



Gifts of Women

May 12, 2024 || Virtual Campus

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Assemble in God's Name

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

Prayerful Reflection

St. Teresa of Avila (*adapted*)

Christ has no body now,
but yours.
No hands, no feet on earth,
but yours.
Yours are the eyes through which
Christ looks compassion into the world.
Yours are the feet
with which Christ walks to do good.
Yours are the hands
with which Christ blesses the world.

Prelude

Sanctuary

Gwyneth Walker

Reverence – All Nature Sings – A Refuge, Peace

Welcome

**Call to Worship*

The Abingdon Worship Annual, 2012 (*adapted*)


Leader: As the weak realize their strength;
as the poor eat and are satisfied,
People: God's love abides in us.
Leader: As the stranger finds a friend;
as the family offers forgiveness,
People: God's love abides in us.

Leader: As the ends of the earth know of Christ's grace,
People: God's love abides in us.
Leader: Let us worship God

**Hymn #366*

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling


Hyfrydol



1 Love di - vine, all loves ex - cel - ling, Joy of heaven, to
 2 Breathe, O breathe thy lov - ing Spir - it in - to ev - ery
 3 Come, Al - might - y, to de - liv - er; let us all thy
 4 Fin - ish then thy new cre - a - tion; pure and spot - less



earth come down, fix in us thy hum - ble dwell - ing; all thy
 trou - bled breast; let us all in thee in - her - it; let us
 life re - ceive; sud - den - ly re - turn, and nev - er, nev - er -
 let us be; let us see thy great sal - va - tion per - fect -



faith - ful mer - cies crown. Je - sus, thou art all com - pas - sion;
 find the prom - ised rest. Take a - way the love of sin - ning;
 more thy tem - ples leave. Thee we would be al - ways bless - ing,
 ly re - stored in thee: changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry,

pure, un - bound - ed love thou art; vis - it us with
 Al - pha and O - me - ga be; end of faith, as
 serve thee as thy hosts a - bove, pray, and praise thee
 till in heaven we take our place, till we cast our

thy sal - va - tion; en - ter ev - ery trem - bling heart.
 its be - gin - ning, set our hearts at lib - er - ty.
 with - out ceas - ing, glo - ry in thy per - fect love.
 crowns be - fore thee, lost in won - der, love, and praise.

**Invitation to Confess*

**Prayer of Confession*

God of Loving Compassion,
 While you boast the power to create the universe,
 you rule with tender love and care
 for each and all.

You even gave yourself in Jesus Christ,
 who revealed the great power of love
 to create justice and peace for all.

But we have ignored his model,
 and disregarded your commands.

We have placed other gods—
 other priorities and pursuits—
 before you.

O God, have mercy on us.
 Open us to the power of love and grace

to touch lives,
 and change systems,
 and shine hope
 where none seems possible.
 Then call us, again,
 to bear such love and grace
 throughout your world.

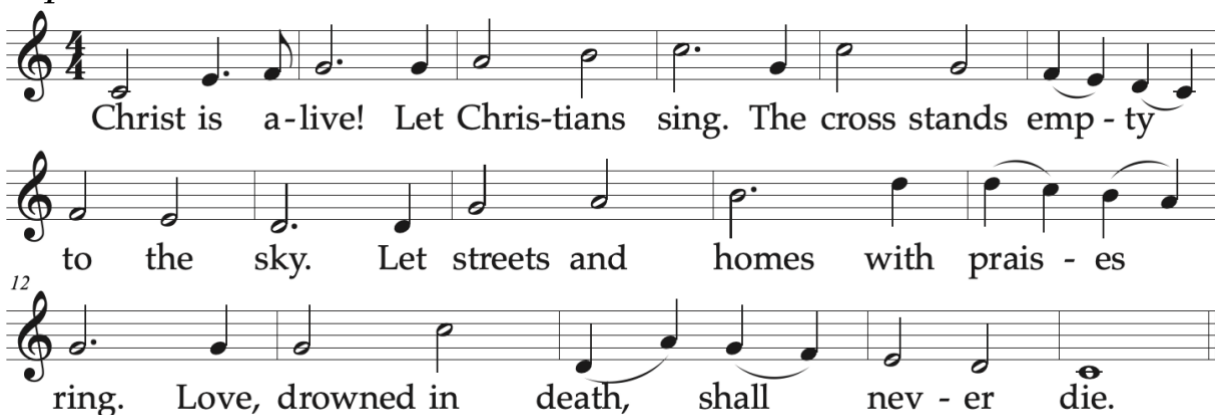
~ silent reflection & confession ~

**Assurance of Grace*

Leader: Friends, let us rejoice!
 In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and freed for life in all its fullness.
 People: Grace and love are ours to celebrate and share.
 Let us proclaim the glory of God!

Response to Grace

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**Passing of the Peace*

Leader: On the evening of Jesus' resurrection, the disciples were gathered
 in fear and sadness, wondering how everything had gone so wrong.
 People: But the risen Christ appeared in their midst, saying,
 "Peace be with you."
 Leader: Friends, may the peace of the risen Christ with you.
 People: And also with you!

