

June 7, 2020

Prelude

“Softly and Tenderly”

Grace Notes

Service of Worship

Welcome

Meditation Verse

2 Peter 1:16-18, ESV

For we did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we were eyewitnesses of His majesty. For when He received honor and glory from God the Father, and the voice was borne to Him by the Majestic Glory, “This is My beloved Son, with Whom I am well pleased,” we ourselves heard this very voice borne from heaven, for we were with Him on the holy mountain.

Come Let Us Worship Our God

Call to Worship

Psalms 148:1-6, ESV

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise Him in the heights! Praise Him, all His angels; praise Him, all His hosts! Praise Him, sun and moon, praise Him, all you shining stars! Praise Him, you highest heavens, and you waters above the heavens!

Let them praise the name of the Lord! For He commanded and they were created. And He established them forever and ever; He gave a decree, and it shall not pass away.

Songs of Praise

“I Will Call Upon the Lord”

White Songbook #59

“10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)”

White Songbook #94

“Give Thanks”

White Songbook #71

Prayer of Adoration

For the Old Testament readings, we are currently reading through the book of Psalms.

Scripture Reading

Psalm 90, ESV

Leader: Lord, You have been our dwelling place in all generations.

People: Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever You had formed the earth and the world, from everlasting to everlasting You are God.

Leader: You return man to dust and say, "Return, O children of man!"

People: For a thousand years in Your sight are but as yesterday when it is past, or as a watch in the night.

Leader: You sweep them away as with a flood; they are like a dream, like grass that is renewed in the morning:

People: in the morning it flourishes and is renewed; in the evening it fades and withers.

Leader: For we are brought to an end by Your anger; by Your wrath we are dismayed.

People: You have set our iniquities before You, our secret sins in the light of Your presence.

Leader: For all our days pass away under Your wrath;

People: we bring our years to an end like a sigh.

Leader: The years of our life are seventy, or even by reason of strength eighty;

People: yet their span is but toil and trouble; they are soon gone, and we fly away.

Leader: Who considers the power of Your anger, and Your wrath according to the fear of You?

People: So teach us to number our days that we may get a heart of wisdom.

Leader: Return, O Lord! How long? Have pity on your servants!

People: Satisfy us in the morning with Your steadfast love, that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.

Leader: Make us glad for as many days as You have afflicted us, and for as many years as we have seen evil.

People: Let Your work be shown to Your servants, and Your glorious power to their children.

Leader: Let the favor of the Lord our God be upon us, and establish the work of our hands upon us;

ALL: yes, establish the work of our hands!

Hymn of Adoration

“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”

Red Hymnal #53

For the New Testament readings, we are currently reading through the book of Romans.

Rom. 8:31-39, ESV

What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare His own Son but gave Him up for us all, how will He not also with Him graciously give us all things? Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died – more than that, who was raised – who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us. Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? As it is written, “For Your sake we are being killed all the day long; we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered.”

No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us. For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Call to Confession

Psalm 130:1-4

Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord! O Lord, hear my voice! Let Your ears be attentive to the voice of my pleas for mercy!

If You, O Lord, should mark iniquities, O Lord, who could stand? But with You there is forgiveness, that You may be feared.

Prayer of Confession

Hymn of Assurance

“Like a River Glorious”

Red Hymnal #699

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Intercession

Doxology

Red Hymnal #731

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen*

*Hymn of Dedication

“Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart”

Red Hymnal # 338

Hear the Word of the Lord

Sermon Text

Matthew 3:13-17, ESV

Then Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to John, to be baptized by him. ¹⁴ John would have prevented Him, saying, “I need to be baptized by You, and do You come to me?” ¹⁵ But Jesus answered him, “Let it be so now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness.” Then he consented. ¹⁶ And when Jesus was baptized, immediately He went up from the water, and behold, the heavens were opened to Him, and He saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming to rest on Him; ¹⁷ and behold, a voice from heaven said, “This is My beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.”

Sermon

Dave Durant

“The Baptism of Jesus”

Introduction: To understand what God is teaching us in the baptism of Jesus, it helps to understand the love of Christ revealed in the parable of the Good Samaritan - Luke 10:25-37

- A. Being baptized by John is how God wanted Jesus to make His appearance to Israel
- B. Three things we are to understand from His baptism
 - 1. Who Jesus is: the Son of God
 - a. John wanted Jesus to baptize Him - v. 14
 - b. God’s testimony about His Son - v. 17
 - 2. What Jesus did: Jesus saves us through identifying Himself with us
 - 3. How pleased the Father is with the Son: revealing the love of God in the way Christ became one with us
 - a. Submitting to baptism - v.15
 - b. Submitting to the cross - Phil. 2:5-10
- C. Jesus glorified the Father by revealing the love of God - John 13:31-35
 - 1. In loving service to us, Jesus humbled himself so that we would be exalted
 - a. His baptism was a baptism of repentance, and His death was the death of a criminal
 - b. John was exalted, and so are we
 - 2. We need Christ to love others just as He loved us

A print version of the sermon is available. If you would like a copy, please contact the church office.

