

...forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, <sup>14</sup> I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

*Philippians 3:13b-14*



## Abington Presbyterian Church

October 4, 2020

10:00 A.M. Celebration Worship



World Communion Sunday

**ORDER OF WORSHIP**  
**World Communion Sunday    October 4, 2020**

**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*

God of us all, we face common vulnerabilities and challenges with everyone all around the world. We thank you for making yourself vulnerable to us through coming into this world that needs your redemption. Enrich us through communing with you and with our sisters and brothers from every land. We thank you that you so love the world. Amen.

**PRELUDE**

Verset

*Jean Langlais*

**LIFE AND WORK OF THE CHURCH**

**MOMENT FOR STEWARDSHIP**

John Dean

**\* CALL TO WORSHIP**

From south and north, from west and east, we gather:

**God's people who are called to the table, where simple grace nourishes us.**

From down the street to across town, from single households to apartment dwellers, we are:

**God's people who are called to community, where we live and serve one another.**

From every class, every race, every status; from little ones with sippy cups to older adults with overflowing hearts:

**God's people are called to witness to God's hope, to offer peace to a shattered world.**

**\* HYMN 637**

O Sing to the Lord

CANTAI AO SENHOR

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Almighty God, Mother of mercy, Father of grace, you have called us to one table, but we have pursued our own course. You have promised us the abundance of all creation, but in our greed, and in our envy, the world is lacking your good gifts. You have promised us the bread of life itself, but in our pride, and in our arrogance, the world goes hungry. You have promised us the waters of peace and justice, but in our violence, and in our discord, the world goes thirsty. And now we are famished, too, Lord. Have mercy on us. Forgive us, again. Transform us at this table and for this table and send us from this table as servants of your righteousness, by the power of your Son, our Lord.**

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Even when our cups run dry, when our plates are empty, when our hearts feel barren, God's grace, generosity, and love overflow.

**In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!**

\* HYMN 643

Now Thank We All Our God

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Now thank we all our God with heart and hands and voices,  
who wondrous things hath done, in whom this world rejoices;  
who, from our mothers' arms, hath blessed us on our way  
with countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.

## WORD

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

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

## SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 19

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

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Philippians 3:4b-14

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## SERMON

After Christ Makes Us His Own

*The Rev. Kirby Lawrence Hill*

## \* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

(adapted from the Belhar Confession)

**We believe in one holy, universal Christian church, the unity of the communion of saints of the entire human family. And we believe that that this unity of the people of God must be manifest and active, in that we love one another; that we give ourselves willingly and joyfully to one another, that we share one baptism together, that we eat of one bread and drink of one cup together, that we confess one name, one Lord, for one cause, with one hope, which is the height and the breadth and the depth and the love of Christ, forever and ever. 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

## INVITATION TO THE LORD'S SUPPER

## PRAYER LITANY (SUNG)

For the Healing of the Nations

*John Becker*

*All are invited to join the prayer with the litany response "Peace be yours."*

*A refrain appears occasionally throughout and all are invited to repeat it:*

**For the healing of the nations, we pray to you, O Lord.**

## GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is truly right and our greatest joy... we join our voices with the choirs of heaven and with all the faithful of every time and place who forever praise your name:

HYMN 552

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might

LAND OF REST

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might**

**heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

Holy God, we thank you...we offer you now the sacrifice of our lives, for great is the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died,**

**Christ is risen,**

**Christ will come again.**

Gracious God pour out your Holy Spirit...even as we pray in song form as our Lord Jesus has taught us:

LORD'S PRAYER (SUNG)

Cambodian Lord's Prayer

CAMBODIAN FOLKTUNE

Our Fa - ther, who art in heav - en, hal - lowed be thy name,  
And lead us not in - to temp - ta - tion, lead us not;  
Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done here on earth as it is in heav'n.  
but de - liv - er us from e - vil, Lord, we pray your mer - cy.  
Give us this day our dai - ly bread; and for - give our tres - pass - es,  
For yours is the king - dom, and the pow - er, and the glory  
Lord, for-give as we for-give those who tres-pass a - gainst us,  
for - ev - er and ev - er! A - - men, A - men,  
for - give us Lord, For - give us, Lord.  
A - men a - men, a - men, a - men.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

RECEIVING OF THE ELEMENTS

## PRAYER FOLLOWING COMMUNION

- \* HYMN 265                                      Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun                                      DUKE STREET
- \* 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                                      Improvisation on "Duke Street"                                      J. Klingman

*[service hymns and some announcements follow]*

### **Worship Leaders:**

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

**Liturgists:** The Rev. Aaron Twitchell, The Rev. Dr. Jade King Bass, Arroon and Maryum Gill

**Children's Message:** Ruth Sall

**Organ:** Joel Klingman

**Soloists:** Ashley Tsung and Lily Sall

**Violin:** Bill Phillips

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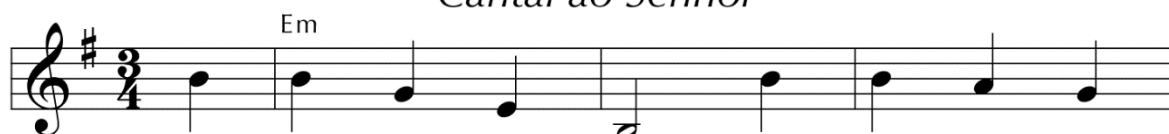
**In need of special prayers this week:** Len Browna, Roy Castor, Michael Kemp, Frankie Ryan (friend of Cindi Willis), Laura Lockhart, Sylvia Weed (mother of Kathryn Jablokow), Lauren Frazer (sister of Jeanne Hyczko), Sophia Southerling (friend of Amy Baker), Barbara LaNore (sister of Lynda Smyth), Bruce 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, Marian Kupper, Christine Kim (wife of Stephen Kim), Will Pompilli (son of Teresa Pompilli), Phyllis Frazier, Nick Cupo, Sr., Joanne Hawkins (mother of Nick Cupo).

