

¹³ In your steadfast love you led
the people whom you
redeemed;
you guided them by your
strength to your holy
abode.

Exodus 15:13



Abington Presbyterian Church

September 13, 2020
10:00 A.M. Celebration Worship

Homecoming Sunday

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, we wish the conditions were such that we could be together in our worship space to lift up your name. We give thanks that our ultimate home is with you. Bless our congregation as our fall program begins in ways that are different from the past. We celebrate that you are greater than any challenge before us. Amen.

PRELUDE

Meditation

*Cecile Chaminade
Arr. Charles Callahan*

LIFE AND WORK OF THE CHURCH

*** CALL TO WORSHIP**

This day belongs to the God who welcomes us all.

Even as we gather in different ways than in the past, we will still rejoice and be glad in this day!

This day is one for communion with God and with our sisters and brothers.

Even when we are not in the same space as our fellow worshipers, we are connected so we can open our hearts to God and to those who worship with us.

This day, for various ones of us, comes in different parts of our life journey.

Even though we have had different experiences along the way, we celebrate gathering to worship the God who loves us all.

*** HYMN 33**

Praise the Lord! God's Glories Show

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Good and patient God, we are back again with the same problem. We are cut off from full communion with you and one another, not because of the need for social distancing, but because of our sinful thoughts and deeds. We have been less than patient in waiting for health and wellbeing for our society. We have judged unfairly those sisters and brothers who need our love. Forgive the transgressions of your servants and move us to appreciate your generosity. With gratitude for your mercy, we offer full pardon to those who have wronged us.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

God does not give up on us! God's grace is poured out abundantly –
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

Romans 14:1-9

Bible NT Pg. 163

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

SCRIPTURE READING

Exodus 15:1-13

Bible OT Pgs. 61-62

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SERMON

When the Deliverance Is Not Yet Complete

The Rev. Kirby Lawrence Hill

VOLUNTARY

Adoration

Felix Borowski

* 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 233

The Day of Resurrection!

* 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

Fanfare

Paul Spicer

[service hymns and some announcements follow]

Worship Leaders:

Preacher: The Rev. Kirby Lawrence Hill

Liturgists: The Rev. Aaron Twitchell and The Rev. Dr. Jade King Bass

Choir leaders: Alice and Bill Price

Children's Message: Ruth Sall

Organ: Joel Klingman.

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In need of special prayers this week: 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), 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.

Praise the Lord! God's Glories Show 33

(Psalm 150)

1 Praise the Lord! God's glo - ries show,
 2 Earth to heaven ex - alt the strain, Al - le - lu - ia!
 3 Strings and voic - es, hands and hearts,

saints with - in God's courts be - low,
 Send it, heaven, to earth a - gain, Al - le - lu - ia!
 in the con - cert, bear your parts,

an - gels round the throne a - bove,
 Age to age, God's mer - cies trace, Al - le - lu - ia!
 All that breathes, your Lord a - dore,

all who see and share God's love.
 Praise God's prov - i - dence and grace! Al - le - lu - ia!
 sing - ing praise for - ev - er - more,

Originally cast as two eight-line stanzas, this 19th-century paraphrase of Psalm 150 was slightly shortened when it was set to the present tune with recurring Alleluias. The Welsh tune is actually older than the text and bears a name meaning "the church of St. Mary."

233 The Day of Resurrection!

1 The day of res - ur - rec - tion! Earth, tell it out a - broad,
 2 Let hearts be purged of e - vil that we may see a - right
 3 Now let the heavens be joy - ful; let earth its song be - gin;

the Pass - o - ver of glad - ness, the Pass - o - ver of God.
 the Lord in rays e - ter - nal of res - ur - rec - tion light,
 the round world keep high tri - umph and all that is there - in.

From death to life e - ter - nal, from sin's do - min - ion free,
 and lis - tening to his ac - cents, may hear, so calm and plain,
 Let all things seen and un - seen their notes of glad - ness blend,

our Christ has brought us o - ver with hymns of vic - to - ry.
 his own "All hail!" and hear - ing, may raise the vic - tor strain.
 for Christ the Lord has ris - en, our joy that has no end.

The roots of this English text come from a mid-8th century Greek hymn that continues to be used in Orthodox churches at the midnight Eucharist marking the beginning of Easter. The tune is named for the county in northwestern England where the composer was then an organist.