

20 Then God spoke all these words: ² I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; ³ you shall have no other gods before me.

Exodus 20:1-3



Abington Presbyterian Church

March 7, 2021

10:00 a.m. Celebration Worship

Third Sunday in Lent

ORDER OF WORSHIP
3rd Sunday in Lent March 7, 2021

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*

(Touching head) Creator, touch our minds that we may worship with understanding. (Touching eyelids) Christ, touch our eyes that we might recognize that you value each person. (Touching near mouth) Holy Spirit, touch our voices that our words would always praise you. (Touching chest) Touch our hearts that your compassion would overflow. Amen.

PRELUDE **Durch Adams Fall (Through Adam's Fall, all Humankind Fell)** *Gottfried Homilius*

LIFE AND WORK OF THE CHURCH

*** CALL TO WORSHIP**

Eternal light,
shine in our hearts.
Eternal hope,
lift up our eyes.
Eternal power,
be our support.
Eternal wisdom,
make us wise.

*** HYMN 394** **Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation**

CALL TO CONFESSION

There are a variety of ways in which we have rejected God's good guidance. Let us open our hearts as we move into a time of prayer to be reconciled with God and with one another.

HYMN 415 **Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy** *verse 2*

Come, ye thirsty, come, and welcome; God's free bounty glorify, true belief and true repentance, every grace that brings you nigh.

I will arise and go to Jesus; he will embrace me in his arms. In the arms of my dear Savior, O there are ten thousand charms.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Forgiving Lord, we have fallen short time and time again. You have given us your word, both in scripture and in person, you have promised us your presence, both in Spirit and in community, and you have graced us with your reign, both in teaching and in service. Even so, we neglect, ignore, and reject your purposes for us. We do not love what you love. We do not embrace what you embrace. Forgive us for what we do and what we fail to do. With your grace, continue working in our lives that we might receive full life in Jesus Christ, now and forevermore.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

The God who brought the Israelites out of slavery in Egypt is the powerful One who liberates us from our sin.

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

* RESPONSE

Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me

Hymn #582

Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me, and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me, and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

World without end, without end. Amen. World without end, without end. Amen. World without end, without end. Amen. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

* THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Greet one another with the sign of peace.

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

WORD

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

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING

Exodus 20:1-17

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SCRIPTURE READING

John 2:13-22

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Challenge to the Ways of the World

The Rev. Kirby Lawrence Hill

* 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.**

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

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 heavenly choirs and with all the faithful of every time and place who forever sing to the glory of your name:

HYMN 552 Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might

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.

You are holy, O God of majesty...that our lives may proclaim the One crucified and risen.

Christ has died,

Christ is risen,

Christ will come again.

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

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

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

RECEIVING OF THE ELEMENTS

PRAYER FOLLOWING COMMUNION

* HYMN 316

Where Charity and Love Prevail

* BENEDICTION

* POSTLUDE

The Heavens Declare (Psalm 19)

Benedetto Marcello

[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

Children's Message: Ruth Sall

Choir: Grace Karschner

Organ: Erik Meyer

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In need of special prayers this week: Len Browna, Michael Kemp, Laura Lockhart, Sylvia Weed (mother of Kathryn Jablokow), Barbara LaNore (sister of Lynda Smyth), Sylvia Jolly, MM Harris, Herb Harris, Gary Lynch (son of Doug Lynch), Chris Popescu (aunt of Joanne Bates), Marty Bell (cousin of Alice Price), Elizabeth Cole (granddaughter of Nancy Webb Cole), Doris Boerner, Helen Porter (mother of Joe Porter), Janet Wells (mother of Gwen Bihn), Suzy Paravla (daughter of Susan Davis), Linda Maisenhelder, Christine Kim (wife of Stephen Kim), Will Pompilli (son of Teresa Pompilli), Phyllis Frazier, Nick Cupo, Sr., Joanne Hawkins (mother of Nick Cupo), Wayne Gibbons, Jr., Susan Arnhold (friend of Joanne and Jeff Bates), Kris and Erik Reidenbach (friends of Sally Adams), Pat Slimmer (friend of Anne and Ray Rife), David Fryer (husband of Rabbi Shoshana Tornberg, friend of APC), Meredith Ellisor, (cousin of Craig Nicholson), Janet Lynn Hudson Caldwell (mother of Sarah Caldwell-Berry), Mark Meissner (son of Judy Meissner).

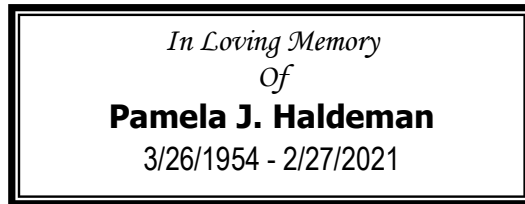
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LENTEN PAPER LACE BANNERS:

You will notice in our worship livestream/video that two banners have joined the chancel this season. These designs are part of a larger series of artwork designed for this Lenten season by the collective group of liturgical artists at A Sanctified Art. Worship Council and staff hope the imagery and impact of the banners engage you in a new way during this season whether online or in the sanctuary recognizing that your experience with the works will be wholly

individual even as you share it with all in the APC community. Below are the artist's descriptions of some theological inspirations and background which may give a broader invitation to engage the with these works. (Images for "Drawn to Love" and "Prevenient" by Hannah Garrity, A Sanctified Art LLC, www.sanctifiedart.org remain copyrighted property licensed for use.)

Sympathy and prayers for the family of Pamela J. Haldeman, as they mourn her recent death.



Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation 394



1 Christ is made the sure foun - da - tion, Christ the head and
 2 To this tem - ple, where we call you, come, O Lord of
 3 Here be - stow on all your ser - vants what they seek from
 4 Laud and hon - or to the Fa - ther, laud and hon - or



cor - ner - stone, cho - sen of the Lord and pre - cious,
 hosts, and stay; come, with all your lov - ing - kind - ness;
 you to gain; what they gain from you, for - ev - er
 to the Son, laud and hon - or to the Spir - it,



bind - ing all the church in one; ho - ly Zi - on's
 hear your peo - ple as we pray, and your full - est
 with the bless - ed to re - tain; and here - af - ter
 ev - er three and ev - er one: one in might and



help for - ev - er, and our con - fi - dence a - lone.
 ben - e - dic - tion shed with - in these walls to - day.
 in your glo - ry ev - er - more with you to reign.
 one in glo - ry while un - end - ing a - ges run!

Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

Where Charity and Love Prevail 316



1 Where char-i - ty and love pre - vail, there God is ev - er found;
2 Let us re - call that in our midst dwells Christ, God's ho - ly Son.
3 Let strife a-mong us be un-known; let all con - ten - tions cease.
4 Let us for-give each oth - er's faults as we our own con - fess,
5 Love can ex-clude no race or creed if hon - ored be God's name;



brought here to - geth - er by Christ's love, by love we thus are bound.
As mem-bers of each bod - y joined, in him we are made one.
Be God's the glo - ry that we seek; be his our on - ly peace.
that we may love each oth - er well in Chris-tian gen - tle - ness.
our com - mon life em - brac - es all whose Mak - er is the same.

This English paraphrase is based on a longer Latin hymn traditionally associated with the footwashing ritual on Maundy Thursday, an enactment of Christ's "new commandment" that we should love one another (John 13:34). For a chant setting of the first line of the hymn see no. 205.

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