



27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 2, 2022 || Virtual Campus

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Prelude *Prelude on "Wonderful King" (Bossa Nova)* *Johannes Matthias Michel*

Welcome

Call to Worship

Leader: God calls to you—wherever you may be.

People: God calls to the first and the last,
the privileged and the oppressed.

Leader:: God calls to the stuck and the anxious,
and all who long for peace.

People: God calls to the lost and the found,
and all who yearn for home.

Leader:: God calls to you—naming you, claiming you,
and inviting into blessing, into community,
into discipleship, into love.

People: And our hearts respond in worship!

Hymn #505

The Feast Is Ready

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1 The trum-pets sound; the an - gels sing; the feast is
 2 Ta - bles are la - den with good things; O taste the
 3 The hun - gry heart he sat - is - fies, of - fers the

read - y to be - gin. The gates of heaven are o - pen wide,
 peace and joy he brings. He'll fill you up with love di - vine;
 poor his par - a - dise. Now hear all heaven and earth ap-plaud

and Je - sus wel - comes you in - side.
 he'll turn your wa - ter in - to wine.
 the a - maz - ing good - ness of the Lord.

Refrain

Sing with thank - ful - ness songs of pure de - light.

Come and rev - el in heav - en's love and light.

Take your place at the ta - ble of the King.

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Invitation to Confess

Prayer of Confession

God of Grace,
Have we made you grow weary seeking us out
as we habitually lose our way?
How often have we strayed from the love and life
Jesus proclaimed?
How often have we turned from Christ
to chase down dreams not of your kingdom,
but of our own comfort and acclaim?

We confess how often we are lost,
bearing priorities and values that fail to reflect yours.

Forgive us, Persistent One.
Fix our feet firmly on the path of discipleship,
that we may trod the way of grace
that shines light into the darkness,
and loves those in need without counting the cost.

- silent prayers of confession -

Assurance of Grace

Leader: Friends, believe the Good News Christ revealed:
God loves you. God claims you.
God redeems you. God calls you!!

People: Now and always, we belong to God.
Let us live for the Lord!

Response to Grace

Gloria Patri (Meineke)

The musical notation is written on three staves in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 4/4 time signature. The lyrics are: Glo - ry to the Cre - a - tor and to the Christ and to the Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the be - gin-ning, is now, and ev-er shall be, world with-out end. A - men. A - men.

Sharing the Peace of Christ

Leader: The peace of Christ reminds us who and whose we are.

People: Not defined by the values or pressures of this world,
Jesus' peace frees us to be our truest selves.

Leader: Let us share it. Peace be with you.

People: And also with you.

Livestream Check-In

- All worshipping virtually are invited to greet and share peace with others in the “comments” -

Children are invited to come forward. As they do, all are invited to join in song:

Michael Burkhardt

Gathered in God's name 'round the table of grace.
Gathered as one family in the name of love.
Gathered from near and far, gathered in this holy place,
Gathered as strangers and friends, gathered and gifted by grace...

Gath-ered in God's name 'round the liv - ing Word.
Gath-ered as one fam-'ly in the name of love,
in the name of love, *slowing* in the name of love.

Children's Message

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Lesson

Luke 15:1-10

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

What Disciples Do
“Disciples Seek and Share”

Rev. Carter

Anthem

Come Before the Table

Karen Marroli

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

The Invitation

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

Leader: May the God of new life be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to God.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the God we love.

People: We freely give God thanks and praise.

(...the prayer continues...)

The Institution

As we come to the table with Christians across the globe on World Communion Sunday, we are blessed to hear the Words of Institution in multiple languages.

The Communion of the People

Jesus welcomes all to share in his feast. Those in the sanctuary may now come forward to take communion elements as desired (bread from basket, cup from tray, or individually sealed elements). All worshipping remotely may take a piece of bread (any kind), dip it into a cup with wine, juice, or water, and consume it.

Prayer of Response

Holy God, we thank you for this feast of grace and life.
As we have been served, help us to serve our neighbors.
As we have been fed, help us to feed the hungry.
As we have been loved, help us to love the world—
because in Christ Jesus you have loved us. Amen.

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



Hymn #173

A Woman and a Coin

Life Restored



1 A wom - an and a coin: the coin is lost!
2 A shep - herd and a sheep: the sheep is lost!
3 A par - ent and a child: the child is lost!
4 Dear God, you sought us when the world was lost;



How much it means to her, what time and toil,
Far from the flock, the one in hun - dred cries,
The par - ent feeds on mem - o - ries and hope,
you gave your on - ly son at what a cost;



what part it was to play in her bright dreams!
then, risk - ing life, the shep - herd's voice and staff!
the prod - i - gal on husks and one last chance.
your Spir - it wel - comes home the tem - pest - tossed:



Am I that trea - sured coin worth search - ing for?
Am I that trea - sured sheep worth dy - ing for?
Am I that trea - sured child worth wait - ing for?
now we can be all you were dream - ing of.



I'm found, and you re - joice! What love! What love!
I live, and you re - joice! What love! What love!
I'm home, and you re - joice! What love! What love!
We're safe, and you re - joice! What love! What love!

