voice.

**Peace be with us.**

Say that the country may have tranquility.

**Peace be with us.**

And the people may continue to increase.

**Peace be with us.**

Say that the people and the flock and the herds

May prosper and be free from illness.

**Peace be with us.**

Say that the fields may bear much fruit

And the land may continue to be fertile.

**Peace be with us.**

May peace reign over earth,

May the gourd cup agree with vessel.

**Peace be with us.**

May their heads agree and every ill word be driven out

Into the wilderness, into the virgin forest.

**Praise ye, Ngai ... Peace be with us.**

We pray this in the name of our Gracious Lord, who taught us to pray....



\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**Lord God, who has given to us so many gifts, your generosity is sometimes even more than we can comprehend. We praise you for all your loving gifts. Now we bring to you our gifts. May these gifts that we bring now, and our lives, be dedicated by you for service and ministry. May all that we do show to all the world your great love for all humankind; in Christ's name. Amen.**

\*HYMN NO. 756

*O God of Every Nation*

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\*RESPONSE (choir only)

*Take Me to the Water*

arr. W. A. Pasch

Rise up with Jesus from the river, reborn to new life and new beginnings.

Now let the flood of peace and justice roll down upon a world redeemed by Love!

POSTLUDE

VII. Bourrée (*Water Music Suite*)

G. F. Handel

Hiroko Yamazaki – piano

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**We welcome to our pulpit today Joyce Tannian**, the founder of Water is Life Kenya (WILK), a Delaware non-profit organization. While working as a volunteer in Kenya in 2006, Joyce saw the glaring need for clean, accessible, dependable water in rural communities in southern Kenya. Water is Life Kenya's 17 major water projects provide water to nearly 50,000, transforming the lives of women, men and children.

An innovator and creator, Joyce and her team developed WILK's *Livestock as a Business* program, which increases incomes by training farmers in improved livestock keeping. Higher incomes, along with effective local water management committees trained by WILK, ensure consistent water supply.

Water is Life Kenya's Fair Trade-certified, beaded handicrafts business brings income to dozens of families, while profits fund WILK's clean water projects.

Before the "Kenyan chapter" of Joyce's life, she worked at HBO in New York while pursuing a freelance singing career, performing in opera, oratorio, and recitals. In Kenya, Joyce appears regularly as a mezzo soprano soloist.

**Don't miss this year's *Thirst Reverse V* – October 3, Iron Hill Brewery & Restaurant.** 20% of your food bill will be donated to Water is Life Kenya. \$1.00 of every pint of our very own *Kenyan Quench* signature beer will also be donated to Water is Life Kenya until it runs out.

**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:** Steve Studer

**Liturgist:** Cynthia Miller

**Ushers:** John Barineau, Terry Lynch

**The flowers today** are given to the glory of God in loving memory of brothers John Hofmann and Charles Hofmann, donated by George & Susan Hofmann.

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

Carol Haas

Dottie & Richard Harding

Tom Hall

Libby Harding

**Large-print bulletins, hymnals, and Bibles** are available for use during the worship service. Please ask an usher for assistance.

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- Use **PayPal** to send a donation to Concord at [donations@concordpc.org](mailto:donations@concordpc.org)
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**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](mailto:kspownallkathie@aol.com) to set up a time.

Whether you are a visitor, occasional attendee, or current/former/prospective member, **you can stay connected to the people, plans, and possibilities of Concord by subscribing to our weekly *Concord Connects* e-newsletter.** Just write a note on a Connection Card, along with your name and email address, and place it in the offering.

**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.



**Unable to make it to a worship service?** Recordings of current sermons are available online at <http://concordpc.org/service-recordings/>.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL/FAMILY ACTIVITIES

(Sunday Morning Schedule)

### WORSHIP AND SUNDAY SCHOOL (except First Sundays\*)

- 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, Cooking)
- Middle School, Grades 6-8 (service projects, worship participation, and Bible lessons)

### MUSIC (please sign up with Christina)

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

- Open to youth in Grades 1 and up
- Learn anthems and bell pieces
- Share our music in worship monthly

### CHILDCARE

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

### \*FIRST SUNDAYS

The first Sunday of the month children and youth are invited to participate in worship with their families and are encouraged to take part in the service as acolytes, ushers, and liturgists! Quiet activities are provided in the Children's Corner.

