

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

11 WASHINGTON STREET CUMBERLAND, MD 21502

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY: 17TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST SEPTEMBER 27, 2020 11:00 AM

PRELUDE

PSALM
NANCY HODGES, ORGAN

GORDON YOUNG

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WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, JOYS

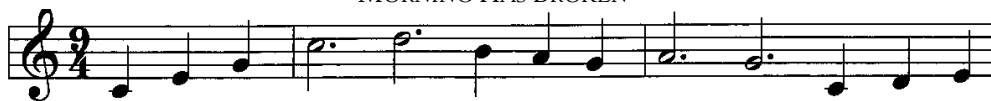
* CALL TO WORSHIP

God has created a new day, silver and green and gold.
Let us live that the sunset will find us, worthy HIS gifts to hold.

* HYMN #664

MORNING HAS BROKEN

"BUNESSAN"



1 Morn-ing has bro - ken like the first morn - ing; black-bird has
2 Sweet the rain's new fall sun - lit from heav - en, like the first
3 Mine is the sun - light! Mine is the morn - ing, born of the



spo - ken like the first bird. Praise for the sing - ing! Praise for the
dew - fall on the first grass. Praise for the sweet-ness of the wet
one light E - den saw play! Praise with e - la - tion; praise ev - ery



morn - ing! Praise for them, spring - ing fresh from the Word!
gar - den, sprung in com - plete - ness where God's feet pass.
morn - ing, God's re - cre - a - tion of the new day!

* CALL TO CONFESSION

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Everlasting God, You have been our dwelling place in all generations. Since the creation of the world, you have nurtured us with your love. And yet we do not always share your love with others. We are selective about whom we choose as neighbors, friends, and associates. We can be restrictive with whom we share our time and possessions. We lead casual lives, more concerned about ourselves than about those around us.

Loving God, teach us to love you more fully. For in loving you, our lives will show love to all others.

(Silence for personal prayer and reflection.)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Brothers and sisters, hear the good news. With God there is no relationship that cannot be reconciled, no chasm that cannot be bridged, no brokenness that cannot be healed. Know that in Christ, all life is made whole.

We are forgiven, and we can know peace. 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

GENESIS 2:15-17 & GENESIS 3:1-7

¹⁵The LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. ¹⁶And the LORD God commanded the man, "You may freely eat of every tree of the garden; ¹⁷but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die."

³Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God say, 'You shall not eat from any tree in the garden?'" ²The woman said to the serpent, "We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden; ³but God said, 'You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die.'" ⁴But the serpent said to the woman, "You will not die; ⁵for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, ^{la} knowing good and evil." ⁶So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate; and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. ⁷Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

ANTHEM

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NEW TESTAMENT READING

LUKE 13:6-9

The Parable of the Barren Fig Tree

⁶Then he told this parable: "A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. ⁷So he said to the gardener, 'See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?' ⁸He replied, 'Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig around it and put manure on it. ⁹If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.'"

SERMON

"THE FIG TREE"

SHARON KAZARY

* HYMN #69

HERE I AM, LORD

"HERE I AM (SCHUTTE)"

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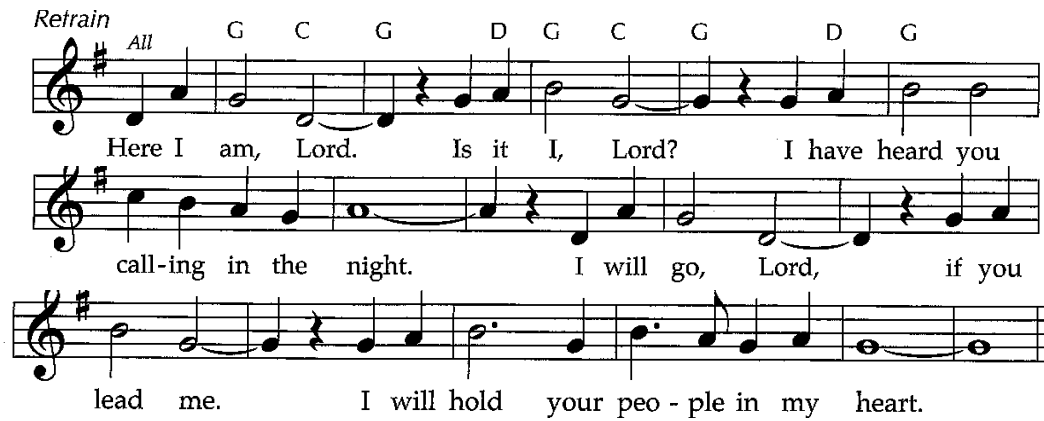
1 I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my peo - ple cry.
 2 I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my peo - ple's pain.
 3 I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.

