

<sup>2</sup> Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God —what is good and acceptable and perfect.

*Romans 12:2*



## Abington Presbyterian Church

August 30, 2020

10:00 A.M. Celebration Worship

13<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*

O God, you are the One who weighs all of our actions. Grant us sincerity of purpose and openness to your movement as we enter this time of worship. Empower us with Christ's self-giving love as we listen for your word to us. Amen.

PRELUDE

Adoration

*Roy Perry*

LIFE AND WORK OF THE CHURCH

**\* CALL TO WORSHIP**

Come to the One who renews our faith.

**We come relying on our God to be at work within and through us.**

Seek what is true, what has integrity and meaning.

**We want to be faithful, walking humbly with God and one another.**

Grace and peace be yours today, from Creator, Christ, and Holy Spirit.

**We encounter the triune God, who wants love and justice to flow through us.**

**\* HYMN 490**

Wash, O God, Your Sons and Daughters

BEACH SPRING

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Lord, we grow hardhearted, seeing each other as competing for scarce resources rather than as one human family created and cared for by you, our God of infinite abundance. We conform easily to the ways of the world, striving endlessly for those things that do not satisfy, practicing greed and participating in systems that hurt people and creation itself. Our love has been less than genuine and consistent. You call us to another way, the way of Christ Jesus our Lord, a way of compassion and justice, love and service. You offer us a life of joy, grace, and redemption, readily available to us when we repent and seek you and your righteousness. We turn to you now, asking you to forgive and to free us.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

When we call out, God hears and responds. When we humble ourselves and honestly confess, God makes us a new creation.

**We celebrate God's good news for us. In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!**

\* 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

Amos 5:21-24

*Bible OT Pg. 854*

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

VOLUNTARY

Meditation from Thaïs

*Jules Massenet*

SCRIPTURE READING

Romans 12:1-2, 9-18

*Bible NT Pgs. 161-162*

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

A Vibrant Faith: Ethos

*The Rev. Kirby Lawrence Hill*

\* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

From A Declaration of Faith

**God has reached out to those who suffer injustice and defended the excluded, the poor, and the hungry. The Lord is moving toward the time when justice will roll down like waters and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream. We are persuaded God is at work here and now when people deal fairly with each other and labor to change customs and structures that enslave and oppress human beings. We believe God sends us to work with others to correct the growing disparity between rich and poor nations, to achieve fair legislation justly administered and enforced, to make the operation of courts and penal institutions more just and humane. We are charged to root out prejudice and racism from our hearts and institutions. We are commissioned to stand with women and men of all ages, races, and classes as they struggle for dignity and respect and the chance to exercise power for the common good. We must not countenance in the church and its institutions the inequities we seek to correct in the world. We must be willing to make such amends as we can for centuries of injustice which the church condoned.**

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 692

Spirit, Open My Heart

WILD MOUNTAIN THYME

\* 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

Postludium

*Roger Wilson*

*[service hymns and some announcements follow]*

#### **Worship Leaders:**

**Preacher:** The Rev. Kirby Lawrence Hill

**Liturgists:** Eric and Janet Gildner

**Children's Message:** Ruth Sall

**Organ:** Joel Klingman. **Violin:** Lutz Mueller

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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 Jablow), 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), Phyllis Frazier, Nick Cupo, Sr.

**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.

*In Loving Memory*

*of*

**Lynne Waite**

4/7/1940 - 8/26/2020

# Wash, O God, Your Sons and Daughters

Capo 3: (D) (Bm) (G)  
F Dm B $\flat$

1 Wash, O God, your sons and daugh-ters, new - born crea - tures  
2 Ev - ery day we need your nur - ture; by your milk may  
3 O how deep your ho - ly wis - dom! Un - i - mag - ined,

(D) (Bm)  
F Dm

of your womb. Num - ber them a - mong your peo - ple, raised like  
we be fed. Let us join your feast, par - tak - ing cup of  
all your ways! To your name be glo - ry, hon - or! With our

(G) (D) (A)  
B $\flat$  F C

Christ from death and tomb. Weave them gar - ments bright and  
bless - ing, liv - ing bread. God, re - new us; guide our  
lives we wor - ship, praise! We your peo - ple stand be -

(Bm) (F $\sharp$ m) (Bm) (G) (A) (D)  
Dm Am Dm B $\flat$  C F

spark - ling; com - pass them with love and light. Fill, a - noint them;  
foot - steps, free from sin and all its snares, one with Christ in  
fore you, wa - ter - washed and Spir - it - born. By your grace, our

(Bm) (G) (D)  
Dm B $\flat$  F

send your Spir - it, ho - ly dove and heart's de - light.  
liv - ing, dy - ing, by your Spir - it, chil - dren, heirs.  
lives we of - fer. Re - cre - ate us; God, trans - form!

*Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.*

This text incorporates many of the images associated with the water of baptism in the Thanksgiving Over the Water in *The Book of Common Worship*, especially nourishment, the calling forth of life, cleansing and renewal, freedom from bondage, and sharing in Christ's resurrection.

# 692 Spirit, Open My Heart

*Refrain* Capo 3: (D) (G) (D) (G) (A7)  
F B<sup>b</sup> F B<sup>b</sup> C7



Spir - it, o - pen my heart to the joy and pain of

(Bm) (D/A) (G) (A7) (Bm) (D/A) (Em)  
Dm F/C B<sup>b</sup> C7 Dm F/C Gm



liv - ing. As you love may I love, in re - ceiv - ing

(D) (G) (Em7) (D) (G) (D)  
F B<sup>b</sup> Gm7 F B<sup>b</sup> F *Fine*



and in giv - ing. Spir - it, o - pen my heart.

(D) (G) (D) (G)  
F B<sup>b</sup> F B<sup>b</sup>



1 God, re - place my ston - y heart with a heart that's  
2 Write your love up - on my heart as my law, my  
3 May I weep with those who weep; share the joy of

(A7) (Bm) (D/A) (G) (A7)  
C7 Dm F/C B<sup>b</sup> C7



kind and ten - der. All my cold - ness and  
goal, my sto - ry. In each thought, word, and  
sis - ter, broth - er. In the wel - come of

(Bm) (Em7) (D) (G2) (G)  
Dm Gm7 F B<sup>b</sup>2 B<sup>b</sup>  
*to Refrain*



fear to your grace I now sur - ren - der.  
deed, may my liv - ing bring you glo - ry.  
Christ, may we wel - come one an - oth - er.

The pace and diversity of modern life often hinder us from remaining vulnerable to our emotions and to the humanness of other people. This prayerful text to be open to such joys and pains draws on Ezekiel 11:19 and 36:26 in stanza one and echoes Jeremiah 31:33 in stanza two.