

THE SERVICE OF WORSHIP FOR THE LORD'S DAY

August 25, 2019

10:30 a.m.

* All who are able may stand

Congregation reads aloud the **bold print**

THE TIME OF CENTERING

To truly accept the good news of God's grace "transforms our way of perceiving the world. So now my neighbor is a person...whose life is beloved of God in the most profound way, and over whom God would want to pronounce and make known to them, that there is now no condemnation for you." ~ Mark Labberton

THE COMMUNITY OF FAITH GATHERS

PRELUDE

It Is Well/Sweet Hour of Prayer
Jeffrey DeVault – piano

Martha Mier

WELCOME

Rev. Steve Clark

THE LIGHT OF CHRIST ENTERS

Sound the Trumpet Henry Purcell (1659-1695)

Winthrop Buswell – bass-baritone, Matthew Pressley – tenor

Sound the trumpet till around you make the listening shores rebound.

On the sprightly oboe play;

all the instruments of joy that skillful numbers can employ
to celebrate the glories of this day.

*CALL TO WORSHIP

I will sing of the Lord's unfailing love forever!

Young and old will hear of your faithfulness.

Your unfailing love will last forever.

Your faithfulness is as enduring as the heavens.

Blessed are those who have learned to acclaim you,

who walk in the light of your presence, Lord.

Let us worship the Lord!

*HYMN NO. 618

O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High

vs. 1, 3, 4, 5

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord of Life, you know us – even better than we know ourselves. You know that sometimes we don't even understand our own actions. We know the right thing to do – but do exactly the opposite. We can even commit to do the right thing – but still not do it. It is as though sin dwells within us. And even now we try to blame something or someone else instead of taking responsibility ourselves. Rescue us, Lord, from the sin we know in our hearts. Save us, Lord, from the sin we conceal even from ourselves. Lord, hear our prayer...

(Time of silent personal confession)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Who will deliver us from this body of death, and from the power of sin working within us?

Thanks be to God, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lifts the heavy burden of sin we are carrying and gives rest to our souls.

Sisters and Brothers, our sins are forgiven; be at peace.

*RESPONSE (all sing)

Gloria Patri

NO. 581

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
World without end. Amen, Amen**

*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 32

p. 440

Romans 7:15-8:4

p. 918

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Grace for the Gap

Rev. Steve Clark

*HYMN NO. 182

I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say

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

God Loves

Phillip Landgrave

Winthrop Buswell – bass-baritone, Matthey Pressley – tenor

God loves the world so much He gave His only son.

God loves, through Jesus Christ His work of love is done.

God loves the world, which means that He loves even me,

And by His love He sets my soul at liberty.

God loves, and how could I not love Him in return?

God loves, and how He loves my spirit longs to learn.

God loves, and so to Him my love I freely give,

in what I think, in what I do, in how I live.

God loves, and thousands wait to hear the blessed news.

God loves, and how my time and talent He would use!

God loves, this witness to the lost my life would bear,

that by His love thru me they, too, may know His care. God loves! God loves!

*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

God of grace, thank you for your faithfulness to us. Thank you for your relentless love, your unending grace. In the light of your mercy, and confident in your love, we dedicate these offerings, and ourselves, to you. Amen.

*HYMN NO. 539

We Will Go Out with Joy

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Trumpet Tune in D

David N. Johnson

Jeffrey DeVault – 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 after worship for fellowship and light refreshment in the back of the Sanctuary.*

Assisting in the service of worship are:

Deacon-in-Charge: Steve Studer

Liturgist: Wes Diemer

Ushers: Marcie Jorgensen, Melanie Slezak

The flowers today are given to the glory of God by Ginnie Mayforth in celebration of her children, Donna, Peter, Robin, and Kristin.

Weekly Prayer List (follows directory):

Cynthia & Jim Miller

A.T. & Ryan Moffett, Natty & Simone

Jan & Jim Moore

Heather & Curt Oberholtzer, Riley & Bailey



Summer Worship for Children: Children are always welcome in worship at Concord. During the summer we will continue to have a Children's Sermon, as well as a Children's Corner with coloring, puzzles, and other quiet activities; however, no childcare will be offered.

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

Concord now accepts donations via several electronic methods:

- Scanning the QR code with your smart phone will allow you to make **credit card** or **PayPal** donations (at donations@concordpc.org) to Concord.
- Use your personal **banking app** (utilizing Zelle®) to send a cash donation to donations@concordpc.org.



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. Contact her at 373-7127 or kspownallkathie@aol.com.

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CALENDAR



Homecoming Sunday after church

Reconnect as summer winds down and church activities pick up! There will be a moon bounce, music, and a potluck picnic! Fried chicken and drinks will be provided.

Sign-up in the Narthex – let us know how many are coming and what salad, side dish, or dessert you will bring along to share. Also, volunteers are needed to assist with set up and clean up.

Casual dress, serious fun!

Mission Committee

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.)

- Sun., Aug. 25** Steve Clark preaching
10:30am Worship in the Sanctuary
11:30am Sun. School classroom clean-up
- Mon., Aug. 26** **Preschool closed**
9:00am Diaspora Prayer Group
- Tues., Aug. 27** **Preschool closed**
11:30am Staff meeting (A102)
- Wed., Aug. 28** **Preschool closed**
9:30am Mug & Muffin Bible Study (SL)
9:30am Emmanuel Dining Room East
- Thurs., Aug. 29** **Courier Mailing**
- Fri., Aug. 30** **Church Office/Preschool closed**
- Sun., Sept. 1** Steve Clark preaching
Deacons' Fund Offering
10:30am Worship in the Sanctuary
11:30am Sun. School classroom decorating
- Mon., Sept. 2** **Church Office/Preschool closed**
Labor Day
9:00am Diaspora Prayer Group
- Tues., Sept. 3** **Preschool Parent Orientation**
FH Breakfast Closet Delivery
9:30am Emmanuel Dining Room South
11:30am Staff meeting (A102)
- Wed., Sept. 4** **First Day of Preschool**
9:30am Mug & Muffin Bible Study (SL)
7:00pm Joint Board (JR)
7:30pm Deacons (SL)/Session (JR)
- Thurs., Sept. 5**
6:30pm Choir Potluck & Rehearsal (TBA)



Church Office closed Aug. 30 & Sept. 2.



Mission Committee "Living Waters"



We've been focusing on tips to help preserve, protect, and conserve water locally. While we are enjoying our easy and abundant access to safe drinking water, let's be mindful about the current global water crisis.

Water is essential to life, yet 844 million people in the world - 1 in 9 - lack access to it. 159 million people depend on surface water to meet their basic needs. Women and girls spend an estimated 200 million hours hauling water every day. Additionally, more than 800 children under age 5 die from diarrhea attributed to poor water and sanitation every day.

Currently, the world's second-most populous country is running out of water. About 100 million people across India are on the front lines of a nationwide water crisis. A total of 21 major cities are poised to run out of groundwater next year, according to a 2018 report by government-run think tank NITI Aayog.

According to a report by the World Economic Forum, the water crisis is the #4 global risk in terms of impact to society. If you are interested in learning more about this topic and ways you can help, please visit worldvision.org or water.org.

Sources: Worldvision.org, Water.org, CNN.com