

# THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

The First Presbyterian Church  
of Howard County

*Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time*  
*LGBTQ+ Pride Sunday*  
*June 24, 2018*

*10:00 a.m.*

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## GATHER

*Let all enter the sanctuary in a spirit of prayer.*

*Please remember to turn cell phones and pagers to silent for worship.*

*Where you see an asterisk (\*) please stand if you are able.*

Words in **bold** are read by the congregation.

*Please fill out the red Friendship Pad in each pew.*

### **For Meditation before Worship** *(for personal use before worship)*

*We come to God's house, to this open house, to find love and to defeat hate, in order that the world itself can become an open house.*

*William Sloane Coffin*

### **Gathering Music**

Shower the People

### **Greeting**

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

**And also with you.**

*Please fill out the red Friendship Pad in each pew.*

*Newcomers please leave us your address and contact information!*

*Then, pass the folder the length of the pew and back.*

\* **Hymn 184**                      Calm to the Waves                      *Calm Seas*

### \* **Lighting the Christ Candle**

Who has the wisdom to create the world?

**Only God, the Lord of heaven and earth.**

Who has the power to silence the storm?

**Only Jesus, the Word of God among us.**

Whenever we light this candle, we proclaim:

**Christ is the light of the world and the center of our lives.**

**\* Prayer for Sunday Morning**

May God be with you.  
**And also with you.**

Saving God,  
you enter the flood and storm of chaos and confusion.  
**Speak peace to our fearful hearts  
that we may find our faith  
in the one whose words bring rest to all creation,  
Jesus Christ, our teacher, friend and savior,  
the lord of wind and wave.  
Amen.**

**\* Hymn 301**      Let Us Build a House/All Are Welcome      *Two Oaks*

**Call to Confession**

**Prayer of Confession**

Holy God, Maker of all:  
**Have mercy on us.**  
Jesus Christ, servant of the poor:  
**Have mercy on us.**  
Holy Spirit, Breath of life:  
**Have mercy on us.**

**God of grace, love and communion,  
we confess that we have failed to love you  
with all our heart, soul, mind and strength;  
and to love our neighbor as ourselves.  
When antagonists confront us,  
we trust in our own defenses.  
When we are gripped with fear,  
we look elsewhere for help.  
When storms surround us,  
we forget that you are with us.  
Forgive us, God of grace.  
Teach us to trust that you alone  
can deliver us from death to life;  
through Jesus Christ our teacher, friend and savior.**

*(We continue in silent, personal prayer...)*

**Assurance of Grace**

**\* Response of Praise** *(singing together)*      *Friedman Alleluia*

Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia. \_\_\_\_\_

Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia! \_\_\_\_\_

\* **Response of Praise 839, verse 1**

*(singing together, see wall for words.)*

*Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine!*

\* **Sharing the Peace**

The peace of Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

*We greet each other with signs of peace and reconciliation.*

*A touch on the shoulder, a nod, a bow – can be a substitute  
for handshakes to hinder the spread of the flu.*

\* **Song of Thanksgiving** *(singing together)*

*Solomon Minor*

We give You all our thanks. We  
give You all our thanks. We give You all our  
thanks and praise.

**Words of Welcome**

## ENCOUNTER

### Prayer for Illumination

**First Lesson:** Job 38:1-18

*Page 420; pew Bible*

The Word of God for the People of God

**Thanks be to God!**

### Thoughts on the First Lesson

### Children's Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

*Afterwards, children ages 4-7 may go with Ms. Kathy Moore to Godly Play.*

*Parents can pick up their children following worship in Rooms 110 & 113.*

**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.**

**Second Lesson:** Mark 4:35-41

*Page 816; pew Bible*

For the Word of God in scripture,

For the Word of God among us,

For the Word of God within us,

**Thanks be to God!**

## **RESPOND AND SERVE**

\* **Affirmation of Faith** *(together)*

*from The Iona Community*

We believe in God,  
whose love is the source of all life and desire of our lives,  
whose love was given a human face in Jesus of Nazareth,  
whose love was crucified by the evil  
that waits to enslave us all,  
and whose love, defeating even death,  
is our glorious promise of freedom.  
Therefore, though we are sometimes fearful and full of doubt,  
in God we trust;  
and, in the name of Jesus Christ,  
we commit ourselves, in the service of others,  
to seek justice and to live in peace,  
to care for the earth  
and to share the common wealth of God's goodness,  
to live in the freedom of forgiveness  
and the power of the spirit of love,  
and in the company of the faithful so to be the church,  
for the glory of God.  
Amen.

\* **Hymn**

I Will Sing a Song of Love

### **Concerns and Remembrances**

#### **Prayers of Gratitude and Concern**

Great is your name, O God.

**Great is your love.**

#### **Concluding Prayer** *(together)*

O God, you are our life and breath,  
our light and fire, our teacher and healer.  
You long for us to live in love and justice  
with our neighbors, with friends and strangers,  
with people everywhere.  
So every day, in all our living,  
help us to say yes to you.  
Amen.

### **The Offering**

#### **Offertory**

# SEND AND BLESS

## This Week at First Presbyterian Church

\* **Hymn 307**                      God of Grace and God of Glory                      *CWM Rhondda*

\* **Closing Responses**

For all that God gives us, we say:

**Thank you!**

For all that God asks of us, we say:

**Yes!**

\* **Benediction**

\* **Response 301, verse 5** (*singing together*)                      *Let Us Build a House*

Let us build a house where all are named,  
their songs and visions heard  
and loved and treasured, taught and claimed  
as words within the Word.

Built of tears and cries and laughter,  
prayers of faith and songs of grace;

let this house proclaim from floor to rafter:  
all are welcome; all are welcome; all are welcome in this place.

\* **Postlude**



# WELCOME TO WORSHIP AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

*We are grateful for your presence and invite you to participate in the worship, education, mission and common life of First Church.*

## During Today's Worship

**Please turn all cell phones to "silent" when in the Sanctuary.**

**Large print bulletins (including hymns and scripture readings) and individual listening devices** are available from the ushers. Photography during worship is discouraged, and flash is not permitted. Please, no food or drink in the Sanctuary.

**If your infant or child needs care** or becomes too restless during the worship service, you may leave the Sanctuary and return as you wish. Child care for infants and children under four years old is available all morning. The nursery is in Room 159. We have a texting system to alert you if you are needed while in the worship service. The ushers will be glad to help you.

**Worship programs for children during the summer** include: *Godly Play* for younger children (age 4 - grade 1) during the 10:00 a.m. service.

**Worship bags for children** are at the ushers' table in The Upper Commons. Please return the bags as you leave. *Green bags and bulletins* for children ages three to six (pre-readers); *Purple bags and bulletins* for children ages seven to twelve (readers).

## If you are new to First Church

**Please sign our Ritual of Friendship**, the red pad in the pew.

**Communion** is served on the first Sunday of each month.

**Disabled persons entrance** is through the Main Entrance in the rear of the building.

**We invite you to attend the Lemonade on the Lawn** after the 9:00 a.m. & 10:00 a.m. worship services for conversation and fellowship on the front lawn.

**We invite you to become a member** of First Church. Please speak with Morton or Sue or call the church office to set a time to meet.

## First Church Cares

**To notify pastoral staff** of personal concerns, illness, hospitalization; to pass along a prayer request; or to arrange homebound Communion, contact Pastor Morton or Pastor Sue.

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