

**Takoma Park  
Presbyterian Church**  
*Always Welcomes You*



**July 18, 2010, 10:00 A.M.**

**16<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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**A Church for All People *Isaiah 56:7***

# THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

(\*) Indicates those who are able, please stand

**Welcome!** We pray God's blessings be with you as you worship today. We want to support your growth in faith. May we answer a question for you? Our ushers and pastor will gladly speak with you.

## PREPARATION FOR THE WORD

*Let the Prelude's music open you to God's presence as we begin worship.*

**Prelude**

Arioso

J. S. Bach

## Welcome and Announcements of the Community Life

*(Please sign the red friendship register and pass it down the pew.)*

## Call To Worship

One Jesus invites us:

**All "Behold, I stand at the door and knock; if you hear my voice and open the door, I will come in to you and eat with you and you with me."**

One Jesus invites us:

**All "Ask and you will receive; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you."**

One God abounds in love and mercy and welcomes our return.

**All For in Christ, God came to us, that we might have abundant life. Thanks be to God!**

## Unison Prayer of the Day (adapted from St. Benedict, 480-547)

O gracious and holy God, give us wisdom to perceive you, intelligence to understand you, patience to wait for you, eyes to see you, a heart to meditate on you, and a life to proclaim you, through the power of the Spirit of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

\*Hymn of Praise #458

Earth and All Stars

## Call to Reconciliation

Confident in Christ's radical welcome and redeeming love, let us pray:

## Prayer of Confession

Jesus, you are full of grace and mercy, and so we turn to you.

We offer you our guilt. Free us from bondage. {...silent prayer...}

We offer you our fears. Release us to love. {...silent prayer...}

We offer you our anxiety. Fill us with your courageous Holy Spirit.

## Silent Prayer

## Words of Assurance (adapted from Ezekiel 11:19-20)

God speaks, "I will put a new spirit within them; I will remove the heart of stone from their flesh and give them a heart of flesh, so that they may follow my statutes and live in the Way that leads to life. Then they shall be my people, and I will be their God."

## All: Thanks be to God!

**\*Response of Joy #2026**                      *Halle, Halle, Hallelujah (sung twice)*

## \*Sharing the Peace of Christ

### PROCLAIMING THE WORD

## Prayer of Illumination (*sung twice*)

*Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.*

**The Epistle Reading**                      **Colossians 1:15-23, 26-29** *The Message version*

*"The mystery in a nutshell is just this: Christ is in you." - The Apostle Paul*

## Anthem

**All Things Work Together for Good**

John Carter

## Time with Children

*Following the time with children, children may go upstairs for children's choir and worship. Ages 3 and above are especially welcome.*

**\*Hymn #522**

**Lord, When I Came Into This Life**

**The Gospel Reading**

**Luke 10:25-37**

*“You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself.”*

*Silent Reflection on the Word*

**Sermon “The Divine Love Summons the World Toward Wholeness”**

- *Wendell Berry*

**RESPONDING TO THE WORD**

**Unison Affirmation of Faith** (The Confession of Belhar, September 1986)

We believe that God has entrusted the church with the message of reconciliation in and through Jesus Christ; that the church is called to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world, that the church is called blessed because it is a peacemaker, that the church is witness to both by word and by deed to the new heaven and the new earth in which righteousness dwells. (We believe) That God’s life-giving Word and Spirit has conquered the powers of sin and death, and therefore also irreconciliation and hatred, bitterness and enmity, that God’s life-giving Word and Spirit will enable the church to live in a new obedience which can open new possibilities of life and society and the world. Amen.

**Prayers of the People**

**The Rev. John Seaman**

**Prayer Book and the Sharing of Joys and Concerns**

*Please say your name when you share your prayer.*

**Unison Response**

**God of peace, show us the light.**

**The Lord’s Prayer** (Ecumenical, in unison)

Our God in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,

on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power, and glory are yours  
now and forever. Amen.

**Minute for Mission**    Introducing our new Director of Youth Ministries

## The Offering

Offertory

Siciliana

G. F. Handel

**\*Doxology** (*in Unison*)

*Lasst Uns Erfreuen*

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God all creatures here below;  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;  
Creator, Christ and Holy Ghost.  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

**\*Prayer of Dedication** (In Unison)

Loving God, we offer you our strengths so we may serve.

Living God, we offer you our thanks because your grace  
is sufficient for us.

Redeeming God, we offer you our powerlessness because power is  
made perfect in weakness.

Sustaining God, we offer you our emptiness so your Spirit may fill us.

Just as we are, we come; broken and healing, with our laughter and  
tears, to offer all that we are. Use all our offerings, our bodies, minds  
and souls to share your love in the world. Amen.