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?

Refrain All G C G D G C G D G



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.

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

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

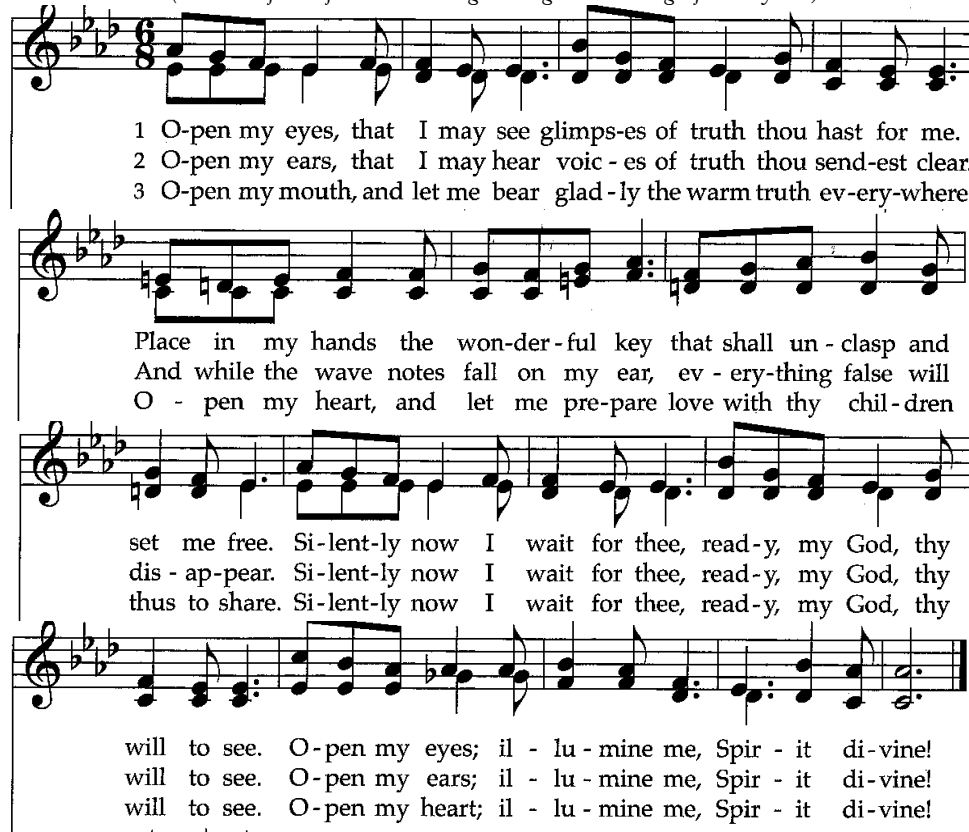
* HYMN #451

OPEN MY EYES, THAT I MAY SEE

"OPEN MY EYES"

READER: JULIE COURTNEY

(Please refrain from humming during the reading of the hymn.)



1 O - pen my eyes, that I may see glimps - es of truth thou hast for me.
2 O - pen my ears, that I may hear voic - es of truth thou send - est clear.
3 O - pen my mouth, and let me bear glad - ly the warm truth ev - ery - where.
Place in my hands the won - der - ful key that shall un - clasp and
And while the wave notes fall on my ear, ev - ery - thing false will
O - pen my heart, and let me pre - pare love with thy chil - dren
set me free. Si - lent - ly now I wait for thee, read - y, my God, thy
dis - ap - pear. Si - lent - ly now I wait for thee, read - y, my God, thy
thus to share. Si - lent - ly now I wait for thee, read - y, my God, thy
will to see. O - pen my eyes; il - lu - mine me, Spir - it di - vine!
will to see. O - pen my ears; il - lu - mine me, Spir - it di - vine!
will to see. O - pen my heart; il - lu - mine me, Spir - it di - vine!