~ All worshipping virtually are invited to greet and share peace with others in the "Comments" section. ~

Children's Message

Proclaim God's Word

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Lesson

Genesis 2: 18-22

Leader: Holy wisdom, holy word.

People: Thanks be to God

1 John 4: 7-16, 19

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

Amanda Barton

Respond in Thanks & Faith

Hymn #727

Will You Let Me Be Your Servant

The Servant Song

1, 6 Will you let me be your ser - vant, let me
 2 We are pil - grims on a jour - ney; we're to -
 3 I will hold the Christ - light for you in the
 4 I will weep when you are weep - ing; when you
 5 When we sing to God in heav - en, we shall

be as Christ to you? Pray that I may have the
 geth - er on the road. We are here to help each
 night - time of your fear. I will hold my hand out
 laugh I'll laugh with you. I will share your joy and
 find such har - mo - ny, born of all we've known to -

grace to let you be my ser - vant too.
 oth - er walk the mile and bear the load.
 to you, speak the peace you long to hear.
 sor - row till we've seen this jour - ney through.
 geth - er of Christ's love and ag - o - ny.
 (repeat stanza 1)

Offering Our Gifts to God

Ways to offer financial gifts:

- Towsonpres.org – click orange “Give” button at top of page
- Text “CheerfulGiver” (one word; no spaces; case sensitive) to 73256
- Drop off or mail check to the church
- Scan this QR code →



Anthem

Like a River in My Soul

arr. Tim Osiek

Testimony

Hymn #324

For All the Faithful Women

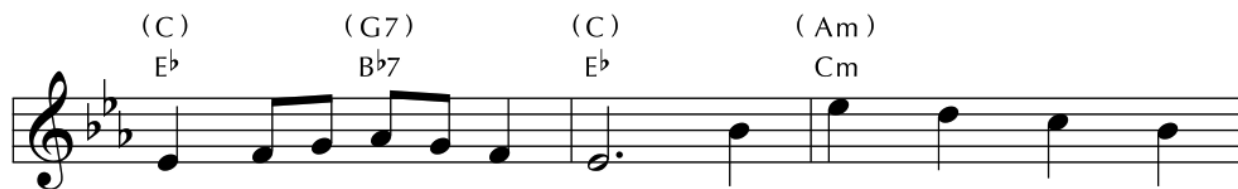
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1 For all the faith - ful wom - en who served in
 2 We praise your name for Mir - iam, who sang tri -
 3 We sing of bus - y Mar - tha, who toiled with
 4 Lord, hear our praise of Dor - cas, who served the



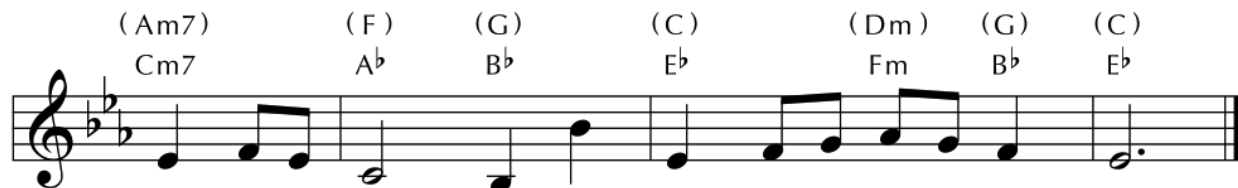
days of old, to you shall thanks be giv - en; to
 um - phant - ly while Pha - raoh's vaunt - ed ar - my lay
 pot and pan while Mar - y sat in si - lence to
 sick and poor. Her hands were cups of kind - ness, her



all, their sto - ry told. They served with strength and
 drowned be - neath the sea; for Ruth, who left her
 hear the word a - gain. We praise the oth - er
 heart an o - pen door. O God, for saints and



glad - ness in tasks your wis - dom gave. To you their
 home - land and ven - tured forth in faith, who pledged to
 Mar - y, who has - tened to the tomb and found her
 ser - vants, our fer - vent prayer we raise, that, faith - ful



lives bore wit - ness, pro - claimed your power to save.
 serve and wor - ship Na - o - mi's God till death.
 Lord a - ris - en, dis - pel - ling doubt and gloom.
 in your ser - vice, our lives may sing your praise.

**Benediction*

Postlude

Fanfare

Brenda Portman

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Our Mission:

Towson Presbyterian Church is an inclusive community of faith,
growing as disciples of Christ

TPC is a PC(USA) *Earth Care Congregation*,
and a member of the *Covenant Network* (striving for a fully inclusive church).

New Here? Welcome—*just as you are.*

We're so glad you're here! We hope you find meaning in our worship and connection within our community of faith. TPC offers two worship opportunities on Sundays: 10:00am in-person and 10:00am live-stream via Facebook, YouTube, and towsonpres.org.

While children are whole-heartedly welcome at all TPC's worship services, our professionally staffed nursery is available for children 0–4 (see a deacon with a red nametag for directions).

