

# THE SERVICE OF WORSHIP FOR THE LORD'S DAY

**January 16, 2022**

**10:00 a.m.**

\* All who are able may stand

Congregation reads aloud the **bold print**

*We are so glad to have you worshiping with us in person today!  
As we continue our commitment to keeping each other safe,  
please WEAR YOUR MASK at all times while in the sanctuary.*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Kathie S. Pownall

PRELUDE

*The Lord's Prayer*  
Jeffrey DeVault, organ

J. S. Bach

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Jim Silvius

One: We come this day, Precious God,  
as people in need of your steadfast love.

**All: With you is the fountain of life,  
in your Light we see light.**

One: We gather this day, Water-changing God,  
as people looking for signs.

**All: With you is the fountain of grace,  
in your Hope we see hope.**

One: We worship this day, Gifting God,  
as people who confess Jesus as our Lord.

**All: With you is the fountain of joy,  
in your Life we see life.**

\*HYMN NO. 395

*Blessed Jesus, at Your Word*

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**ALL: God of the Ages, we cannot remain silent,  
but must speak of the ways we misuse your gifts.  
In our desire to have more and more,  
we cause more damage to your good creation.  
In our obsession with ourselves,  
we have desolated the lives of those around us.**

*(cont'd)*

When we hoard what you have given us,  
we cannot be a blessing to others.  
Forgive us, God, so we might be restored to life.  
May your steadfast love save and  
strengthen us to share our gifts with others,  
even as you have shared the Gift of Jesus Christ,  
our Lord and Savior.

(Time of silent confession)

\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: God delights in you.  
So much that God will not rest until you are at peace.  
God will not remain silent but will call you by name – 'My Delight.'  
All: **God's steadfast love extends to the heavens and  
reaches down to touch our hearts.  
Thanks be to God who forgives and saves us! Amen**

\*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**

SCRIPTURE READING

John 2:1-11

One: For the word of God in scripture  
For the word of God among us  
For the word of God within us

**ALL: THANKS BE TO GOD.**

SERMON

*Cana Continues*

Rev. Kathie S. Pownall

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

*Precious Lord, Take My Hand*  
Matthew Pressley – piano, vocal

T. Dorsey (1899-1993)

[*Precious Lord* is widely remembered as Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s favorite song. It is said that his final words were a request that this be sung at a meeting to be held the night he was assassinated.]

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

**ALL: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen**

\*HYMN

*In Cana at the Wedding Feast*

[Text Carolyn Winfrey Gillette, Tune: *I Sing the Mighty Power of God* – No. 32]

In Cana at a wedding feast, Christ worked his first great sign.  
There Jesus' mother told her son, "They don't have any wine!"  
He called for six stone water jars; they filled them to the brim;  
Through water changed to wine that day, his friends believed in him.

O Lord, we see your wondrous signs and know through faith-filled eyes:

You are new wine that brings us joy, true bread that satisfies.  
You give clear vision to your church, you make the wounded whole.  
You give us hope, when seas are rough; for you are in control!

\*BENEDICTION

One: God sends us out to the lonely, the forsaken.

**All: We will go to gather them up into the heart of love.**

One: Jesus sends us out to throw a party for those  
who nibble at the stale crusts offered by the world.

**All: We will go to sit with those who have no family,  
to fill their lives with hope and grace.**

One: The Spirit sends us forth, as transformed people,  
as those who have been given new names.

**All: We will go to those sunk deep in the muck of life,  
Who long for new days, for new joy, for new wonder. Amen.**

POSTLUDE

*Toccata in A minor*  
Jeffrey DeVault, organ

Jan Sweelinck

*[Following the Peace, we invite you to exit the sanctuary  
to continue conversation and fellowship outside.]*

**\*SENDING IN PEACE**

**One:** As you go out today, wherever God leads you,  
share God's peace with all you meet.

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

**ALL: AND ALSO WITH YOU.**

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**Welcome! Thank you for joining us today.** Our sanctuary is open for in-person worship each Sunday at 10:00am; doors open at 9:40am. We have developed guidelines for your safety, including social distancing, mask wearing, and contact tracing. For those who are not yet ready or able to attend our service in person, a live-streamed option is available on our website, [www.concordpc.org](http://www.concordpc.org).