### Acolyte Refresher/Training Class – today



**after worship:** If you would like to help serve in worship as an acolyte, please join us at the front of the Sanctuary during coffee hour today when we will use the time to practice processing with the taper, lighting the Christ Candle, and extinguishing it.

**Sunday School Teachers Needed:** We are specifically looking for some caring folks to spend time with our 6<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> graders, helping them navigate what it means to live like a Christian in 2018. Interested? Please contact Christina Pressley at 302/740-8078 or [christina.pressley@concordpc.org](mailto:christina.pressley@concordpc.org).

### Adult Classes

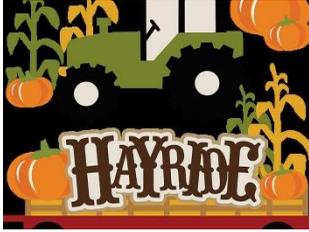
**Mug & Muffin, Wed., Oct 3 @ 9:30am, Sanctuary Lounge – Jeff Boyd, PC(USA) Mission Co-worker, Central Africa:**



As regional liaison for Central Africa, Jeff Boyd facilitates support for the relationships, programs and activities of Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) partners in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Cameroon, and Equatorial Guinea. He also resources PC(USA) mission personnel and helps connect partner churches with PC(USA) congregations that want to be involved in ministry in the region. *All are encouraged to come & hear Jeff, even if you are not a regular attendee of Mug & Muffin.*

**Faith in Literature** – Concord's book group will meet **Monday, Oct. 15, 1:00pm**, at the home of Joyce Johnson. We are reading *Our Kids: the American Dream in Crisis*, a new book by Robert Putnam. (See Oct. Courier for an opportunity to hear Robert Putnam locally on Nov. 14.)

**Concord Book Club – Sundays, 9:45-10:25am, Sanctuary Lounge:** Now reading and discussing *The Handmaid's Tale* by Margaret Atwood.



**Saturday, October 13 – 4:45-7:00pm**

**Bellevue State Park**

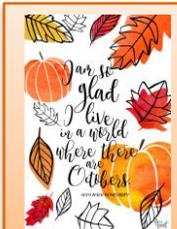
*Church & Preschool families will meet at Bellevue for a wagon ride through lovely fall foliage, followed by hot dogs & s'mores cooked over the park fire pit. Seats limited – sign up now in the Narthex.*

**Mission Outreach**

**“Sunday Service” – Oct. 21:**

- **9:30am** Gather in Fellowship Hall
- **10:00am-noon** Mission projects
- **10:30am** Brief prayer service for those wishing to attend
- **12:30pm** Lunch & sharing in FH

See October *Courier* for more details about this morning of service. Sign up now in the back of the Sanctuary for mission projects in and around the church and out in the community. *Don't forget to place an order for your Concord apparel to wear on the 21<sup>st</sup>.* (See *Courier* or table in back of the church.)



*The October 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., Sept. 30**      **Joyce Tannian preaching**  
**Water Is Life Kenya**  
10:30am Worship in the Sanctuary  
10:50am Children/Youth Sunday School  
11:30am Acolyte Training (Sanctuary)
- Mon., Oct. 1**  
9:00am Diaspora Prayer Group  
1:00pm Mary Circle –hosted by Marj Johnson
- Tues., Oct. 2**  
9:30am Emmanuel Dining Room South
- Wed., Oct. 3**  
9:30am Mug & Muffin Bible Study (SL) *w/ Jeff Boyd, PC(USA) Mission (DRC)*  
7:00pm Joint Board meeting (JR)  
7:30pm Deacons (Sanctuary Lounge)  
7:30pm Session (Jessie's Room)
- Thurs., Oct. 4**  
11:30am Thaddeus Arc Bible Study (Lib)  
7:30pm Chancel Choir (Chapel)
- Sun., Oct. 7**      **Elizabeth Lyman preaching**  
**World Communion, Deacons' Fund**  
9:30am Adult CE (Jessie's Room)  
9:45am Book Club (SL)  
10:00am Youth Choir/Bells (F204)  
10:30am Worship in the Sanctuary  
**No Children/Youth Sunday School**  
11:45am Finance/Stewardship (Lib)  
12:00pm PNC (Jessie's Room)  
5:00pm Youth Group Movie Night (TBA)

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