

12 As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved,
clothe yourselves with ***compassion***, kindness,
humility, meekness and patience.

Colossians 3:12



Abington Presbyterian Church

July 4, 2021

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

6th Sunday after Pentecost

ORDER OF WORSHIP
6th Sunday after Pentecost July 4, 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*

Gracious God, you have richly provided for all our needs. You have led us by springs of living water and forged paths for us through mountains of difficulty. We long for this period of worship as a time of renewal, visioning, and empowerment. Make us worthy of our call to serve you. Amen.

PRELUDE	(9:00) Flying Leaves	<i>Carl Koelling</i>
	(11:00) Tierce en Taille	<i>Francios Couperin</i>

LIFE AND WORK OF THE CHURCH

*** CALL TO WORSHIP**

The heavens and the earth which God has created exult in praise unto our Creator.

We gather to join in expressing praise unto the One whose comfort and compassion we have experienced.

Even when we have wandered away from God, the welcome mat is still out for us.

God's heart shows care to us in joyous times and in challenging times.

God's heart also calls us to show compassion unto others.

May all that we say and do show us to be God's holy and beloved chosen ones.

* HYMN 401	Here in this Place	GATHER US IN
------------	--------------------	--------------

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O God, we have wandered far from the promises of our covenant with you. We have wasted the inheritance you have entrusted to us and used other people as if they were things. We have taken for granted the blessings we enjoy from your hand and have been stingy toward those who are in need. We often resist your good will for our lives and ignore your activity in our midst. Only when life is difficult are we inclined to think of ultimate realities. Forgive us for substituting lesser loyalties for faithfulness to you. Show us how to grow in positive relationship to you and to other people.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

God gives us the very best and celebrates our return so we can be reconciled to God and to one another.

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and renewed!

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

**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

Isaiah 49:13-18

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 15: 1-3, 11-32

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

SERMON

"Designer Clothes: Compassion"

The Rev. Kirby Lawrence Hill

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

from A Brief Statement of Faith

**We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father.
In sovereign love God created the world good
and makes everyone equally in God's image,
male and female, of every race and people, to live as one community.
But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator.
Ignoring God's commandments, we violate the image of God in others and ourselves,
accept lies as truth, exploit neighbor and nature,
and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care.
We deserve God's condemnation.
Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation.
In everlasting love, the God of Abraham and Sarah
chose a covenant people to bless all families of the earth.
Hearing their cry, God delivered the children of Israel from the house of bondage.
Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant.
Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child,
like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home, God is faithful still.**

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

(11:00) ANTHEM

“Beloved, God’s Chosen”

PRAYER FOLLOWING COMMUNION

* HYMN 436

God of Compassion

O QUANTA QUALIA

* BENEDICTION

* POSTLUDE

(11:00) Fugue sur la Trompette

Francois Couperin

(11:00) MINI CONCERT

[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: (11:00) Alan Keiter and Lauren Keiter

Organ: Erik Meyer

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), Wayne Gibbons, Jr., Susan Arnhold (friend of Joanne and Jeff Bates), Kris and Erik Reidenbach (friends of Sally Adams), Judy Meissner, Nina DiTimasso and Audrina Rose (friends of Anne-Marie Constable), Barb Kelly, Diane Johnson, Susan Johnson (daughter-in-law of Pete Johnson), Alan Brueninger (friend of Bill and Mary Stock), John and Phyllis Frazier.

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.