

16 So we do not lose heart. Even though our
outer nature is wasting away, our inner nature
is being renewed day by day.

2 Corinthians 4:16



Abington Presbyterian Church

June 6, 2021

9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m. Celebration Worship

2nd 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*

Spirit of the Living God, be with us here, so we won't depart from your purposes or lose heart in the face of affliction. Soothe our hurts and renew our inner nature so we may serve as sisters and brothers of Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

PRELUDE	(9:00) Under the Linden Green (11:00) Prelude in G major	<i>Jan Pieterszoon Sweelinck</i> <i>Felix Mendelssohn</i>
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LIFE AND WORK OF THE CHURCH

*** CALL TO WORSHIP**

With our whole hearts, we come expressing our thanks to God.

The steadfast love and faithfulness God has demonstrated leads to our gratitude.

This day we look beyond the realities we see to those that are unseen.

Things that are seen are transient, but those that are unseen are eternal.

In worship, we connect with the timeliness and timelessness of God.

We are being renewed by the very Spirit of God this day!

* HYMN 12	Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise	ST. DENIO
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PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Be merciful to us, O God, for we have wandered from your ways and pursued the gods of this world.

We are more concerned with position and success than with service and faithfulness. We are frightened by the storms of life and begin to lose heart, as if we had no one but ourselves on whom to rely. We blame you for the destruction we bring on ourselves. We challenge your design for living without trying it. We are torn apart by our own inconsistencies and contradictions. Have mercy on us, O God, and help us.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

In grace, God raises us up with Jesus to realities not made with hands, eternal in the heavens –

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

* HYMN OF PRAISE 581	Glory Be To the Father
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**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.**

* THE PEACE OF CHRIST
The peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.

Greet one another with the sign of peace.

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 138

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

SCRIPTURE READING

2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Daily Renewal

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

ANTHEM

Feed Us, Lord

PRAYER FOLLOWING COMMUNION

* HYMN 504

We Come as Guests Invited

WIE LIEBLICH IST DER MAIEN

* BENEDICTION

* POSTLUDE

(11:00) St. Denio

J. Bert Carlson

[service hymns and some announcements follow]

Worship Leaders:

Preacher: The Rev. Kirby Lawrence Hill

Liturgist: The Rev. Aaron Twitchell

Children's Message: The Rev. Aaron Twitchell

Choir: (9:00) Lydia and Anna Meyer; (11:00) John Dean

Organ: Erik Meyer

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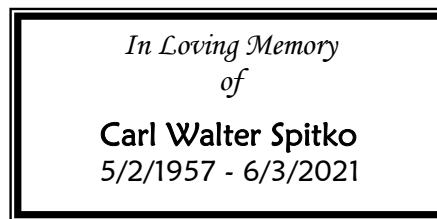
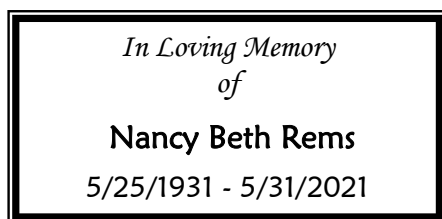
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In need of special prayers this week: Len Browna, Michael Kemp, Laura Lockhart, Sylvia Weed (mother of Kathryn Jablokow), Barbara LaNore (sister of Lynda Smyth), Sylvia Jolly, MM Harris, Herb Harris, Chris Popescu (aunt of Joanne Bates), Marty Bell (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), David Fryer (husband of Rabbi Shoshana Tornberg, friend of APC), Meredith Ellisor, (cousin of Craig Nicholson), Judy Meissner, Nina DiTimasso and Audrina Rose (friends of Anne-Marie Constable), Barb Kelly, Diane Johnson, Susan Johnson (daughter-in-law of Pete Johnson).

We offer special prayers for comfort and sympathy to the families of Nancy Beth Rems and Carl Walter Spitko as they mourn their recent deaths.

Sympathy and prayers for the family of Lois Hill in the death of her sister, Ruth Sutton.

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.



Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise 12

1 Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,
 2 Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,
 3 To all, life thou giv - est, to both great and small.
 4 Thou reign - est in glo - ry; thou dwell - est in light.

in light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,
 nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, thou rul - est in might:
 In all life thou liv - est, the true life of all.
 Thine an - gels a - dore thee, all veil - ing their sight.

most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,
 thy jus - tice, like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove;
 We blos - som and flour - ish like leaves on the tree,
 All praise we would ren - der; O help us to see

al - might - y, vic - to - rious, thy great name we praise.
 thy clouds, which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.
 then with - er and per - ish; but naught chang - eth thee.
 'tis on - ly the splen - dor of light hid - eth thee!

The opening line of this hymn was inspired by the three divine attributes listed in 1 Timothy 1:17 (King James Version), and it continues by considering how God's life exceeds our own finite existence. The text is

504 We Come as Guests Invited

1 We come as guests in - vit - ed when Je - sus bids us dine,
 2 We eat and drink, re - ceiv - ing from Christ the grace we need,
 3 One bread is ours for shar - ing, one sin - gle fruit - ful vine,

his friends on earth u - nit - ed to share the bread and wine;
 and in our hearts be - liev - ing on him by faith we feed;
 our fel - low-ship de - clar - ing re - newed in bread and wine:

the bread of life is bro - ken; the wine is free - ly poured
 with won - der and thanks-giv - ing for love that knows no end,
 re - newed, sus - tained, and giv - en by to - ken, sign, and word,

for us, in sol - emn to - ken of Christ our dy - ing Lord.
 we find in Je - sus liv - ing our ev - er - pres - ent friend.
 the pledge and seal of heav - en, the love of Christ our Lord.

Without attempting to unravel the mystery of Christ's presence in the bread and wine, the central stanza of this text affirms that we are nourished by faith rather than by understanding. This hopeful text is reinforced by a gentle 16th-century tune created for a secular text.