⁵ Listen my beloved brothers and sisters. Has not God chosen the poor in the world to be rich in faith and to be heirs of the kingdom that he has promised to those who love him?

James 2:5

Abington Presbyterian Church

September 5, 2021 9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m. Celebration Worship

15th Sunday after Pentecost

ORDER OF WORSHIP 15th Sunday after Pentecost September 5, 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

God of all, you welcome us with open arms. We come to you with open hearts, in need of your love. Grant us a peaceful time of worship, as we gather together in the name of your only Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.

PRELUDE

(9:00) Allegro from Sonata in F major (11:00) Through Moaning Pines Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart Harry T. Burleigh

LIFE AND WORK OF THE CHURCH

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Our God surrounds us like the mountains of Jerusalem, today and forever. **Those who trust in the Lord are like Zion, which cannot be moved.** The Lord protects God's people and shelters them from the storm. **We gather under the banner of the Lord. Hear our praise!** Do not put your trust in mortals or in princes and kings. **We put our trust in the Living God. Hallelujah!**

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PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, time and again we have fallen short of your glory. Your laws are written on our hearts, but somehow we still lose sight of what is good. Forgive us for our impatience, greed, and hostility. According to your steadfast love and mercy, do not turn away from us in our sin. Make us whole again, and lead us down your paths of righteousness, in the name of Christ.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

There is no fear in love; perfect love casts out fear. We are fit to love God and others because the Spirit of God abides in us.

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

* 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 The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.	James 2:1-17	
SCRIPTURE READING	Mark 7:24-37	
The Word of the Lord.		
Thanks be to God.		
SERMON	Faith and Works	The Rev. Aaron Twitchell
* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH		The Apostles' Creed
I believe in God, the Father aln	nighty,	
Maker of heaven and earth,		
and in Jesus Christ his only So		
who was conceived by the I	Holy Ghost,	
born of the Virgin Mary,		
suffered under Pontius Pila was crucified, dead, and bu		
he descended into hell;	neu,	
the third day he rose again from	n the dead:	
he ascended into heaven,	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	
and sitteth on the right han	d	
of God the Father Almighty	7;	
from thence he shall come to ju	dge 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. Am	ien.	

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

PRAYER FOLLOWING COMMUNION

* HYMN 766	The Church of Christ Cannot Be Bound	MCKEE
* BENEDICTION		

* POSTLUDE

[service hymns and some announcements follow]

Worship Leaders: Preacher: The Rev. Aaron Twitchell Liturgist: The Rev. Dr. Jade King Bass Children's Message: Ruth Sall Choir: (11:00) Ruth Sall Organ: Erik Meyer

In need of special prayers this week: Len Browna, Sylvia Jolly, MM Harris, Herb Harris, 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, Susan Johnson, John and Phyllis Frazier, Robin Cupo, Laverne King & Terry Lodise (friends of Chris Ellis), Pamela Brockington (mother of Desiree' Trammell), Chuck Evans (friend of Tink McDevitt), Philip Chang.

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.