**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.

**Sympathy and prayers** for the family of Betty Gwiazdowski as they mourn the recent death of father, Nick Ohanian.

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## O Sing to the Lord

*Cantai ao Senhor*

1 O sing to the Lord; O sing God a  
 2 For God is the Lord, and God has done  
 3 So dance for our God and blow all the  
 4 O shout to our God, who gave us the  
 5 For Je - sus is Lord! A - men! Al - le -



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 trum - pets. So dance for our God and blow all the  
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 Spir - it. O shout to our God, who gave us the Spir - it.  
 lu - ia! For Je - sus is Lord! A - men! Al - le - lu - ia!



O sing to our God; O sing to our God.

## PORTUGUESE

- 1 *Cantai ao Senhor um cântico novo, (3x)*  
*cantai ao Senhor, cantai ao Senhor.*
- 2 *Porque ele fez, ele fez maravilhas, (3x)*  
*cantai ao Senhor, cantai ao Senhor.*
- 3 *Cantai ao Senhor, bendizei o seu nome, (3x)*  
*cantai ao Senhor, cantai ao Senhor.*
- 4 *É ele quem dá o Espírito Santo, (3x)*  
*cantai ao Senhor, cantai ao Senhor.*
- 5 *Jesus é o Senhor! Amém, aleluia! (3x)*  
*cantai ao Senhor, cantai ao Senhor.*

## SPANISH

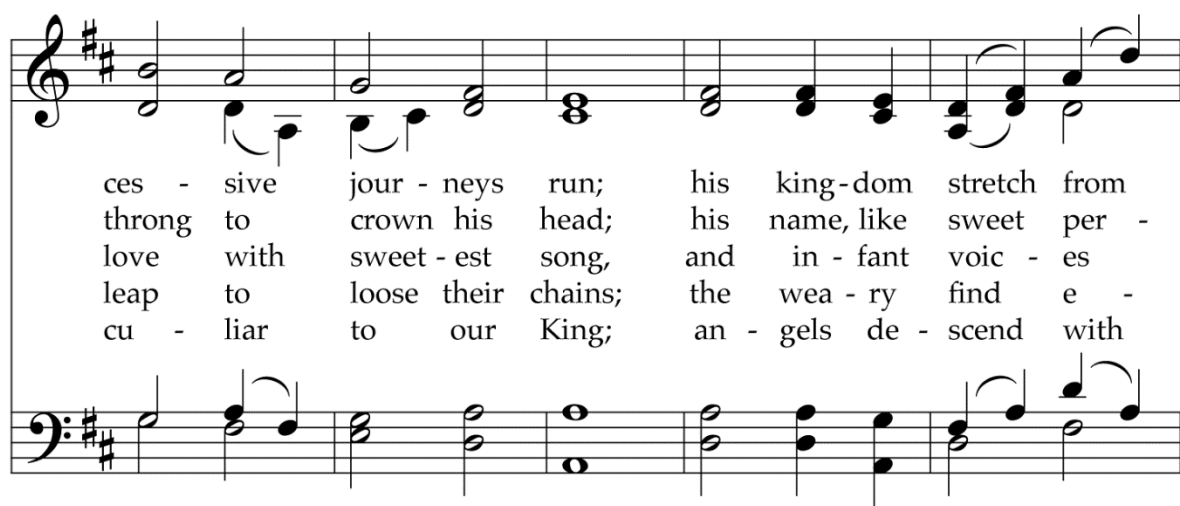
- 1 *Cantad al Señor un cántico nuevo. (3x)*  
*¡Cantad al Señor, cantad al Señor!*
- 2 *Pues nuestro Señor ha hecho prodigios. (3x)*  
*¡Cantad al Señor, cantad al Señor!*
- 3 *Cantad al Señor, alabadle con arpa. (3x)*  
*¡Cantad al Señor, cantad al Señor!*
- 4 *Es él quien nos da el Espíritu Santo. (3x)*  
*¡Cantad al Señor, cantad al Señor!*
- 5 *¡Jesús es Señor! ¡Amén, aleluya! (3x)*  
*¡Cantad al Señor, cantad al Señor!*

A Lutheran missionary musician heard this song at a pastors' conference in southern Brazil in 1982, then went home to Argentina (where he was then serving) and translated it from Portuguese into Spanish. Later, when back in the U.S.A. on furlough, he translated it into English.

# 265 Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun



1 Je - sus shall reign wher - e'er the sun does its suc -  
 2 To him shall end - less prayer be made, and prais - es  
 3 Peo - ple and realms of ev - ery tongue dwell on his  
 4 Bless - ings a - bound wher - e'er he reigns: the pris - oners  
 5 Let ev - ery crea - ture rise and bring hon - ors pe -



ces - sive jour - neys run; his king - dom stretch from  
 thron'g to crown his head; his name, like sweet per -  
 love with sweet - est song, and in - fant voic - es  
 leap to loose their chains; the wea - ry find e -  
 cu - liar to our King; an - gels de - scend with



shore to shore, till moons shall wax and wane no more.  
 fume, shall rise with ev - ery morn - ing sac - ri - fice.  
 shall pro - claim their ear - ly bless - ings on his name.  
 ter - nal rest, and all who suf - fer want are blest.  
 songs a - gain, and earth re - peat the loud A - men!