## Commissioning the Jashemski Scholars

One We rejoice in Jesus' words:

**All "You shall know the truth, and the truth will set you free."**

One With the Apostle Paul, we, this congregation, declare our hope in you:

**Congregation "I am sure of this, that the one who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ."**

**Jashemski Scholars Thanks be to God!**

One "In the Bible, faith is never a matter simply for an isolated individual. It involves a community of persons that stretches back into the past, embraces people in the present, and anticipates a fellowship in the future. Faith involves a 'cloud of witnesses' to God's continuing faithfulness." {Paul Ammer, *Word Among Us*}

**All We give thanks for the faithfulness and vision of Stanley and Wilhelmina Jashemski. Make us, too, faithful stewards of all entrusted to our care, that our learning and thanksgiving would help others thrive.**

One "In the life of the Christian community. God calls people to particular acts of discipleship to use their personal gifts for service in the Church and in the world. People may make commitments to and be commissioned for specific corporate and personal acts of evangelism, compassion, justice, reconciliation, and peacemaking in the world." (*Presbyterian Book of Order*).

We recognize the gifts God has given you, and pray that the Holy Spirit will fill and guide you as you grow, learn and develop. As you receive the Jashemski Scholarship, we commission you to be faithful students. May your growth in knowledge enable you to love God with all your strength, mind, and heart. May your increase in wisdom enable you to love your neighbor as yourself.

**All**      **Let us all go into our studies, our work, our world, and reveal God's saving Spirit through the quality of our lives. Send us with your blessing, majestic God, Amen.**

### **Response from Scholars**

**\*Sending Hymn #386**                      **O For a World**

**\*Benediction**

**Postlude**                                      **Trumpet Tune**                                      **John Stanley**

**† Community worship ends; discipleship and service begin anew †**

### **Announcements**

**+Whoever you are and wherever you are on life's journey, you are welcome here.**

**+Church World Service School Kits:** The Sunday School classes need your help to help children all over the world. On September 5, we will gather together again to assemble Church World Service School Kits. These kits give children in impoverished schools, refugee camps, or other difficult settings some of the basic tools for learning. Please take a look at the display and collection box in the window, in the back of the sanctuary. We particularly need: **70 Sheet spiral notebooks, big erasers, and 30 cm rulers.**

## The Charter for Compassion

We therefore call upon all men and women to restore compassion to the centre of morality and religion ~ to return to the ancient principle that any interpretation of scripture that breeds violence, hatred or disdain is illegitimate; to ensure that youth are given accurate and respectful information about other traditions, religions and cultures; to encourage a positive appreciation of cultural and religious diversity; to cultivate an informed empathy with the suffering of all human beings; even those regarded as enemies. We urgently need to make compassion a clear, luminous and dynamic force in our polarized world.

Rooted in a principled determination to transcend selfishness, compassion can break down political, dogmatic, ideological and religious boundaries. Born of our deep interdependence, compassion is essential to human relationships and to a fulfilled humanity. It is the path to enlightenment, and indispensable to the creation of a just economy and a peaceful global community.

[www.charterforcompassion.org](http://www.charterforcompassion.org) – *view the video, sign on to the charter.*

## Pray Without Ceasing

**The Practice of Prayer** in Sunday Worship and at home nourishes the person who prays and connects individuals with the community of believers around the world.

**“Pray all the time, asking for what you need, praying in the Spirit on every possible occasion. Never get tired of staying awake to pray for all the saints.”**

*Eph. 6:18 The Jerusalem Bible*

Please **continually pray for peace** - - in our homes, neighborhoods, nation and world, for those unemployed and for wisdom in these days.

## *About our Church*

+ **We welcome visitors to worship with us.** We pray you will be blessed by worship this day. The gospel that we share and serve is a message of life and rebirth, love and reconciliation, hope and joy, peace and justice, and concern for the integrity of creation. People of all ages, ethnicities and cultures are welcome into the pilgrimage of faith. If you are looking for a church home, we invite you to be our guest as often as possible as you discern if God is calling you to this faith community.

+ As a [More Light Congregation](#), we [welcome gay, lesbian, bisexual, heterosexual, and transgender people into full participation in church.](#)

+ **A Hearing System** is available for those who need it. See one of the greeters to get earphones.

+TPPC welcomes **families** with infants and children to our worship services. The following are options for families:

A **Nursery** is available for **infants through 3** years old, 9:30 a.m. -12:15 p.m. in the Teddy Bear Room on the lower level of the education building (our greeters/ushers will direct you there.)

Children are invited to come forward for the “time with children,” Afterwards, pre-school and elementary age children are invited upstairs in the education building for Bible story movies followed by free play time. Your infant or small child is welcome to stay with you in worship. If the child becomes uncomfortable and needs care during the service, feel free to leave the sanctuary. There is a changing table and rocking chair in the room next to the rest room just outside the sanctuary. Books to share with your children are in your pew. Please do not leave your child unsupervised at the back of the sanctuary.

+In our worship, we seek to use **inclusive language** in hymns, prayers and Scripture lessons. If you find gender specific words in hymns or other text that cause you difficulty, please feel free to make appropriate substitutions.

## Calendar

### SUNDAYS

Sunday School for all ages                      Summer break

**Youth Groups** (Jr. and Sr. High)      6:00 – 8:00 p.m.      Summer break

MONDAYS                      Choir Rehearsal - 7:30 p.m. in the Summer break.

WEDNESDAYS -      Bulletin information due.

FRIDAYS -                      Pastor's Sabbath Day

OFFICE HOURS -      9:00 – 1:00 p.m.      Monday, Wednesday,  
and Friday

## Announcements

Tuesday July 20                      7:30 p.m. Session