**Today's flowers** are given by Connie Polleck in loving memory of her husband Dick.

**Assisting in the service of worship are:**

**Deacon-in-Charge:** Don Potter

**Liturgist:** Jim Silvius

**Greeter:** Nancy Tucker

**Livestream Team:** Bob Brown, Carol Haas, Marj Johnson, A.T. Moffett

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# J.A.M. Session



*(Jesus and Me!)*

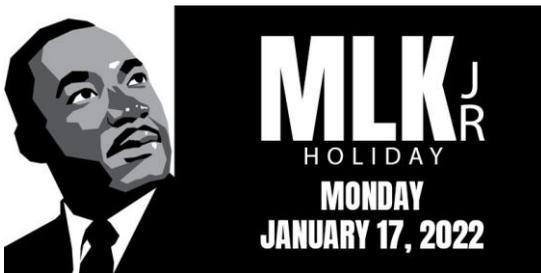
## *Update*

Due to the surge in Covid cases, **J.A.M. will not gather today.** The MLK Service Sunday at the Clothing Bank of Delaware has been rescheduled for Feb. 20. Concord's Spiritual Formation Team will reconvene to assess the situation after the MLK holiday and will give an update then.

Thank you for your support! Stay well and be safe.

*Christina Pressley*

*Dir. Of Children's and Youth Ministries*



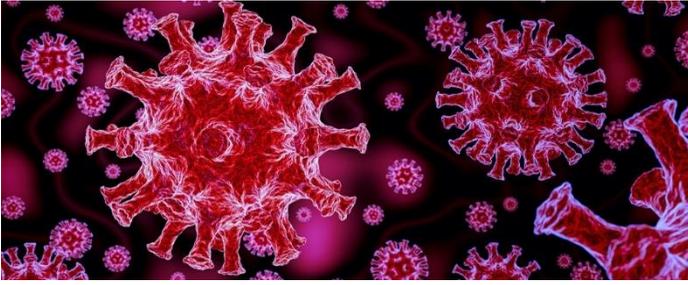
*The Church Office  
and Preschool  
will be closed.*

## *MUG & MUFFIN*

*Weds. @ 10:00am via Zoom*

Our weekly Mug & Muffin Bible study meets again Wed., January 19 from 10:00-11:00am, led by Pastor Steve Clark. To join the Zoom gathering online, click on [this link](#).





## *COVID-19 Update*

As we are all aware, the omicron variant of the coronavirus has thwarted our hopes that the virus was finally behind us. In Delaware, cases are at their highest level of the

pandemic, as are hospital admissions. Members of our own congregation as well as our friends and neighbors have become infected. Many of those cases have been in fully vaccinated and boosted individuals. So once more our Session's COVID Task Force is trying to understand what we should be doing as a congregation to act faithfully over the next few weeks as this variant surges in our region.

We are not suspending in-person worship but do recommend that each of you consider your own health situation in deciding whether to attend in person or join us in worship through our live-stream offering. If you do attend in person, we suggest that, if you haven't already, you upgrade to a surgical, N95, or KN95 mask. We also remind you that all socialization before or after worship should be done OUTSIDE rather than gathering in small groups within the sanctuary. Gathering in those small groups to chat before or after worship is probably the most likely place where transmission of the virus can occur during our worship experience.

Our choir has taken a temporary pause in rehearsing and participating in worship to eliminate this possible place of transmission.

We hope that this surge will abate as quickly as it has started. We pray for those on the healthcare front lines and in other essential roles. We pray that you and your loved ones remain safe and, if infected, have a mild case and recover quickly.

*Session COVID Task Force*

## *Chancel Flowers*

Donating the flower arrangement for the front of the sanctuary is a lovely way to honor or remember a family member or commemorate a special occasion. Several Sundays in February are still available. If you are interested, please contact Carol Schlegel (302-757-5215 or [louschlegel@verizon.net](mailto:louschlegel@verizon.net) )

