

The Service for the Lord's Day



Service at BeeTree Preserve

12th Sunday of Ordinary Time

June 24, 2018

11:00 a.m.

Assemble in God's Name

We joyfully welcome you to worship this morning!
All are invited to use the Prayer and Prelude as a time of silent preparation.

Prayer of Preparation

Great Creator, we see your creation and know you are God.
Yet your mighty kingdom
 was formed with the humility of a servant.
While we may not understand how your kingdom comes,
 we recognize its fruits.
We see them not just in the extraordinary,
 but in the plain, the everyday, the ordinary—
 everywhere love is endeavored,
 every place light eliminates a shadow,
 every time peace calms the troubled.
Lord, help us seek and spread for your kingdom.

Welcome

Rev. Carter

**Call to Worship*

Leader: Slowly but surely, the kingdom grows:
People: around us and within us!
Leader: As the vine grows longer and branches shoot off,
People: we are connected to Jesus.
Leader: As the seed becomes a bush, and the bush offers shade to God's creatures,
People: we search for places to plant and nourish seeds of faith.
Leader: Even as storms leave wakes and painful questions remain unanswered,
People: we grow amid God's nurturing presence.
Leader: Slowly but surely, the kingdom grows:
People: around us and within us.
All: Let us worship God!

CREATION AND PROVIDENCE

For the Beauty of the Earth 14

1 For the beau - ty of the earth, for the glo - ry of the skies,
 2 For the won - der of each hour of the day and of the night,
 3 For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's de - light,
 4 For the joy of hu - man love, broth - er, sis - ter, par - ent, child,
 5 For thy - self, best gift di - vine to the world so free - ly given;

for the love which from our birth o - ver and a - round us lies:
 hill and vale, and tree and flower, sun and moon, and stars of light:
 for the mys - tic har - mo - ny link - ing sense to sound and sight:
 friends on earth, and friends a - bove, for all gen - tle thoughts and mild:
 for that great, great love of thine, peace on earth and joy in heaven:

Refrain

Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grate - ful praise.

In the course of many revisions, the original eucharistic emphasis of this text has shifted to a hymn of thanksgiving for a wide range of human experience, with a Christological summation. It is set here to the tune that is customary in North America, though not elsewhere.

TEXT: Foliott Sandford Pierpoint, 1864, alt.
 MUSIC: Conrad Kocher, 1838; abr. William Henry Monk, 1861; harm. *The English Hymnal*, 1906 DIX
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****Call to Confession***

****Prayer of Confession***

Great God who created all that is,
and continues creating life anew,
You call us to live into mystery—to walk by faith.
You call us to pursue a kingdom without walls or demarcations,
to trust and believe in your plans for creation.

But we fear the unknown and long for certainty.
Unable to see the promise of your bigger picture,
we turn inward.
We live for ourselves,
unwilling to marvel at the power of love to change lives
and, indeed, change the world.

Forgive our narrow perspective of your kingdom, Lord.
Turn us around once more,
that we might see and so live into your promise
unfolding around and within us.

- silent prayers of confession -

****Assurance of Grace***

Leader: *In Christ Jesus, we are a renewed community.*
People: **Thanks be to God!**
Leader: *Old things are done away with, all things become new.*
People: **Thanks be to God!**
Leader: *We are agents of grace and reconciliation.*
People: **Thanks be to God!**
Leader: *With every step or stumble, Christ is with us.*
People: **Thanks be to God!**

****Response to Grace***

Mach-Pichu

The musical score is written for three parts: Soprano, Alto, and Tenor/Bass. It is in 2/4 time and B-flat major. The lyrics are: "Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry in the high-est! Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry to Christ Je-sus! Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry to the Spir-it! To God be glo-ry for-ev-er! Al-le-lu-ia, A-men! Al-le-lu-ia, A-men! Al-le-lu-ia, A-men!"

****Passing of the Peace***

Leader: *God makes peace within us. Let us claim it.*
People: **God makes peace between us. Let us share it.**
Leader: *May the peace of Christ be with you.*
People: **And also with you.**

Children's Message

Proclaim God's Word

Prayer for Illumination
Scripture Lesson

Psalm 104: 1-24a

Rev. Strom

Leader: Holy wisdom, holy word!
People: Thanks be to God!

Scripture Lesson

Mark 4: 26-34

Leader: For the Word of God in Scripture,
For the Word of God among us,
For the Word of God within us,
People: Thanks be to God!

Sermon

"Romans 13"

Respond in Thanks & Faith

**Hymn #19*

"God of Great and God of Small"

God of Great & Small

God of Great and God of Small 19



1 God of great and God of small, God of one and God of all,
2 God of land and sky and sea, God of life and des - ti - ny,
3 God of si - lence, God of sound, God by whom the lost are found,
4 God of heaven and God of earth, God of death and God of birth,



God of weak and God of strong, God to whom all things be - long,
God of nev - er - end - ing power, yet be - side me ev - ery hour,
God of day and dark - est night, God whose love turns wrong to right,
God of now and days be - fore, God who reigns for - ev - er - more,

refrain



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, praise be to your name.

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Although it uses remarkably simple language, this text affirms a great mystery: beyond all our powers of explanation. God holds together all the opposites that seem to pull us in one direction or another. Yet God is

****Affirmation of Faith***

A New Creed, United Church of Canada

We are not alone; we live in God's world.
We believe in God who has created and is creating;
 who has come in Jesus, to reconcile and make new.
We trust God who calls us to be the church;
 to love and serve others;
 to seek justice and resist evil;
 to proclaim Jesus crucified and risen,
 our judge and our hope.
In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us.
We are not alone. Thanks be to God.

