

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

11 WASHINGTON STREET CUMBERLAND, MD 21502

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY: 13TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

AUGUST 30, 2020

10:00 AM

PRELUDE

ANDANTE FROM VIOLIN CONCERTO IN A MINOR
WESLEY MASON, VIOLIN AND BRYAN LOHR, ORGAN

J. S. BACH
BWV 104

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME , ANNOUNCEMENTS, JOYS

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Our help is in the name of the Lord,
who made heaven and earth.
This is the day that the Lord has made;
let us rejoice and be glad in it.

* HYMN #15

ALL CREATURES OF OUR GOD AND KING

"LASST UNS ERFREUEN"

1 All crea-tures of our God and King, lift up your voice
 2 O broth - er wind with clouds and rain, you nur - ture gifts
 3 O broth - er fire, so warm and bright, chase off the shad -
 4 All who for love of God for - give, all who in pain

and with us sing, Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
 of fruit and grain. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
 ows of the night. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
 or sor - row grieve, Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Unison
 O broth - er sun with gold - en beam, O sis - ter moon
 O sis - ter wa - ter, flow - ing clear, make mu - sic for
 Dear moth - er earth, who day by day un - folds such bless -
 Christ bears your bur - dens and your fears; so, e - ven in

Harmony
 with sil - ver gleam, sing prais - es! Al - le - lu - ia!
 your Lord to hear. Sing prais - es! Al - le - lu - ia!
 ings on our way, sing prais - es! Al - le - lu - ia!
 the midst of tears, sing prais - es! Al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

5 And you, most gentle sister death,
waiting to hush our final breath:
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Since Christ our light has pierced your gloom,
fair is the night that leads us home.
Sing praises! Alleluia!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

6 O sisters, brothers, take your part,
and worship God with humble heart.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
All creatures, bless the Father, Son,
and Holy Spirit, Three in One!
Sing praises! Alleluia!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

* CALL TO CONFESSION

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, in your gracious presence we confess our sin and the sin of this world. Although Christ is among us as our peace, we are a people divided against ourselves as we cling to the values of a broken world. The profit and pleasures we pursue lay waste the land and pollute the seas. The fears and jealousies that we harbor set neighbor against neighbor and nation against nation. We abuse your good gifts of imagination and freedom, of intellect and reason, and have turned them in to bonds of oppression.

Lord, have mercy upon us; heal and forgive us. Set us free to serve you in the world as agents of your reconciling love in Jesus Christ.

(Silence for personal prayer and reflection.)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Brothers and sisters, hear these words from the scriptures: "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him." (John 3:16-17)

In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Thanks be to God!

* SUNG RESPONSE #582

GLORY TO GOD, WHOSE GOODNESS SHINES ON ME

"GLORY TO GOD"

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.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

PSALM 104:1-24 *(Responsive reading)*

¹ Bless the LORD, O my soul. O LORD my God, you are very great. You are clothed with honor and majesty,

² **wrapped in light as with a garment. You stretch out the heavens like a tent,**

³ you set the beams of your chambers on the waters, you make the clouds your chariot, you ride on the wings of the wind,

⁴ **you make the winds your messengers, fire and flame your ministers.**

⁵ You set the earth on its foundations, so that it shall never be shaken.

⁶ **You cover it with the deep as with a garment; the waters stood above the mountains.**

⁷ At your rebuke they flee; at the sound of your thunder they take to flight.

⁸ **They rose up to the mountains, ran down to the valleys to the place that you appointed for them.**

⁹ You set a boundary that they may not pass, so that they might not again cover the earth.

¹⁰ **You make springs gush forth in the valleys; they flow between the hills,**

¹¹ giving drink to every wild animal; the wild asses quench their thirst.

¹² **By the streams the birds of the air have their habitation; they sing among the branches.**

¹³ From your lofty abode you water the mountains; the earth is satisfied with the fruit of your work.

¹⁴ **You cause the grass to grow for the cattle, and plants for people to use, to bring forth food from the earth,**

¹⁵ and wine to gladden the human heart, oil to make the face shine, and bread to strengthen the human heart.

¹⁶ *The trees of the LORD are watered abundantly, the cedars of Lebanon that he planted.*

¹⁷ In them the birds build their nests; the stork has its home in the fir trees.

¹⁸ **The high mountains are for the wild goats; the rocks are a refuge for the coney.**

¹⁹ You have made the moon to mark the seasons; the sun knows its time for setting.

²⁰ **You make darkness, and it is night, when all the animals of the forest come creeping out.**

²¹ The young lions roar for their prey, seeking their food from God.

²² **When the sun rises, they withdraw and lie down in their dens.**

²³ People go out to their work and to their labor until the evening.

