

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP FOR THE LORD'S DAY

July 14, 2024

10:00 a.m.

* All who are able may stand

Congregation reads aloud the **BOLD** print

PRELUDE

Sinae Yun Lee, piano

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Eric Markman (he/him)

*OPENING PRAYER (all sing) *Thy Word Is a Lamp unto My Feet* HYMN NO. 458

Refrain: **THY WORD IS A LAMP UNTO MY FEET AND A LIGHT UNTO MY PATH.**

THY WORD IS A LAMP UNTO MY FEET AND A LIGHT UNTO MY PATH.

WHEN I FEEL AFRAID, AND I THINK I'VE LOST MY WAY,

STILL YOU'RE THERE RIGHT BESIDE ME.

NOTHING WILL I FEAR AS LONG AS YOU ARE NEAR.

PLEASE BE NEAR ME TO THE END. (*Refrain*)

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Jan Moore

One: We come to find guidance for our journey.

ALL: WE KNOW THAT GOD HAS SET A PATH FOR US.

One: Our faith is the light that guides us on that path.

**ALL: SOMETIMES WE STUMBLE AND FALL, BUT WE HAVE FAITH
THAT GOD WILL LIFT US UP.**

One: Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet

ALL: AND A LIGHT UNTO MY PATH.

*HYMN NO. 403

Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**ALL: ETERNAL GOD, IN WHOM WE LIVE AND MOVE AND HAVE OUR BEING,
WHOSE FACE IS HIDDEN FROM US BY OUR SINS,**

AND WHOSE MERCY WE FORGET IN THE BLINDNESS OF OUR HEARTS:

CLEANSE US FROM ALL OUR OFFENSES,

AND DELIVER US FROM PROUD THOUGHTS AND VAIN DESIRES,

**THAT WITH REVERENT AND HUMBLE HEARTS WE MAY DRAW NEAR TO YOU,
CONFESSING OUR FAULTS, CONFIDING IN YOUR GRACE,**

AND FINDING IN YOU OUR REFUGE AND STRENGTH. [*Time of silent prayer*]

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*RESPONSE (all sing)

Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me

NO. 582

**GLORY TO GOD, WHOSE GOODNESS SHINES ON ME,
AND TO THE SON, WHOSE GRACE HAS PARDONED ME,
AND TO THE SPIRIT, WHOSE LOVE HAS SET ME FREE.**

AS IT WAS IN THE BEGINNING, IS NOW AND EVER SHALL BE. AMEN.

WORLD WITHOUT END, WITHOUT END. AMEN.

WORLD WITHOUT END, WITHOUT END. AMEN.

WORLD WITHOUT END, WITHOUT END. AMEN.

AS IT WAS IN THE BEGINNING, IS NOW AND EVER SHALL BE. AMEN.

*SHARING THE PEACE

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

ALL: AND ALSO WITH YOU.

[Turn to those around you and share with them words and signs of peace.]

WONDERING TIME

Christina Pressley

[Children remain in worship with their families. Quiet activities available in the back of the sanctuary.]

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING

Genesis 32:22-31 (NRSV)

One: This is the word of our Lord.

ALL: THANKS BE TO GOD.

SERMON

Wrestling with God

Pastor Eric Markman (he/him)

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Prayer of Francis of Assisi

ALL: LORD, MAKE ME AN INSTRUMENT OF YOUR PEACE:

WHERE THERE IS HATRED, LET ME SOW LOVE;

WHERE THERE IS INJURY, PARDON; WHERE THERE IS DOUBT, FAITH;

WHERE THERE IS DESPAIR, HOPE; WHERE THERE IS DARKNESS, LIGHT;

WHERE THERE IS SADNESS, JOY.

**O DIVINE MASTER, GRANT THAT I MAY NOT SO MUCH SEEK TO BE CONSOLED
AS TO CONSOLE, TO BE UNDERSTOOD AS TO UNDERSTAND,
TO BE LOVED AS TO LOVE.**

(cont'd)

**FOR IT IS IN GIVING THAT WE RECEIVE, IT IS IN PARDONING THAT WE ARE
PARDONED, AND IT IS IN DYING THAT WE ARE BORN TO ETERNAL LIFE.
AMEN.**

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY *I Still Haven't Found What I'm Looking For* U2

Maria Hess, soloist; Jenny Godowsky, vocals; Sinae Yun-Lee, synth bass;
Bob Brown, percussion

I have climbed highest mountains I have run through the fields
Only to be with you

I have run I have crawled I have scaled these city walls
Only to be with you

But I still haven't found what I'm looking for
But I still haven't found what I'm looking for

I have kissed honey lips felt the healing in fingertips
It burned like fire this burning desire

I have spoke with the tongue of angels I have held the hand of a devil
It was warm in the night I was cold as a stone

