

THE SERVICE OF WORSHIP FOR THE LORD'S DAY

September 1, 2019

10:30 a.m.

* All who are able may stand

Congregation reads aloud the **bold print**

THE TIME OF CENTERING

THE COMMUNITY OF FAITH GATHERS

PRELUDE

Grandchester Meadows

Sydney Baret

Gavotte in C

J. S. Bach

Mark Unruh – guitar

WELCOME

Rev. Steve Clark

THE LIGHT OF CHRIST ENTERS

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Everyone who thirsts:

Come to the waters, seek the Lord, repent and return so that you may live.

All who are hungry for righteousness:

Come to the waters, seek the Lord, repent and return so that you may live.

All who need the help of God:

Come to the waters, seek the Lord, repent and return so that you may live.

Let us worship the Lord!

*HYMN NO. 409

God Is Here!

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, we confess that we have grown complacent in our response to you. We are easily distracted by what is attractive instead of what is important. Our ways are not your ways; our thoughts do not ascend to your thoughts.

Forgive us when we fall short of your claim upon our lives. Disturb our complacency and quicken our desire for a more fruitful and faithful life. Be patient, Lord, as we amend who we are, in the hope of becoming who you intend us to be.

We ask this in the name of our Savior, your Son, Jesus Christ. Hear our prayers . . .

(silent confession)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

God's love is unswerving and persistent, always providing a way out,
a way through, a way back to God.

**Through the waters of baptism,
we have died with Christ and are raised with him.**

**With gratitude, in faith, by the power of God working in us,
we will walk the way of Christ.**

*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

MEDITATION

How Can I Keep from Singing?
Carol Lind, soprano

R. Lowry, arr. A. Bullard

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Psalm 63:1-8

p. 458

Daniel 3:1-18

p. 719

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Dancing to the Music

Rev. Steve Clark

*HYMN NO. 263

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!

JOYS AND CONCERNS

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

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

This morning we receive the offering for the Deacons' Fund. Your contributions provide immediate help to individuals in our community in financial crisis – real people, real needs, real help. Any loose offering and designated checks go toward this fund. Let us give with grateful hearts.

OFFERTORY

Etude in C
Mark Unruh – guitar

Fernando Sor

*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

Lord of the life and love, we rejoice in offering you these gifts. May these gifts, and our lives, witness to the wondrous healing of your love in the world. Through Christ we pray. Amen.

*HYMN NO. 373

O Day of Peace

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Blackberry Blossom
Mark Unruh – guitar

Traditional

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.*

Today's music: Multi-instrumentalist Mark Unruh is a versatile performer and teacher who has shared the stage with David Bromberg, Jay and Molly Unger, Chucky C of New Orleans, Tammy Wynette, Steve Lutke, David Poland, Wayne Henderson, and many others. Mark is a part-time member and guest recording artist for various Delaware Valley area bands including: Montana Wildaxe, I'm Not Sally, The Steve Pepper Band, Double Dose, The Sin City Band, The Brandywine Valley Greengrass Ramblers, and others, and was a founding member and front man for the bluegrass band The Blue Corn Dogs. He is a recipient of the Delaware Division of the Arts' Individual Artist Fellowship for his achievements in folk music.

Assisting in the service of worship are:

Deacon-in-Charge: Paul Pringle

Liturgist: Ron McKinney

Ushers: Gerry Crock, Terry Lynch

The flowers today are given to the glory of God by Steve & Raven Studer in loving memory of Dr. Arnold Studer, Steve's dad, who passed away last September.

Weekly Prayer List (follows directory):

Patrick O'Boyle, Ryan O'Boyle
Heloise & John Osborn

Kelly & Anthony Pacilio, Anthony
Janice Parker

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.



*Church Office & Preschool
closed Monday, September 2
for the Labor Day holiday.*

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SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

***Mark your calendars now and plan to join us on September 8 for
a great celebration at our annual Concord Homecoming Picnic
immediately following worship!***

Come and enjoy the fried/grilled chicken,
potluck side dishes, and desserts.

(Please sign up outside the Church Office or in the Narthex
to bring a dish for 8-10 to share!)

Children will have fun with the moon bounce, face painting,
playground games, and more.

If you need more information, call 654-9654 or e-mail
margaret.oboyle@concordpc.org.

We look forward to seeing everyone there!

CALENDAR

Sunday, September 1

Deacons' Fund

Steve Clark preaching

- 10:30 am Worship in the Sanctuary
- 11:30 am Sunday School classroom decorating

Monday, September 2

Labor Day

Church Office & Preschool closed

- 9:00 am Diaspora Prayer

Tuesday, September 3

Preschool Parent Orientation

- 9:30 am Emmanuel Dining Room South
- 11:30 am Staff meeting (A102)

Wednesday, September 4

First Day of Preschool

- 9:30 am Mug & Muffin Bible Study (Sanctuary Lounge)
- 7:00 pm Joint Board (Jessie's Room)
- 7:30 pm Deacons (Sanctuary Lounge)
- 7:30 pm Session (Jessie's Room)

Thursday, September 5

- 2:00 pm Hugs 'n Stitches (Jessie's Room)
- 6:30 pm Chancel Choir Potluck & Rehearsal (TBA)

Sunday, September 8

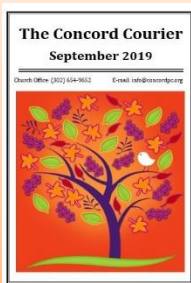
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Communion, Homecoming Picnic

- 9:30 am Adult Christian Education (Jessie's Room)
- 10:30 am Worship in the Sanctuary
- 11:30 am Homecoming Picnic (Fellowship Hall, parking lot)

Monday, September 9

- 9:00 am Diaspora Prayer
- 1:00 pm Mary Circle (hosted by Peggy Carter)



The September issue of the *Concord Courier* is now

available on the website and in the Narthex.

There's a lot going on – don't miss a thing!