



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

11 WASHINGTON STREET CUMBERLAND, MD 21502

SERVICE OF WORD & SACRAMENT: WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY OCTOBER 4, 2020 11:00 AM

PRELUDE

PSALM
NANCY HODGES, ORGAN

GORDON YOUNG

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, JOYS

* CALL TO WORSHIP

God of grace, you have given us minds to know you,
and hearts to love you.
Fill us with your spirit so that we may celebrate your glory,
and worship you in spirit and in truth.

* HYMN #399

GOD WELCOMES ALL

"THEMBA AMEN"

(You are invited to use a rhythm instrument or your hands to make a joyful noise! The hymn will be repeated multiple times.)

God wel - comes all, strang - ers and friends;
God's love is strong and it nev - er ends.

* CALL TO CONFESSION

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, you pardon all who truly repent and turn to you. We humbly confess our sins and ask your mercy. We have not loved you with a pure heart, nor have we loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have not done justice, loved kindness, or walked humbly with you, our God.

Have mercy on us, O God, in your loving-kindness. In your great compassion, cleanse us from our sin. Create in us a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within us. Do not cast us from your presence, or take your Holy Spirit from us. Restore to us the joy of your salvation and sustain us with your bountiful Spirit.

(Silence for personal prayer and reflection.)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Brothers and sisters, hear these words from the scriptures: "For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God." (II Corinthians 5:21) **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

ISAIAH 5:1-7

Let me sing for my beloved my love-song concerning his vineyard: My beloved had a vineyard on a very fertile hill. ² He dug it and cleared it of stones, and planted it with choice vines; he built a watchtower in the midst of it, and hewed out a wine vat in it; he expected it to yield grapes, but it yielded wild grapes. ³ And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem and people of Judah, judge between me and my vineyard. ⁴ What more was there to do for my vineyard that I have not done in it? When I expected it to yield grapes, why did it yield wild grapes? ⁵ And now I will tell you what I will do to my vineyard. I will remove its hedge, and it shall be devoured; I will break down its wall, and it shall be trampled down. ⁶ I will make it a waste; it shall not be pruned or hoed, and it shall be overgrown with briars and thorns; I will also command the clouds that they rain no rain upon it. ⁷ For the vineyard of the LORD of hosts is the house of Israel, and the people of Judah are his pleasant planting; he expected justice, but saw bloodshed; righteousness, but heard a cry!

ANTHEM

EAT THIS BREAD AND NEVER HUNGER
ZACH DODGE, GUITAR AND NANCY HODGES, PIANO

DANIEL CHARLES DAMON

NEW TESTAMENT READING

MATTHEW 21:33-46

The Parable of the Wicked Tenants

³³ “Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a watchtower. Then he leased it to tenants and went to another country. ³⁴ When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. ³⁵ But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. ³⁶ Again he sent other slaves, more than the first; and they treated them in the same way. ³⁷ Finally he sent his son to them, saying, ‘They will respect my son.’ ³⁸ But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, ‘This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance.’ ³⁹ So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. ⁴⁰ Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?” ⁴¹ They said to him, “He will put those wretches to a miserable death, and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time.”

⁴² Jesus said to them, “Have you never read in the scriptures: ‘The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone;’ ^a this was the Lord’s doing, and it is amazing in our eyes?”

⁴³ Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces the fruits of the kingdom. ^b ⁴⁴ The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and it will crush anyone on whom it falls.” ^c

⁴⁵ When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them. ⁴⁶ They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.

SERMON

“THE PARABLE OF THE LABORERS IN THE VINEYARD”

REV. DR. JAMES R.M. YOUNG

* HYMN #518

YOUR ONLY SON

“LAMB OF GOD”

1 Your on - ly Son, no sin to hide, but you have
2 Your gift of love, we cru - ci - fied; we laughed and
3 I was so lost, I should have died, but you have
sent him from your side to walk up - on this guilt - y
scorned him as he died; the hum - ble King we named a
brought me to your side to be led by your staff and
sod, and to be - come the Lamb of God.
fraud and sac - ri - ficed the Lamb of God.
rod, and to be called a lamb of God.

Kerrain Am G C

O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God, I love the
 ho - ly Lamb of God! O wash me in his pre-cious
 blood, my Je - sus Christ, the Lamb of God.

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND 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.

COMMUNION ANTHEM

LET US BREAK BREAD TOGETHER
 MIKAYLA DODGE, SOLOIST

TRAD. AFRICAN AMERICAN SPIRITUAL

DISTRIBUTION OF THE ELEMENTS

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

* HYMN #526

LET US TALENTS AND TONGUES EMPLOY

"Linstead"

(You are invited to use a rhythm instrument or your hands to make a joyful noise!)

1 Let us tal - ents and tongues em - ploy, reach - ing out with a
 2 Christ is a - ble to make us one; at the ta - ble he
 3 Je - sus calls us in, sends us out bear - ing fruit in a
 shout of joy: bread is bro - ken; the wine is poured;
 sets the tone, teach - ing peo - ple to live to bless,
 world of doubt, gives us love to tell, bread to share:
 Christ is spo - ken and seen and heard.
 love in word and in deed ex - press. Je - sus lives a - gain;
 God (Im - man - u - el) ev - ery - where!
 earth can breathe a - gain; pass the Word a - round: loaves a - bound!

* 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

EXCERPTS FROM 'VARIATIONS ON TWO THEMES'

NAJI HAKIM

BRYAN LOHR, ORGAN

* 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.....Bob Kazary
Director of Music Ministries.....Bryan Lohr
Guest Musicians.....Nancy Hodges, Piano; Zach Dodge, Guitar; Mikayla Dodge, Vocalist
Audio/Video Technicians.....Joe Aurigemma and Eric Ringler
Ushers.....Mike and Cathy Levitas

MUSIC NOTES

As we celebrate Worldwide Communion Sunday this week, music throughout the service will have its origins from all around the globe! Where indicated in the bulletin, please join in making a joyful noise with your rhythm instrument or with your own hands, clapping or snapping. At the conclusion of today's service, please simply leave your instrument in your pew so that they can be collected and sanitized. Many thanks are extended to Nancy Hodges and Mikayla and Zach Dodge for helping to coordinate the music for this global celebration of sacrament and community.

The postlude *Variations on Two Themes* is a whimsical and exotic journey through two hymn tunes from the Genevan Psalter, published in 1551: *Old Hundredth* (Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow) and *Donne Secours* (Hope of the World.) Naji Hakim was born in Beirut, Lebanon in 1955 and studied music at the Paris Conservatory. He served as the organist at Église de la Sainte-Trinité in Paris, succeeding Olivier Messiaen in 1993.

SESSION OF FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

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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 11th and 18th.

ADMINISTRATION & FINANCE

RULING ELDERS: GARY HENDRICKSON & CINDY CORLEY

ANNUAL GIVING YEAR-TO-DATE:	as of September 27, 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	\$141,204.00
Pledge Balance Promised Year-to-Date	\$142,294.00
Over/(Under)	\$ (1,090.00)

CONGREGATIONAL CARE & OUTREACH

RULING ELDERS: KRISTINA HALL & JAN LAYMAN

PRAYER REQUESTS: You can now submit your prayer request on the FPC website. Click the nurture tab and then prayer request.

MISSION

RULING ELDERS: AARON HENDRICKSON & LAURA FISCUS

PEACE AND GLOBAL WITNESS OFFERING: Today, 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.