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## Service of Worship

July 12, 2020 || Facebook Live

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### Prelude

Lord of the Small

Dan Forrest (b. 1978)

*Praise to the Lord of the small, broken things,  
Who sees the poor sparrow that cannot take wing,  
Who loves the lame child, and the wretch in the street,  
Who comforts their sorrows and washes their feet.*

*Praise to the Lord of the faint and afraid,  
Who girds them with courage and lends them His aid;  
He pours out His Spirit on vessels so weak  
That the timid can serve and the silent can speak.*

*Praise to the Lord of the frail and the ill,  
Who heals their afflictions, or carries them 'till  
They leave this tired frame and to paradise fly,  
To never be sick, and never to die.*

*Praise Hi, O praise Him, all ye who yet live,  
Who've been given so much and can so little give,  
Our frail, lisping praise God will never despise:  
He sees His dear children through mercy-filled eyes.  
-Johanna Anderson*

### Welcome

### Call to Worship

*Leader: Jesus extends this invitation to you and me, and to one and all:  
"Come! Follow me! Be my disciples!"*

**People: So we come to this time, in our different places,  
united by the invitation of Jesus Christ.**

*Leader: We come to accept the invitation to discipleship.*

**People: We come to learn at our rabbi's feet.**

*Leader: We come to follow in his footsteps.*

**People: We come to worship the Lord our God.**

*Descant*

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro - claim

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till all the world a - dore his sa - cred name. *Fine*

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1 Come, Chris - tians, fol - low where our Sav - ior trod,  
 2 All new - born ser - vants of the Cru - ci - fied  
 3 O Lord, once lift - ed on the glo - rious tree,  
 4 So shall our song of tri - umph ev - er be:

*to Refrain*

the Lamb vic - to - rious, Christ, the Son of God.  
 bear on their brow the seal of Christ who died.  
 your death has brought us life e - ter - nal - ly.  
 praise to the Cru - ci - fied for vic - to - ry.

## Prayer of Confession

Rev. Thom Shuman (*adapted*)

We love you, Holy God, and want to follow Jesus,  
but you know how stubborn we can be.  
Jesus calls us to serve others,  
but we look first for our comfort.  
Jesus would send us to where the hopeless live,  
but we feel unthreatened by injustice and have grown complacent.  
Jesus invites us to life amid the peace and joy of your word,  
but we seek to emulate those proclaiming false, self-serving promises.

Forgive us, Guiding God.  
Transform our defiance into discipleship,  
and our rejection of others into the resurrection  
of loving all people as sisters and brothers in Christ.

Help us to serve as faithfully as Christ serves us,  
And send us forth to take the good news of your kingdom to everyone we meet—  
everywhere we may meet them.

*~ silent prayers may be offered ~*

### *Assurance of Pardon*

*Leader: The grace of God in Jesus Christ claims you,  
forgives you, redeems you, and sets you free.  
Hear this good news.  
Believe this good news.  
Go live out this good news.*

**People: Amen.**

### Sharing the Peace of Christ

*Leader: Not a simple peace. Not an easy peace. Not a superficial peace.  
But may the peace of our Lord, Jesus Christ, be with you.*

**People: And also with you.**

### Livestream Check-In

### Children's Message

### Scripture Reading

Matthew 14: 22-33

*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.**

## Video & Reflection

“Dust”

Nooma: Episode 8

*featuring Christian pastor and author, Rob Bell  
Originally produced by Flannel films*

## 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.

## Hymn #726

Will You Come and Follow Me  
*(please see page 7)*

Kelvingrove

## Gifts of Commitment

Four Ways to Give:

- Online – [Click Here](#)
- Text "CheerfulGiver" (one word; case sensitive) to 73256
- Mail a check to TPC 400 W. Chesapeake Ave, Towson, MD 21204
- Scan this QR Code:



## Benediction

## Postlude

Toccata on “Crucifer”

John Barr (b. 1938)

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# Towson Presbyterian Church

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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).

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## Prayer List

Bob Adams, Joan Burger, Mary Grace Byrne, Cindy Cole, Barbara Davis, Ann Fisch, Pat Hoop, Jane Messimer, Julie Mertus, Joyce Nuttall, Adeelbert Ohm (Karen Drake's father), Gloria Roberts, Steve Tucker (Carter family), Joye Wilhide

## Remote Congregational Meeting Today via Zoom @ ~11 a.m.

- Called for the purpose of electing new elders and deacons to their respective offices
- Register [HERE](#)
- To view slate of nominees, click [HERE](#).

## NEW Remote Summer Small Groups & More

### Practice a Spiritual Practice (via Zoom)

- Thursdays || 7-8 p.m. || July 16, 23, 30 and August 6
- Alongside leader Patricia Jackson, dive deeper into two ancient spiritual practices, the Examen Prayer and Lectio Divina. When we practice our faith, we create space to remember God's presence and leading in our life.
- To register [CLICK HERE](#)
- Once registered for the small group, a Zoom registration link will be sent to you.