We'd cherish the chance to connect with you. If you feel led, please fill out a visitor form at towsonpres.org/contact, so we can get to know you! We appreciate your presence here today, and we hope you are blessed by your time worshiping with us.

Prayer List:

Bob Adams, Laura Adams Wentling, Owen Bojanowski, Walter Cesewski, Jim Flick, Aldean Howard, John Lewis, Julie Mertus, Julie Morris, Peter, Phillip Pugh, Patty Rath, Janice Searles, Calvin Symons, Mary Tabeling, Ashley Tamayo, Wendy and Barbara Taylor, Sue Thompson, Mitzie Tyrie.

TPC News, Mission, and Ministry Updates

Assisting in Worship || Rob Culp, Steve Swift, Matt Hemm, Jill Thomas, Karen Drake, Karen Morris, Carol Whiteford, Dianne Thompson.

We Give Thanks for Those Who Are Leading Us in Worship Today ||

- Welcome – Kristie Burkett
- Call to Worship – Jen Coles
- Prayer of Confession & Assurance of Grace – Audra Ziegel
- Passing of the Peace – Karen Williams
- Children's Message – Ro Nicolosi
- Prayer for Illumination and 1st Scripture Reading – Patsy Stein
- 2nd Scripture Reading – Nicole Clark
- Sermon – Amanda Barton
- Testimony – Laura Baake
- Offering Our Gifts to God – Judith Rietz
- Benediction – Lindsay Koskinen

Birth Announcements

- We thank God for the new life of Gavin Ryno Goodrich, born on May 6, son of John Goodrich and Elisabeth Cahill, grandson of Harold and Susan Cahill and Brett and Becky Goodrich, great-grandson of Mike and Carolyn Goodrich.

- We thank God for the new life of Amelia Lucille Cedrone, born on May 6, daughter of Amber Bounelis and Matthew Cedrone.

Circle 13 || Monday, May 13, 7:00–9:00pm || Women are invited to the home of Dotsie Bregel tomorrow evening for a discussion of the movie “Come Sunday” (Netflix). No RSVP is required, just come ready for conversation, having already watched the film!

Men’s Breakfast || Thursday, May 16, 8:00–9:00am || Spend the morning connecting with other men over a cup of coffee at the Towson Diner!

Pentecost Sunday || Sunday, May 19, 10:00–11:00am || Come back for worship next weekend as we celebrate Pentecost (sometimes called the “Birthday” of Christianity), marking fifty days after Easter.

Congregational Meeting || Sunday, May 19, 11:00–11:20am || A brief meeting will take place immediately following the service next Sunday. We’ll receive the report of the 2024 Congregational Nominating Committee and elect officers to serve on our Session and Board of Deacons.

Pentecost Potluck || Sunday, May 19, 11:20am–1:00pm || Get excited for our annual churchwide luncheon next weekend to celebrate Pentecost! Chicken, drinks, and dessert will be provided, but we invite you to please contribute a side dish or appetizer of your own. Red, orange, or yellow attire and food is encouraged to represent the flames of Pentecost. Bring a friend, make a plate in Thompson Hall, and enjoy the festivities!

Youth Group || Sunday, May 19, 5:30–7:30pm || Youth Group will meet one more time next weekend for dinner and fellowship before breaking for summer.

Graduating Seniors || Submit Names by Friday, May 31 || We want to celebrate your high school and college graduates! Please email information about your graduating senior to tpc@towsonpres.org by Friday, May 31, so we can highlight their accomplishments.

Parents Night Out || Saturday, June 8, 7:00–9:00pm || Drop your children off at TPC for dinner and a movie while you enjoy Parents Night Out at the Tobian Home.

Summer Camp and Youth Trips || Online registration is open for all three summer offerings for children and youth:

- **Massanetta Springs || June 20–23 || 5th–8th Grade**

- Montreat Youth Conference || July 7–13 || 8th–12th Grade
- Camp BeeTree || July 15–19 || K–12th Grade

Save-the-Dates

3rd Grade Bibles || Sunday, May 19, In-Service

Last Day of Church School || Sunday, June 2, 10:15–11:00am

Strawberry Shortcake Fellowship || Sunday, June 9, 11:20am–12:30pm

Planned Giving with Tim Lotz || Sunday, July 14, 11:20am–12:30pm

TPC This Week

Sun 5/12:	10:00am 10:15am 11:00am 12:00pm	Worship (Sanctuary and Livestream) Church School (Children's Classrooms) Coffee Hour (Thompson Hall) Sunday Community Lunch (Thompson Hall)
Mon 5/13:	10:00am 7:00pm	Daniel Bible Study (Zoom) Circle 13 (Bregel Home)
Tue 5/14:	10:30am 2:00pm 2:00pm 7:00pm 7:30pm	Staff Mtg. (Library) Parish Visitor Training (Library) WMA Mtg. (Zoom) Screwtape Letters Book Study (Zoom) Handbells Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)
Thu 5/16:	8:00am 7:00pm 7:30pm	Men's Breakfast (Towson Diner) Falling Upward (Library) Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)