

The Service for the Lord's Day
7th Sunday of Easter

11:00 a.m.

May 16, 2021

Prelude

Improvisation on FINLANDIA

T. Andrew

Welcome

ADORATION

Call to Worship (Chris)

Hold your head high, Christ has risen.

All: Rejoice and shout.

Christ has come calling us home.

All: Home to the heart of God.

Home to God's living presence.

All: Home as God's beloved children.

Hymn 492

You Belong to Christ

YOU BELONG TO CHRIST

CONFESSION

Call to Confession

The Lord watches over our ways. Let us put our trust in God's grace and confess our sins.

Prayer of Confession

God, though you call us to delight in your teachings, we can become cynical and full of doubt. Do not judge us, we pray, but heal us and restore us to you. Guard us and protect us from evil, and sanctify us in truth; in Jesus' name. Amen.

Declaration of Forgiveness

In Christ, God has promised to forgive us and reconcile us to God and each other. With joy, let us share that peace with one another.

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

Hymn 609

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

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PROCLAMATION

Time with the Children

Prayer for Illumination

May the reading of your Word, sanctify us in the truth and bring us to perfect joy. Amen.

Scripture

Acts 1:15-17, 21-26

John 17:9-17

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

"The Truth"

Chris McAuliffe M.Div.

RESPONSE

Hymn 460

Break Thou the Bread of Life

BREAD OF LIFE

Affirmation of Faith

Brief Statement of Faith PCUSA

The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles and rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture. In a broken and fearful world, the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace. In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"

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.

Stephen Minister Presentation

Community Life and Offering

Prayer of Dedication

Jesus has made God known to us. We already belong to God. And so we dedicate these gifts to God's service and to the glory of God's name. Amen.

Hymn

I'll Fly Away

I'LL FLY AWAY

Benediction

Postlude

Jig Fugue

Dieterich Buxtehude

We express the condolences of the congregation to Marcia Boogaard surrounding the death of her cousin, *Ann Longstreth Hughes*, on Thursday, May 6, 2021. Cards may be sent to Marcia at 4 Persimmon Ct, Bethesda, MD 20817

We express the condolences of the congregation to Magda Shalaby on the death of her brother *Atef Griess* on May 8, 2021. Cards may be sent to Magda at 10308 Windsor View Dr, Potomac, MD 20854.

We extend the condolences of the congregation to The Rev. Kerry Stoltzfus and his family on the death of his mother, Jane Stoltzfus Morgan. She died peacefully in Florida in hospice on Sunday May 2 at age 100. Cards may be sent to Kerry at 17113 Friends House Road, Sandy Spring, MD 20860.

We celebrate the following birthdays:

5/16 - Jon White

5/17 - Nina Bernstein, Eric Van Brunt

5/19 - Luke Pereles, Courtney Spencer, Sam Spencer

5/20 - Brian Dunlop

5/21 - Matthew Mamalian, Tommy Spies

If we are missing your birthday, please contact Jeanne Grillo at admin@potomacpresbyterian.org.

We continue to keep in our prayers: *Members of the Armed Forces and their families; Ruth Andrew*, mother of Tom Andrew; *Louise Berman*, aunt of Pastor Emily; *Gail Connor*, aunt of Beth Sherfy; *Josephine DiGioia*, friend of Louise Plumb; *Elliot Friedman*, husband of Betsey Rudnic Friedman; *Naomi & Bob Gerwin*, sister and brother-in-law of Marcia Boogaard; *Dave Gorman*, son of Nancy Tietjen & brother of Beth Rudnic; *Greg Grigorian*; *the Hartzog family*; *George Hornsby*, friend of Pat McMillen; *Velma Killion*; *Gloria Leber*; *Bob Plumb*; *Karen Ruan*; *Nettie Propps*; *Cam Sanders*, nephew of Marcia Boogaard; *Millie Rowan*; and *Aleta Towle*, cousin of Sally O'Neal.

Marye Cotton has been hospitalized, please hold her in your prayers. Bill has requested no phone calls, only prayers and cards (11816 Winterset Terrace, Potomac, Maryland 20854; wmcot@verizon.net; maryecotton@verizon.net).

We pray for health and wholeness for all suffering from COVID-19 and for all medical professionals and researchers seeking a cure, providing care, and helping to alleviate the strain.

We pray for individuals unemployed, those who have experienced with reductions in their work due hours, pay or responsibilities and those seeking new work due to Covid.

If you would like to be added to the prayer list, please contact Pastor Emily at emily.dandrea@potomacpresbyterian.org or call the church office at 301-299-6007.

Names will remain on the prayer list for six weeks, unless otherwise requested.