

<sup>51</sup>I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.

*John 6:51*



## **Abington Presbyterian Church**

August 2, 2020

10:00 A.M. Celebration Worship

9<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

**ORDER OF WORSHIP**  
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**GATHERING**

*The people gather wherever they may in response to God's call, offering praise in words of scripture, prayer, and song. The people acknowledge their sinfulness and receive the good news of God's forgiveness.*

PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP      *A time for quiet preparation before worship*

Oh God,  
Source of all beauty and goodness,  
Your grace comes fresh every morning.  
In each new day you give us light.  
We praise you for your never-failing love  
That satisfies our needs  
And shows us the way to follow.  
We rejoice in your constant care,  
For you are faithful in love for all people,  
Offering your salvation through Jesus Christ.

PRELUDE      "Romance" from *Symphony No. 4*      *Louis Vierne*

LIFE AND WORK OF THE CHURCH

\* CALL TO WORSHIP

In Christ, the God of heaven has made his home on earth.  
**Christ dwells among us and is one with us.**  
Highest of all creation, he lives among the least.  
**He journeys with the rejected and welcomes the weary.**  
Come now, all who thirst, and drink the water of life.  
Come now, all who hunger, and be filled with good things.  
**We come now as those who seek to be warmed by the fire of love.**

\* HYMN 401      Here in This Place      GATHER US IN

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Most gracious and most merciful God, we confess to you and to one another that time after time we have entered your presence with countless prayers but with hearts that have been closed to your grace. We have lifted our hands to you in praise, but our feet have still walked in the ways of evil. We have rehearsed your commandments but have refused to see your face in the needs of our neighbor. We pray, Lord, that you forgive our lack of faith and pardon our acts of injustice. Grant us the healing that comes from your presence and the cleansing of your all-powerful Word, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Hear the good news: This saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, that we might be dead to sin, and alive to all that is good. I declare to you in the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. **Thanks be to God!**

### \* RESPONSE

Glory Be To the Father

*Hymn 581*

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, amen.**

## WORD

*God's Word is read and its message is proclaimed in scripture, music and interpretation.*

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

#### SCRIPTURE READING

Genesis 18: 1-10

*Bible OT Pg. 14*

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

#### ANTHEM

O Bread of Life From Heaven

*David Ashley White*

#### SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 10: 38-42

*Bible NT Pg. 72*

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

#### SERMON

The Living Bread

*The Rev. Dr. Jade King Bass*

### \* AFFIRMATION 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.**

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND 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**

## THANKSGIVING & SENDING

*After the proclamation of God's Word, we respond with gratitude prepared to go into the world where we are called to live according to God's will.*

### OFFERTORY SENTENCE

\* HYMN 317                                      In Christ There Is No East or West                                      MC KEE

### \* BENEDICTION

\* THE PEACE OF CHRIST                                      *Greet one another with the sign of peace.*  
The peace of Christ be with you.  
**And also with you.**

\* POSTLUDE                                      Sortie in G Minor                                      *Louis Léfébure-Wély*

*[service hymns and some announcements follow]*

### Worship Leaders:

**Preacher:** The Rev. Dr. Jade King Bass

**Liturgists:** The Rev. Aaron Twitchell and Alice Price

**Children's Message:** Ruth Sall

**Organist:** Sean Burns

**Soloist:** Ashley Tsung

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**In need of special prayers this week:** Lynne Waite, Ned Leiby, Linda Gustafson, Len Browna, Roy Castor, Michael Kemp, Frankie Ryan (friend of Cindi Willis), Laura Lockhart, Sylvia Weed (mother of Kathryn Jablokow), Lauren Frazer (sister of Jeanne Hyczko), Sophia Southerling (friend of Amy Baker), Barbara LaNore (sister of Lynda Smyth), Bruce D. Meissner (son of Judy and Bud Meissner), Sylvia Jolly, MM Harris, Herb Harris, Debbie Garrettmeyer (niece of Marlyn Whyte), Gary Lynch (son of Doug Lynch), Wayne Wilkerson (father of Amy Baker), Chris Popescu (aunt of Joanne Bates), Herb Ewald (husband of Lynda Ewald), Marty Bell (cousin of Alice Price), Elizabeth Cole (granddaughter of Nancy Webb Cole), Doris Boerner, Victor V. Johnson (brother of Pete Johnson), Helen Porter (mother of Joe Porter), Janet Wells (mother of Gwen Bihn), Suzy Paravla (daughter of Susan Davis), Linda Maisenhelder, Pat Slimmer and Rosie (friends of Anne and Ray Rife), Marian Kupper, Christine Kim (wife of Stephen Kim), Will Pompilli (son of Teresa Pompilli).

**Prayers of sympathy and comfort** for Marie Barnhurst Robinson and Peirce Robinson on the recent death of their father and grandfather William J. Barnhurst.

**For Pastoral Care:** To notify the church of an illness, hospitalization, death, or to request prayer, contact a minister or call your Deacon or the Church Office at (215) 887-4530.

# Here in This Place

## Gather Us In

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1 Here in this place the new light is stream-ing; now is the dark-ness  
 2 We are the young, our lives are a mys-tery. We are the old who  
 3 Here we will take the wine and the wa-ter; here we will take the  
 4 Not in the dark of build-ings con-fin-ing, not in some heav-en,



van-ished a-way; see in this space our fears and our dream-ings  
 yearn for your face. We have been sung through-out all of his-tory,  
 bread of new birth. Here you shall call your sons and your daugh-ters,  
 light years a-way: here in this place the new light is shin-ing;



brought here to you in the light of this day.  
 called to be light to the whole hu-man race.  
 call us a-new to be salt for the earth.  
 now is the king-dom, and now is the day.



Gath-er us in, the lost and for-sak-en; gath-er us in, the  
 Gath-er us in, the rich and the haugh-ty; gath-er us in, the  
 Give us to drink the wine of com-pas-sion; give us to eat the  
 Gath-er us in and hold us for-ev-er; gath-er us in and



blind and the lame; call to us now, and we shall a-wak-en;  
 proud and the strong; give us a heart, so meek and so low-ly;  
 bread that is you; nour-ish us well, and teach us to fash-ion  
 make us your own; gath-er us in, all peo-ples to-geth-er,



we shall a-rise at the sound of our name.  
 give us the cour-age to en-ter the song.  
 lives that are ho-ly and hearts that are true.  
 fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

The "you/your" mentioned in every stanza is never identified, but this 1979 hymn is clearly a corporate prayer to God on behalf of the diverse congregation who have assembled for worship, longing to be transformed and used as God's witnesses and for God's purposes.

# 317 In Christ There Is No East or West

1 In Christ there is no east or west, in him no  
 2 In Christ shall true hearts ev - ery - where their high com -  
 3 Join hands, dis - ci - ples of the faith, what - e'er your  
 4 In Christ now meet both east and west; in him meet

south or north, but one great fel - low -  
 mu - nion find; his ser - vice is the  
 race may be. All chil - dren of the  
 south and north. All Christ - ly souls are

ship of love through - out the whole wide earth.  
 gold - en cord close - bind - ing hu - man - kind.  
 liv - ing God are sure - ly kin to me.  
 one in him through - out the whole wide earth.

This setting expands and enhances the thematic inclusiveness of an early 20th-century text by adapting the melody of a traditional spiritual to carry these words. This 1940 pairing marked the first use of African American musical material in a mainline North American hymnal.