

TAKOMA PARK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

October 15, 2023

20th Sunday after Pentecost

Live streamed at 11:00 a.m.



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A Church for All People

THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

(*) Indicates those who are able, please stand.



Preparation for Worship

Let the Prelude's music open you to God's presence as we begin worship.

"... God will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the sheet that is spread over all nations; God will swallow up death forever."

-Isaiah 25:7-8

GATHER IN GOD'S PRESENCE

Prelude **Prelude on "Quem Pastores"** Healey Willan

Welcome

Opening Prayer (unison)

O God who mourns with those who mourn and weeps with those who weep, our hearts are broken by the bloodshed of this past week. Give us the courage to not look away from the pain and help us to see beloved siblings in all who are suffering.

We cry out for your wisdom and compassion that will guide us in the way of justice and then towards peace. We turn to you, O God, for light in this deep darkness. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

Call to Worship *Responsively* **from Psalm 23**

The Lord leads us like a shepherd.

God nourishes our lives and restores our souls.

The Lord walks with us, even in the darkest valley.

God's goodness and mercy are always close.

***Hymn 410 God Is Calling through the Whisper**

Prayer of Confession

According to the wisdom of those who came before us, "If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, the Holy One who is faithful and just will forgive us and cleanse us from all unrighteousness" (1 John 1:8-9).

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.** Let us pray:

God of perfect love, you continually bring forth life, transforming sadness to joy, and despair to hope. We are weak, but you are strong. Our ways are flawed, but your ways are true. Forgive us, redeem us, transform us into witnesses to your love, justice, and peace. Restore us to the people we were created to be so that we can partner with you in making this world whole again.

Silent Prayer

Assurance of Forgiveness

Relentlessly God seeks us out. With abundant grace and boundless mercy, God forgives us and sets us free from sin.

Alleluia! Thanks be to God!

***Praise 582 (v.1) Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me**

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.

***Sharing the Peace of Christ**

The peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.**
(Worshippers on Zoom may unmute themselves and share the peace.)

LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

Prayer of Illumination 458

Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path. (2x)

First Scripture Reading

Philippians 4:1-9

Anthem **The Lord Is My Shepherd** John Rutter

Time with Children **Rev. Mark Harper**

Second Scripture Reading **Matthew 22:1-14**

Sermon *The Wedding Crasher* **Rev. Mark Harper**

***Hymn** 812 **O Save Me, God, and Hear My Cry**

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Prayers of the People **Rev. John Seaman**

*Prayers will be read from the Prayer Book, invited from the congregation
and read from the Zoom "Chat Box".*

Response: God of grace, **grant us mercy.**

The Lord's Prayer (Unison)

O Holy Trinity of Love,

Holy are you and holy is your name.

May your shalom come and your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.

Give us our daily bread,
and forgive our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

Walk with us through times of trial and save us from evil.

For the Beloved Community, the power, and the glory
are yours now and forever. Amen.

The Offering Invitation

*The offering plate reminds us of the many contributions
we all make to our church and God's realm.*

Please pass it to your neighbor and offer thanks for each other's gift.

The Offertory **Offertory on "Dennis"** James Southbridge

***Doxology 607**

OLD HUNDREDTH

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Christ all people here below;
Praise Holy Spirit evermore;
Praise Triune God who we adore. Amen.*

***Prayer of Dedication (Unison)**

O God, with faith and hope we offer these gifts. Use them to accomplish your purposes in Jesus Christ, the Head of the Church and the Lord of our lives. Amen.

WE ARE SENT INTO THE WORLD

Announcements of the Community's Life

***Sending Hymn 757 Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples**

***Benediction**

Postlude

Vulpus

Healey Willan

Note:

Some of today's liturgy was adapted from a Presbyterian Outlook Worship Resource written by the Rev. John Wurster.

Community worship ends; discipleship and service begin anew.