²⁴ **O LORD, how manifold are your works! In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.**

NEW TESTAMENT READING

MATTHEW 16:21-28

²¹ From that time on, Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. ²² And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, "God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you." ²³ But he turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

The Cross and Self-Denial

²⁴ Then Jesus told his disciples, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ²⁵ For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. ²⁶ For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life? ²⁷ "For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. ²⁸ Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom."

SERMON

"LORD, WHAT DID YOU SAY?"

REV. DR. JAMES R.M. YOUNG

* HYMN #718

TAKE UP YOUR CROSS, THE SAVIOR SAID

"BOURBON"

1 Take up your cross, the Sav - ior said, if
 2 Take up your cross; let not its weight fill
 3 Take up your cross; heed not the shame, and
 4 Take up your cross, then, in Christ's strength, and

you would my dis - ci - ple be; take up your cross with
 your weak spir - it with a - larm; Christ's strength shall bear your
 let your fool - ish pride be still; the Lord for you ac -
 calm - ly ev - ery dan - ger brave: it guides you to a -

will - ing heart, and hum - bly fol - low af - ter me.
 spir - it up and brace your heart and nerve your arm.
 cept - ed death up - on a cross, on Cal - vary's hill.
 bun - dant life and leads to vic - tory o'er the grave.

PRAYERS FOR ONE ANOTHER, OUR COMMUNITY, OUR NATION, ENDING WITH THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.



1 I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my peo - ple cry.
2 I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my peo - ple's pain.
3 I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.



All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save. I, who
I have wept for love of them. They turn a - way. I will
I will set a feast for them. My hand will save. Fin - est



made the stars of night, I will make their dark - ness bright.
break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love a - lone.
bread I will pro - vide till their hearts be sat - is - fied.



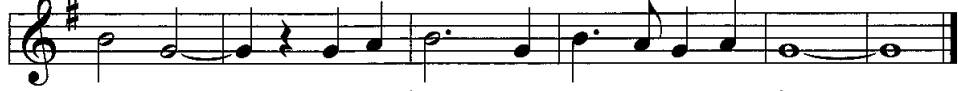
Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?
I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?
I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?



Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you



call - ing in the night. I will go, Lord, if you



lead me. I will hold your peo - ple in my heart.

* BENEDICTION

* SUNG RESPONSE #306

BLEST BE THE TIE THAT BINDS

"DENNIS"

(Please do not hold hands.)

Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love.
The fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

PRELUDE AND FUGUE IN B-FLAT MAJOR
BRYAN LOHR, ORGAN

J. S. BACH
BWV 560

* When this symbol precedes an element of the service, if you are able, please stand.

Please join in reading or singing those parts of the service printed in **bold**.

This Morning's Worship Leaders

- Preacher..... Rev. Dr. James R.M. Young
- Liturgist..... Sharon Squires
- Director of Music Ministries..... Bryan Lohr
- Guest Musician..... Wesley Mason, Violin
- Audio/Video Technicians..... Joe Aurigemma and Eric Ringler
- Ushers..... Buck and Jane Belt

SESSION OF FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

REV. DR. JAMES R.M. YOUNG, MODERATOR OF THE SESSION
JEFF GETTY, CLERK

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Josh Gilhart: Faith Formation
Aaron Hendrickson: Mission

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Sharon Kazary: Worship & Music
Jan Layman: Congregational Care & Outreach

MISSION STATEMENT

Empowered by the Holy Spirit, we worship God and proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ by loving our neighbors and promoting peacemaking, justice and care of the earth.

VISION STATEMENT

We strive to be a community grounded in the good news of God's love in Christ where all of God's children are:

- Welcomed and cherished
- Called to worship, learn and grow together in faith, and
- Sent to share God's love and justice with a broken and hurting world.

Adopted by the Session on September 17, 2015

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERING PLATES: Offering plates are available on the table in the back of the sanctuary. Please deposit your gifts, offerings, and tithes into the plate as you enter or exit the sanctuary.

SANCTUARY FLOWERS: The flowers in the sanctuary this morning are given to the Glory of God in loving memory of George Williams by his family, Kay, Sarah, Barbara, and Jim. **Please contact Michael Levitas or the church office if you would like to sponsor flowers for a special occasion like a birthday or anniversary or in memory or honor of someone. You may specify live or silk flowers. Silk flower money will be directed to the Special Ministries Fund. We currently have openings for flower sponsorship on September 6th and 27th.**

ADMINISTRATION & FINANCE

RULING ELDERS: GARY HENDRICKSON & CINDY CORLEY

ANNUAL GIVING YEAR-TO-DATE:	as of August 23, 2020
Total 2020 Pledges Promised	\$206,064.00
Pre-paid pledges	\$ 17,368.00
<u>2020 Pledge Balance Promised</u>	<u>\$188,696.00</u>
Pledge Balance Received Year-to-Date	\$122,136.00
Pledge Balance Promised Year-to-Date	\$124,051.00
Over/(Under)	\$ (1,915.00)