



Gifts of Men Sunday

June 16, 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

Richard Rosenberg (*adapted*)

O Lord our God,
 Wellspring of all that is,
You are the sea on which we float,
You are the wind that fills our sails,
You are the storm that buffets us,
You are the calm that brings us peace.

Open our ears to hear Your word,
Open our eyes to see Your beauty,
Open our hearts to be warmed by Your love.

Free us from our lonely prisons of fear and selfishness,
And make us over, day by day,
 into bearers of Your peace.

Prelude

In the Garden

arr. Mark Hayes

Welcome

**Call to Worship*

The United Church of Canada (*adapted*)

Leader: We gather together
in the name of the One who bids us come.

People: We gather together

to hear the words of the One who is Love
and calls us to love.

Leader: We gather together
to sing praises of the One who teaches peace.

People: Come, let us worship!

**Hymn #363*

Rejoice, the Lord Is King!

Darwall's 148th

Descant

4 Re - joi - ce in glo - ri - ous hope! For Christ, the Judge, shall come

1 Re - joi - ce, the Lord is King! Your Lord and King a - dore!
2 Our Sav - ior, Je - sus, reigns, the God of truth and love;
3 His king - dom can - not fail; he rules o'er earth and heaven;
4 Re - joi - ce in glo - ri - ous hope! For Christ, the Judge, shall come

and gath - er all the saints to their e - ter - nal home.

Re - joi - ce, give thanks, and sing, and tri - umph ev - er - more.
when he had purged our stains, he took his seat a - bove.
the keys of death and hell are to our Je - sus given.
and gath - er all the saints to their e - ter - nal home.

Lift up your heart; lift up your voice! Re - joi - ce, a - gain I say, re - joi - ce!

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**Invitation to Confess*

**Prayer of Confession*

Thom Shuman (adapted)

Generous One,
In love, you sent Christ
to show us the ways of your Kingdom,
that we might know and share life in all its fullness.
But rather than share the blessings you so generously give,
we hoard them for ourselves.
Rather the joining you in serving the most vulnerable,
you see us worshipping the wealthy and powerful.
Rather than embracing the joy and wonder you extend,
we cling to earthly weapons and perspectives
that promise a false security.

Have mercy on us, O God.
Plant the seeds of grace, hope, and peace within us,
so we may grow
and nurture these gifts of your kingdom
within and all around us.

- silent reflection & confession -

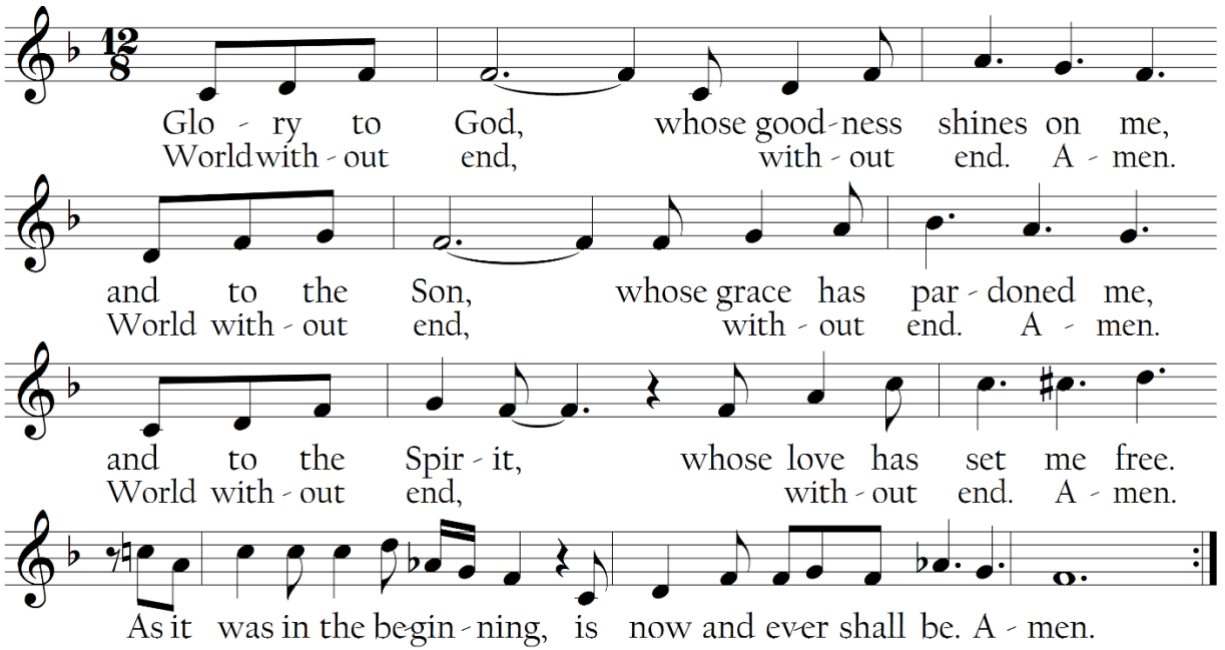
**Assurance of Grace*

Leader: Friends, celebrate the Gospel!
God's grace is yours. In Jesus Christ, you are forgiven and freed.

People: May our lives reveal the blessings of God—the strength in
grace; the justice in compassion; and the glory of love.
Amen.

Response to Grace

Glory to God (Vasile)



Glo - ry to God, whose good-ness shines on me,
World with - out end, with - out end. A - men.

and to the Son, whose grace has par - doned me,
World with - out end, with - out end. A - men.

and to the Spir - it, whose love has set me free.
World with - out end, with - out end. A - men.