Prayers of the People & 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.

Call to Commitment

Offertory

****Doxology #609***

Lasst Uns Erfreuen

Praise God, from who all bless-ings flow. Praise God, all crea-tures high and
low. Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ial Praise God, in Je-sus ful-ly
known: Cre-a-tor, Word, and Spir-it one. Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-
lu-ial! Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia

GTG:609

****Prayer of Dedication***

Leader: O God, we ask to be saved from such preoccupation with ourselves
 that we miss the way and truth and life you intend.
People: We offer our treasure because we prioritize your way of
love, compassion, and generosity salvation above all else;
and we dedicate our gifts and our living to your service,
that they might breathe light and life to those in need.

**Hymn*

Rain Down

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Capo 3: (D) (F#7) (Bm) (D7) (G)
F A7 Dm F7 Bb

Rain down; rain down; rain down your
love on your peo - ple. Rain down; rain
down; rain down your love, God of life.

(D/F#) (Em7) (A7) (D) (F#7) (Bm)
F/A Gm7 C7 F A7 Dm

(D7) (G) (Em) (A7) (G) (D)
F7 Bb Gm C7 Bb F

This refrain comes from a longer song based on Psalm 33, but the striking image of God's love falling like rain is not actually present in that psalm. That image may be based on Ezekiel 34:26, where God promises to send showers of blessing upon the people of the covenant.

TEXT: Jaime Cortez, 1991
MUSIC: Jaime Cortez, 1991; arr. John Carter, 2001
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RAIN DOWN
Irregular

**Benediction*

*Worshippers are invited to stand as able.

**Large print bulletins with are available;
please ask a deacon (with a red nametag) for assistance.

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Towson Presbyterian Church is an inclusive community of faith
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TPC is a PC(USA) *Earth Care Congregation*
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Please Pray for: Bob Adams, Davis Barkley (Roxanne Maffitt Harvey’s grandson), Barbara Beard (Leslie Strawhand’s sister), Jasen Carter, Barbara Davis, Elsie DeGarmo Smith, Betsy Griffin, Jackson Herbert, Chrissie Kahan, Julie Mertus, and Michael Strawhand (Leslie’s son). *Names remain on prayer list for four weeks, unless otherwise requested.*

The sympathy of the congregation and our resurrection faith are extended to Sarah Larrabee and Becky Galloway for Sarah’s son and Becky’s brother, Christopher Galloway, who died last week and to Lee Kladkey and her family for her mother, Beverly Mason Martin, who died; and to Jane Messimer and Ann Miller and her family for the death of Bob Messimer, husband and father, on June 19.

Today at TPC

Assisting in Worship today are: at BeeTree: Patty O’Brien, Ro Nicolosi, and Mary Blann.

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| Sunday, June 24 | BeeTree Sunday |
| 8:30 a.m. | Early Worship Service – Chapel |
| 11:00 a.m. | Worship Service – BeeTree Preserve |
| 12:00 p.m. | SCL – Thompson Hall |
| 2:00 p.m. | MS Mission Trip Departure |

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All God’s People

Upcoming Worship Schedule:

Summer Worship || July 1 - Sept. 2: || TPC will celebrate one
Sunday morning service in the sanctuary at 9:30 a.m.

June is TPC’s month for Assistance Center of Towson Churches (ACTC): TPC is collecting baked beans, cereal, canned fruit (or in plastic jars), and soup. ACTC also requests deodorant and sun lotion. Please leave the donation in the red box in the Thompson Hall hallway.

HS Bell Ringers from New Jersey – Host Homes Needed || June 30-1 ||

On Sunday, July 1, the Ringers-On-the-Green, a choir of 16 advanced high school bell ringers from The Presbyterian Church in Morristown, NJ, will be ringing during our 9:30 a.m. service. To accommodate their stay with us, we are providing host homes for their teens and adults on Saturday, June 30. If you can provide space for 2-6 people on Saturday and a light simple breakfast on Sunday, please contact Pastor Joel at jstrom@towsonpres.org.

Camp BeeTree

Calling All Camp BeeTree CITs & Volunteers: Sunday, July 1st there will be an Orientation for ALL CITs and Volunteers at 11:00 am in the Library! It will be less than an hour. Please stop at Thompson Hall for coffee and we’ll start promptly at 11 am!

Small Groups

The Wired Word will meet throughout July after the 10:00 a.m. service downstairs in the Conference Room.

TPC This Week

Tuesday, June 26

10:30 a.m. Staff Meeting – Library

1:00 p.m. Prayer Shawl – Chapel

Wednesday, June 27

1:00 p.m. Communications – Library

6:00 p.m. Session Retreat – Library

7:00 p.m. Scout Master Meeting – Youth Room

Thursday, June 28

3:30 p.m. Clerk Meeting – Library

7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts – Youth Room

Sunday, July 1

9:15 a.m. Nursery Care for Infants – age 3 – Noah's Nursery

9:30 a.m. Worship Service – Sanctuary

9:45 a.m. Summer Church School

10:30 a.m. Fellowship -Thompson Hall

11:00 a.m. CIT Orientation – Library

11:30 a.m. SCL – Thompson Hall

The Wired Word – Conference Room