Participants in this morning's service

Rev. Mark Harper, Pastor

Rev. John Seaman

Wendy Turman, Liturgist

Melissa Lindon, flute

Takoma Park Presbyterian Church Choir

James Bingham, organ

Jay Clouse, Zoom Technician

Erol Kalayoglu, Zoom Technician

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Schedule for upcoming events

**** Zoom events**

Monday, October 16, 7:30 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal
Tuesday, October 17, 12 p.m.	Virtual Coffee Hour**
Tuesday, October 17, 3:30 p.m.	Critical History Project**
Wednesday, Oct. 18, 8:15 p.m.	Presbyterians for Police Transformation**
Sunday, October 22, 9:30 a.m.	Adult Sunday School (<i>hybrid</i>)**
Sunday, October 22, 11:00 a.m.	Worship Service (<i>hybrid</i>)**

+Whoever you are and wherever you are on life's journey, **you are welcome here.** We are pleased you are with us today.

+Please continually pray for an end to gun violence, and for peace in our homes, neighborhoods, nation and the world.

+The next Men's Gathering will be Friday, Oct. 20th from 7-9pm at the home of Dave Olson, 201 Lincoln Ave. Takoma Park.

Please bring yourself, a beverage of choice and one to share.

Dave and I will provide snacks. As always, we look forward to seeing you there for food, fellowship and robust conversation.

Rev. John.

CRM invites you to attend the George Peck Lynching Memorial Unveiling Sunday, October 22 at 3:00 p.m., in Poolesville, MD sponsored by the Montgomery County Lynching Memorial Project (<https://www.mocolmp.org/>), part of the statewide Maryland Lynching Memorial Project and a designated Community Remembrance Project of the Equal Justice Initiative in Montgomery, AL. This event is the first historical marker in our county to acknowledge a racial terror lynching. Mr. George Peck was murdered in Poolesville in 1880, one of three lynchings that took place in Montgomery County.

This event will take place at the Poolesville Presbyterian Church across the street from where the lynching took place. (If it rains, the event will be held at the Poolesville Memorial United Methodist Church, 17821 Elgin Road.) For more information, watch the trailer at

<https://thethreelyncings.film/#single/0>.

To get more information. Please contact Mary Pat Brennan (marypatbrennan@gmail.com) and Sam Kalibala (snkalibala@gmail.com).

TPPC Bazaar - New date - November 4.

Good news the TPPC Bazaar has moved to Saturday, November 4 from 9 AM to 3.00 PM. Thanks for your help to make this fun community event a great success!

Here are the three things you can do to help:

1. **DONATE** some of your unneeded treasures! You can drop off donations at the TPPC gym Mon Oct 30, Weds Nov 1 or Thursday Nov 2 from 4 pm to 8pm (or contact the TPPC Office for more options office@takomaparkpc.org, 301-270-5550).
2. **SHARE** information about the Bazaar with your friends and listservs (see general announcement sent to the TPPC listserv).
3. **VOLUNTEER** to help out! There are lots of ways to help such as sorting and arranging donations on tables the week before the Bazaar, helping staff a section from kitchenware to electronics and clothing, and helping pack-up any leftovers at the end of the day. Sign up on the volunteer sheet in the back of the Sanctuary, or email rogergriffis61@gmail.com.

The Bazaar is a great opportunity for fellowship with one another and the community. For more information contact Phil Boyer at philboyer60@gmail.com or the TPPC Office at office@takomaparkpc.org (301-270-5550).

+We need volunteers to host Sunday Coffee Hour after worship. This is a great way to meet each other! Please sign up today, using the signupgenius link -

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C094BAFAD230FDC61-tppc>

or contact Darryl McPherson (this is darryl@gmail.com) to sign up or for more information.

+Thank you for your continued support of TPPC.

As a reminder, there are several ways to give to TPPC. Information on giving, including giving online, can be found at

<https://www.takomaparkpc.org/give>.

Checks may be mailed to

Takoma Park Presbyterian Church,
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If you have questions, please contact finance@takomaparkpc.org.

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