Benediction

Towson Presbyterian Church

Inclusive - Curious - Compassionate - Courageous

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Ministers	All the members of the church
Pastor, Senior	Rev. Rob Carter
Pastor, Associate	Rev. Joel Strom
Director of Music and Organist	Stephen Harouff
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Director of Communication & Connections	Alison Raskin
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Parish Associate	Rev. Mary Gaut
Parish Associate	Rev. Roger Rice
Pastor Emeritus	Rev. Dr. George Gray Toole

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 are "here"! We hope you find meaning in our worship and connection within our Virtual Campus.

To learn more about our church, we hope you'll explore our ministries at www.towsonpres.org. You are more than welcome to register for any church event or group, whether it gathers in-person or remotely. Please also join our online community at Facebook, Instagram, and YouTube, @TowsonPres.

If you have any questions or concerns, or would like additional information, please contact the church office at tpc@towsonpres.org or 410-823-6500. Thank you, again, for the blessing of your presence.

Please pray for:

Bob Adams, Laura Adams, Barbara Davis, William Hanna, Julie Mertus, Jack Phillips, Roger and Betty Roth, Joan Strout, Mitzi Tyrie.

TPC News, Mission, and Ministry Updates

Assisting in Worship || Ann Phillips, Judith Rietz, Ellen Tully, Viraj Mehta, Carol Whiteford, Susan Shockley, Rob Culp, Dianne Thompson

Sunday Community Lunch Training Session || TODAY, October 2nd 11:20 a.m. || Come and learn the ropes! Register on our website to get on the SCL email list, but no specific registration required for this training.

Blessing of the Animals || Sunday, October 2nd 4:00p.m. || Bring your furry companion to receive a blessing from our Parish Associates! We will meet between TPC's labyrinth and the IGG. If raining, we will meet in Thompson Hall.

Snyder Listening Groups || Sunday, October 9th at 11:15 a.m. || We received a large gift from the Hank and Mary Louise Snyder fund. We are in the process of discerning how TPC can be faithful stewards of this wonderful gift. We will gather in Thompson Hall.

Honduras Info Session || If you would like to learn more about TPC's Spring 2023 Mission Trip, please contact Lynn Krugman (thekrugmans@comcast.net). The group will find a time to host an info session that works for the majority.

Adult Spiritual Formation Offerings are *Live* || Be sure to check TPC's website & register! Below are offerings *beginning* throughout the next few weeks:

Mary, Martha, and Me || October 3rd 4-7:00 p.m. || Join fellow single-again women in Thompson Hall for dinner, conversation and a lot of laughter on the first Monday of the month. Please register on the TPC website.

Men's Group || Monday, October 3rd 7- 8:15 p.m. || Gather in the Library to enjoy a beverage and share on the first Mon. of the month. Email Joel to join.

Poetry and Faithfulness || Thursday, October 6th 7 – 8:30 p.m. || David Jackson will lead this 3-week program via Zoom to explore poetry and faithfulness. Please register via TPC's website.

Hiking Group || Saturday, October 8th 9:00 a.m. || Please register to be informed of the location- we'd love to have you join us on alternating Saturdays for a Fall hike!

Circle 13 || Monday, October 10th 7:00 p.m. || Join a lively group of women in Thompson Hall for fellowship and to engage in a discussion of the *women* in the genealogy of Jesus. All ages and stages welcome! Register on TPC's website.

Faith, Film, and Fellowship || Friday, October 14th 6:00 p.m. || Join us in Thompson Hall for dinner and a movie. Ages 8+ are invited and for those younger, a Disney movie will be shown in a separate classroom with sitters. Invite a friend to this intergenerational event!

Animate Faith || Sunday, October 16th 11:30 a.m. || Using video-based curriculum explore some of the Christian faith's biggest topics. Register online to join Pastor Joel Strom and Amber Bounelis via Zoom.

How to Pray (in-person or virtual option) || This 3-part program explores prayer for all ages and stages, beginning...

In-Person Offering: Sunday, October 16th 11:15 a.m. in TPC's Chapel

Virtual Offering: Thursday, October 20th 7:00 p.m. via Zoom

TPC This Week

Sunday, October 2

9:30 a.m. Childcare – Noah's Nursery
10:00 a.m. Worship Service – Sanctuary and Virtual
Church School – after Children's Message
11:00 a.m. Coffee Hour – Thompson Hall
11:20 a.m. Sunday Community Lunch Training Session
11:20 a.m. Cherub Choir (Rm. 212) & Children's Choir (Choir Rm.)
11:30 a.m. ASF Facilitators Training- Library
4:00 p.m. Blessing of the Animals – Labyrinth
5:30 p.m. Youth Group

Monday, October 3

4:00 p.m. Mary, Martha & Me- Thompson Hall
7:00 p.m. Men's Group

Tuesday, October 4

10:30 a.m. Staff Meeting
2:00-9:00 p.m. Peabody Rehearsal
7:00 p.m. The Bible Speaks to You Book Study
7:30 p.m. Chancel Handbells Rehearsal – Choir room

Wednesday, October 5

7:00 p.m. Communication and CORE Committee Meeting -Zoom
7:00 p.m. Adult Spiritual Formation Committee Meeting- Zoom

Thursday, October 6

7:00 p.m. Poetry and Faithfulness- Part 1 of 3
7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal – Sanctuary

Saturday, October 8

9:00 a.m. Hiking- offsite

Sunday, October 9

9:30 a.m. Childcare – Noah's Nursery
10:00 a.m. Worship Service – Sanctuary and Virtual
Church School – after Children's Message
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