As it was in the begin - ning, is now and ever shall be. A - men.

GTG: #582

**Passing of the Peace*

Leader: As God has poured out the grace of forgiveness and peace through Christ,
let us share that grace with each other.
Friends, may the peace of Christ be 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

Acts 2: 42-46

Leader: Holy Wisdom; Holy Word.

People: Thanks be to God.

Scripture Lesson

Mark 2: 15-16

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

Andrew Kays

"Everything You Wanted to Learn About Church Dogma

But Were Afraid to Ask”

Respond in Thanks & Faith

Hymn #435

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

In Babilone

1 There's a wide - ness in God's mer - cy, like the wide - ness
 2 For the love of God is broad - er than the mea - sures

of the sea. There's a kind - ness in God's jus - tice,
 of the mind. And the heart of the E - ter - nal

which is more than lib - er - ty. There is no place where earth's
 is most won - der - ful - ly kind. If our love were but more

sor - rows are more felt than up in heaven. There is no place
 faith - ful, we would glad - ly trust God's Word, and our lives re -

where earth's fail - ings have such kind - ly judg - ment given.
 flect thanks - giv - ing for the good - ness of our Lord.

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.

Sacrament of Baptism *Frederick James (F.J.) Reichel*
Son of Shelby and Kent Reichel

Scripture

Presentation

Profession of Faith

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,

And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Baptism

Welcome

Leader: *F.J. has been received into the one holy, catholic, and apostolic church through baptism. God has made him a member of the household of God, to share with us in the priesthood of Christ.*

People: **With joy and thanksgiving we welcome F.J. into Christ's church to share with us in his ministry, for we are all one in Christ.**



Be - hold, be - hold, I make all things new, be -
ginning with you, and start-ing from to - day. Be - hold, be - hold, I
make all things new, my pro-mise is true, for I am Christ the way.

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Anthem

“The Call” from *Five Mystical Songs*

R Vaughan Williams

Hymn #547

Go, My Children, With My Blessing

Ar Hyd Y Nos

1 "Go, my chil-dren, with my bless - ing, nev - er a - lone.
 2 "Go, my chil-dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure.
 3 "Go, my chil-dren, fed and nour-ished, clos - er to me.

Wak - ing, sleep - ing, I am with you, you are my own.
 Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.
 Grow in love and love by serv - ing, joy - ful and free.

In my love's bap - tis - mal riv - er I have made you mine for -
 Here you heard my dear Son's sto - ry; here you touched him, saw his
 Here my Spir - it's pow - er filled you; here my ten - der com - fort

ev - er. Go, my chil-dren, with my bless - ing, you are my own."
 glo - ry. Go, my chil-dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure."
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**Benediction*

Postlude

I'll Fly Away

arr. Mark Hayes

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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, Margie Busko, Walter Cesewski, Jim Flick, Jennifer Gettier, Aldean Howard, Bill Kladky, John Lewis, Linda Lotz, Ann and Wayne McKim, Julie Mertus, Julie Morris, George Openhym, Phillip Pugh, Patty Rath, Janice Searles, Calvin Symons, Ashley Tamayo, Wendy and Barbara Taylor, Sue Thompson, Mitzie Tyrie, The Family of Tanner White.

TPC News, Mission, and Ministry Updates

Assisting in Worship || Shirley Albert, Beth Bugg, Karen Drake, Jason Fitzsimmons, Matt Hemm, Paul Schwab, Bill Sherman, Ellen Tully.

Gifts of Men Sunday || Note on celebrating the Gifts of Men on Father's Day this morning. We also thank the men leading this morning's service:

Call to Worship – Jim Kuhlman

Confession & Assurance – Ross Bregel

Scripture Lesson – Kevin McKenna

Scripture Lesson, Sermon, & Benediction – Andrew Kays

Prayers of the People – Alan Randolph

Massanetta Springs Youth Conference || Thursday, June 20–Sunday, June 23 || Please keep in your prayers our 5th–8th Graders and volunteer leaders this weekend as they travel to Virginia for a 3-day conference. This year's theme is based on Philippians 4:4–7: "Keep calm and rejoice! The Lord is near."

Men's Breakfast || Thursday, June 20, 8:00–9:00am || Spend the morning connecting with other men over a cup of coffee at the Towson Diner, happening on the third Thursday of every month.

Men's Cookouts || Thursday, June 20 and Tuesday, July 23, 6:00–8:00pm || All men are invited to the home of Jason Fitzsimmons this Thursday, and Ross Bregel's in July, for cookouts and fellowship. Consider bringing a friend! Please RSVP at towsonpres.org/adults. If your last name starts with an A-M please bring a beverage (beer, wine, seltzer, soda) or dessert to share; N-Z bring a side dish to share. A \$3 donation is also suggested to offset the cost of host-supplied food (burgers, hot dogs, buns, condiments, etc.).

TPC This Week

Sun 6/16:	10:00am 11:00am 11:20am 12:00pm	Worship (Sanctuary and Livestream) Coffee Hour (Thompson Hall) Officer Training (Library) Sunday Community Lunch (Thompson Hall)
Mon 6/17:	7:00pm	Officer Training (Zoom)
Tue 6/18:	10:30am 1:00pm 7:00pm	Staff Mtg. (Library) Prayer Shawl Knitting (Nook) CYFM Mtg. (Zoom)
Wed 6/19:	7:00pm	Communications Mtg. (Zoom)
Thu 6/20:	9:30am 8:00am 6:00pm	Youth Depart for Massanetta Springs Men's Breakfast (Towson Diner) Men's Cookout (Fitzsimmons Home)