### "We Make the Road By Walking" Weekly Discussion (via Zoom)

- As our yearlong church-wide study nears its end, explore a chapter from Brian McLaren's great book and allow it to inspire you in your spiritual journey. Come having read or not read that week's chapter. The study groups are:
- Sundays July 12, 19 and 26 at 11:15 am || Led by Jim Kuhlman
  - To register [CLICK HERE](#)
- Mondays July 13, 20, 27 and August 3 at 7:00 pm. || Led by Bob Bickle & Phyllis Grey
  - To register [CLICK HERE](#)
- Tuesdays July 21 and 28 & August 4 and 11 at 7:00 p.m. || Led by Patty O'Brien
  - To register [CLICK HERE](#)
- *Once registered for the small group, a Zoom registration link will be sent to you.*

### "How To Be An Antiracist" by Ibram X. Kendi (via Zoom)

- Thursdays || 7-8:30 p.m. || Aug. 6, 13, 20, & 27
- We not only do long to envision what an antiracist society entails; *we yearn to play an active role in building it.* Ibram X. Kendi's 2019 book "How To Be An Antiracist" can help us on that journey.
  - Prior to the start of small group gatherings, small group participants are asked to please read the book on your own (which can be purchased wherever books are sold).
  - Participants are also encouraged to [participate in this virtual event event on July 20th](#) hosted by Prince George County's Library System where Ibram X. Kendi will discuss "How to Be An Anti racist.
- To register for the small group, [CLICK HERE](#)
- Once you've registered for the Small Group a Zoom registration link will be sent to you.

## **New Remote Men's Groups**

- While we can't gather amid Covid's outbreak, two Small Groups for you that will meet either 3 or 4 times in July and August. The goal is to simply get together with other men from TPC for a casual hour of conversation over Zoom with a little structure (what are we grateful for from the past week and what are we concerned about).
- Bring a cold beverage with you and join us!
- Mondays July 13, 20, 27 from 7-8 p.m. || Led by Joseph Clark
  - Register [HERE](#)
- Tuesdays July 14, 21, 28 and August 4 from 7-8 p.m. || Led by Ross Bregel
  - Register [HERE](#)
- Once registered for the small group, a Zoom registration link will be sent to you.

## **Two New Ways to Serve Our Food Insecure Neighbors**

### **Mt. Calvary AME/TPC Wednesday Meals:**

- TPC has joined hands with Mt Calvary AME Church to assist with their Wednesday Meal Mission. We have committed to preparing 90 meals on the third Wednesday of each month, and delivering them to 3 Towson locations. Our next meal is Wednesday, JULY 15th.
- You can volunteer to prepare food at home and bring it to Mt. Calvary AME Church (MCAME) at 349 Eudowood Rd, Towson, help prepare and package the meals in the MCAME kitchen, or deliver the meals, or all three
- June's inaugural meal was a huge success and we are on a roll. Let's keep it going until our own Sunday Community Lunch resumes!
- **To volunteer:** [CLICK HERE](#) (then click on link that appears after "go to link")

### **Assistance Center of Towson Churches**

- ACTC now has **online Sign-Ups to bring much needed items to their facility on Monday mornings each week.** (MAKE SURE YOU CLICK ON THE BLUE WORDS and then click AGAIN on the lower case blue link that appears after "Go to link:")
  - [ACTC SANDWHICH SIGN-UPS](#)
  - [ACTC FRUIT SIGN-UPS](#)
  - [ACTC WATER SIGN-UPS](#)

Capo 3: (D) (A7) (Bm) (Em7) (Asus) (A)  
 F C7 Dm Gm7 Csus C



1 "Will you come and fol - low me if I but call your name?  
 2 "Will you leave your-self be-hind if I but call your name?  
 3 "Will you let the blind - ed see if I but call your name?  
 4 "Will you love the 'you' you hide if I but call your name?  
 5 Lord, your sum-mons ech - oes true when you but call my name.

(D) (A7) (Bm) (Em7) (G) (D)  
 F C7 Dm Gm7 B<sup>b</sup> F



Will you go where you don't know and nev - er be the same?  
 Will you care for cruel and kind and nev - er be the same?  
 Will you set the pris-oners free and nev - er be the same?  
 Will you quell the fear in - side and nev - er be the same?  
 Let me turn and fol - low you and nev - er be the same.

(Em7) (G) (F#m7) (G) (Asus)(A)  
 Gm7 B<sup>b</sup> Am7 B<sup>b</sup> Csus C



Will you let my love be shown; will you let my name be known;  
 Will you risk the hos - tile stare should your life at - tract or scare?  
 Will you kiss the lep - er clean, and do such as this un - seen,  
 Will you use the faith you've found to re-shape the world a - round,  
 In your com - pa - ny I'll go where your love and foot-steps show.

(D) (A7) (Bm) (Em7) (G) (D)  
 F C7 Dm Gm7 B<sup>b</sup> F



will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?"  
 Will you let me an - swer prayer in you and you in me?"  
 and ad - mit to what I mean in you and you in me?"  
 through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?"  
 Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.