But I still haven't found what I'm looking for
But I still haven't found what I'm looking for

I believe in the kingdom come then all the colors will bleed into one
Bleed into one but yes I'm still running

You broke the bonds and you loosed the chains
Carried the cross of my shame

Oh my shame you know I believe it

But I still haven't found what I'm looking for
But I still haven't found what I'm looking for

*DOXOLOGY (all sing) **PRAISE GOD, FROM WHOM ALL BLESSINGS FLOW;** Tune: NO. 606

PRAISE CHRIST, ALL PEOPLE HERE BELOW;

PRAISE HOLY SPIRIT EVERMORE;

PRAISE TRIUNE GOD, WHOM WE ADORE. AMEN

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

*HYMN

We Are Climbing Jacob's Ladder (Trad, adapted by B. Springsteen)

We are climbing Jacob's ladder
We are climbing Jacob's ladder
We are climbing Jacob's ladder
We are brothers, sisters, all

Every rung goes higher and higher
Every rung goes higher and higher
Every rung goes higher and higher
We are brothers, sisters, all

Every new rung just, just makes us stronger
Every new rung just, just makes us stronger
Every new rung just, just makes us stronger
We are brothers, and sisters, all

Yeah, we are climbing Jacob's ladder
Yeah, we are climbing Jacob's ladder
We are climbing Jacob's ladder
We are brothers, sisters, and all

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Sinae Yun Lee, piano

Welcome visitors! We're glad you're here today. If you'd like to learn more about what's happening at Concord, how you can get involved, or how we can help or support you, fill out one of the Connection Cards in the pew with your contact information. You can place the card in the offering or give it to a greeter as you leave. The peace of Christ be with you.

The flowers today are given by Terry Lynch in appreciation of Christina Pressley and the effort and creativity she has put into VBS and all Concord's programs for children and youth.

Assisting in the service of worship are:

Deacon-in-Charge: Steve Studer

Liturgist: Jan Moore

Greeter: Dick Carter

Livestream Team: Bob Brown, Carol Haas, Dottie Harding, Alan Jewett

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Concord accepts donations via several electronic methods:

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



Mug & Muffin – Weds. @ 10:00am via Zoom: Our weekly Mug & Muffin Bible study meets again Wed., July 17 from 10:00-11:00am, led by Pastor Eric Markman. To join the Zoom gathering **online**, click [here](#).

Following today's Wondering Time, children are invited to remain in worship with their families. They may choose a quiet activity at the back of the church to take with them back to their pew or remain in the back as long as a guardian is aware. (There is no scheduled volunteer to oversee the children and activities.)



Blessing Box Donations Needed



Concord's Blessing Box ministry continues serving neighbors throughout the year, & we need help keeping the pantry stocked. If you have non-perishable items to donate, please leave them in the basket in the narthex on Sunday mornings. Popular items include dry pasta, spaghetti sauce, canned tuna & chicken, cereal, PB&J, canned fruit & vegetables, canned soup, oatmeal packets, boxed mac & cheese, granola/protein bars. Smaller containers are best, as the box provides for short-term needs & space inside is limited. (*No glass or expired items, please.*)

Christina Pressley, Director of Children's & Youth Ministries, will be on sabbatical July 15 – October 6. Members of the Spiritual Formation Team and others will continue to provide Wondering Times, setting the

Communion Table, J.A.M., and Youth Activities. If you are interested in helping, please contact Carly Twilley (thetwilleys@gmail.com).

Sabbatical

refresh | rest | refocus

URGENTLY
NEEDED

BOYS SUMMER CLOTHING NEEDED



DROP-OFF

Friendship House Clothing Bank
1603 Jessup St
Wilmington, DE 19802
Monday - Thursday 8:30 am - 2:30 pm

FH
A Way Home

Friendship House needs YOUR help!

The FH Clothing Bank is in *desperate* need of **boys' summer clothing!** They accept donations of new and gently used clothing. Donations can be dropped off in the **Concord Preschool entrance** OR brought to the FH Clothing Bank (1603 Jessup St., Wilmington, DE 19802) Monday – Thursday, 8:30am - 2:30pm.

Please share and spread the word!

THANK YOU!!

Greeters Needed

To welcome worshipers & assist in receiving the offering. Families & friends are always welcome to serve as greeters together; only one person needs to sign up.

To volunteer online, visit

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70a0b4da9ab2ea2f94-greeterusher/>



LITURGISTS NEEDED

Help lead worship this summer and fall by serving as a liturgist! Youth are welcome and encouraged to participate.

Please use the site below to sign up between now and the end of September. If you know of someone you'd like to encourage to become a liturgist, please feel free to ask them and forward this link:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70a0b4da9ab2ea2f94-liturgist/>

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. If you are interested, please contact the **Church Office** – dates in July and August are still available!