* 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.

* 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.....Sharon Kazary
 Liturgist.....David Stickler
 Director of Music Ministries.....Bryan Lohr
 Guest Organist/Pianist.....Nancy Hodges
 Audio/Video Technicians.....Joe Aurigemma and Eric Ringler
 Ushers.....Jeff and Kathy Getty

SESSION OF FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

CLASS OF 2021

Bob Courtney: Building & Grounds
 Laura Fiscus: Mission
 Josh Gilhart: Faith Formation
 Aaron Hendrickson: Mission

CLASS OF 2022

Cindy Corley: Administration & Finance
 Gary Hendrickson: Administration & Finance
 David Stickler: Worship & Music
 Evan Swanger: Building & Grounds

CLASS OF 2023

Kristina Hall: Congregational Care & Outreach
 Janet Hendershot: Faith Formation
 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: 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 October 4th, 11th and 18th.

ADMINISTRATION & FINANCE

RULING ELDERS: GARY HENDRICKSON & CINDY CORLEY

ANNUAL GIVING YEAR-TO-DATE:	as of September 20, 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	\$136,932.00
Pledge Balance Promised Year-to-Date	\$138,645.00
Over/(Under)	\$ (1,713.00)

MISSION

RULING ELDERS: AARON HENDRICKSON & LAURA FISCUS

MISSION OUTREACH DINNER: The monthly outreach dinner will be held **today** at **Christ United Methodist Church, 336 Race Street**. Dinner will be served from 4:00-5:30PM. We will need 3-4 volunteers. If anyone can volunteer to serve dinner, help clean tables, and/or provide brownies; please let Judy Stern, Phil Mills, or Linda Smith know.

Due to Covid-19 complications and other factors, the September 27th dinner will be the last outreach dinner.

Sharon Dicken has devoted the past 12 years heading this local project of offering a monthly meal to needy individuals and families. The Mission Committee thanks Sharon and our congregation for all the time, funds, and desserts that have made this project a success. The Committee will continue to investigate ways in which our church can help the hungry in our community.

PEACE AND GLOBAL WITNESS OFFERING: On **World Communion Sunday, October 4TH**, we have the opportunity to contribute to the **Peace & Global Witness Offering**. Donations to this offering allow us to assist the vulnerable around the world. This offering strengthens the collaboration of the Peacemaking Program and the Presbyterian Ministry at the United Nations with the peace work of global partners through World Mission. It has meant scholarships for students recognized as peacemakers, resettlement of refugees, and support for shelters where those who are abused may find refuge.

A gift to this offering enables the church to promote the Peace of Christ by addressing systems of injustice across the world. Individual congregations are encouraged to donate 25% of this Offering to a local organization promoting peace. Our portion of the monies collected will go to help support the **Family Crisis Resource Center here in Cumberland. Mid councils retain an additional 25%** for ministries of peace and reconciliation. The remaining 50% is used by the **Presbyterian Mission Agency** to advocate for peace and justice in cultures of violence, including our own, through collaborative projects of education and Christian witness.

Please consider giving generously to this Offering which works towards peace internationally, nationally, and locally. Envelopes can be found in the pews today or in the back of the sanctuary.

WORSHIP & MUSIC

RULING ELDERS: DAVID STICKLER & SHARON KAZARY

SERVICE OF WHOLENESS: The Worship and Music Committee invite you to attend a “Service of Wholeness” on **Wednesday, September 30th at 7:00 PM.**

The service is taken from the Presbyterian Book of Common Order. The service is open to all, and all are invited to participate. As stated on the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)’s website, “...The vital element of worship in the service for wholeness is prayer since this is essentially a time of waiting in faith upon God. Thanksgiving for God’s promise of wholeness, intercessions and supplications should be offered. Adequate time for silent prayer should be provided, as well as occasions for prayers spoken and sung. Enacted prayer in the form of the laying on of hands and anointing with oil is appropriate. (James. 5:14.) The enactment of prayers involves the presiding minister of Word and Sacrament together with representatives of the believing community.”

The committee urges as many of the congregation that can attend to attend and bring one or more guests. **Masks will be required and proper social distance measure will be followed.**