Responding to the Father's Love

Hymn of Response

"Amazing Grace"

Red Hymnal #460

Benediction

Postlude

"Did You Think to Pray?"

Choir

Praying for the Body

Health Concerns

Church: Sharon Benz, Tom Criss, Delora Howerton, and Ardyce Stevens

Relatives: Terry Sipes's brother, Rusty Ray, and nephew, Scott

General

Unsaved in our families

Our session, deacons, and church staff

State and national government officials

Active military

Those serving in the military

Church Ministries

Sunday School and Children's Bible Time

Missions

Adam & Michelle Cain (MTW Honduras) -

- Please pray for those that live hand to mouth, who have been without steady work/income for the last 10 weeks. Pray that God would provide for their needs and that He would be their ultimate hope.
- Please pray for our teammates, the Clow family. Kathy went to the states just a couple of days before Honduras shut their borders. Meanwhile, John is here in Honduras with their youngest son. They have been separated, as Kathy has been unable to get home. Please pray that God would sustain their spirits and provide a way for Kathy to return.

- Please pray that while churches are unable to meet and so many in Honduras are unable to attend on-line services that the Word of God would continue to go forth in power.

Johnny & Annette Johnson (MTW Czech Republic) -

- We are thankful that some of the restrictions due to COVID are lifting. We hope to begin planning our final visits to our supporters soon.
- Pray for Annette's mother who is quite elderly and in frail health. We are trying to make arrangements for her to live with us, but we don't have a house yet.
- Pray for wisdom to know what kinds of ministry we should engage in as we move into retirement.

Special Needs

- Please pray for Martha Zeher's mother who recently had a stroke. Pray for her healing and for Mike and Martha for wisdom regarding the changes needed for her care.
- Please be in prayer for Grace Greenslit who has moved to an apartment in Lorien. Continue to pray for healing for her ribs. (see announcements)
- Please continue to pray for our medical professionals and those who must continue to work with and have contact with the public – pray God will protect their health and make them a blessing to those with whom they interact.
- Please pray for residents and employees at Lorien and Pleasant View Nursing Home in Mt. Airy, as well as other nursing homes, as many have become infected with the coronavirus.
- Please continue to pray for our church officers who are meeting regularly online; they are praying for us all and hope to encourage us through their work. Please do not hesitate to contact any of them with your needs or requests.
- Please continue to pray for each other – members of our church family – that God will strengthen and sustain our church.
- Please pray for wisdom for our leaders as they make impactful decisions during this pandemic.

Calendar

- **Tuesday, June 9th and subsequent Tuesdays** at 7:00 pm- Prayer meeting via Zoom (see announcement below for details)

- **Wednesdays** from 7-9 pm – New Market Small Group meeting via Zoom
- **Saturdays** from 4-5 pm- Woodbine Small Group will be meeting weekly by “video conference” for Bible study and prayer. Contact Barry Downey at bdowney@smithdowney.com or 410 -961- 9468 if interested in joining.

Announcements

Plans for an outdoor service for June 14th are underway! Weather permitting, we plan to begin holding worship services on the church parking lot, which will allow us to keep a distance of 12 feet between family groups and other members. Our service for the 14th will include singing and the observance of the Lord’s Supper. For the Lord’s Supper, we have prepackaged individual portions that have the juice and bread (matzah). Since we will be outside and 12 feet apart, wearing masks is optional. More details will follow in a separate email. Please pray for God’s blessing on our planning and on the service.

Grace Greenslit’s new address is: Lorien Mt Airy, Room, 225, 713 Midway Avenue, Mt Airy, MD 21771.

A message from Sharon Benz: “I have completed the radiation treatments and would like to thank everyone for their prayers, cards, and emails. God is good and I experienced very little side effects from all the treatments. Your prayers and notes of comfort were so helpful as it got harder each week, and they reminded me of Psalm 46:1: ‘God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in times of trouble’. Thank you.”

Copies of the June *Tabletalk* devotional are available in the church office. If you would like us to mail a copy to you, please contact us and let us know.

Online weekly prayer meetings are taking place using the Zoom app/program on Tuesday evenings. Everyone should have received an email invitation to join us. If you have not received one, or if you have received an invitation but are unsure of how to begin the process of joining, please contact the church office. Although an email invitation is necessary, you may actually participate using a landline phone as well as cell phones and electronic devices.

Missions and Missionaries

International Missionaries

Larry & Sandy Rockwell	Peru (MTW)
Roberta Brown	Japan (MTW)
Pamyla Burrack	Germany (MTW)
Marcus & Bethany Gadson	England (Serge)
Matt & Tara	West Africa (MTW)
Dan Faber	China (IXO)
Craig & Ree Coulbourne	Japan (MTW)
Garry & Anita Chambers	Belize (MTW)
Matt & Ellen Zell	Honduras (Equip Intl)
Adam & Michelle Cain	Honduras (MTW)
Jon & Olya Powell	Ukraine (MTW)
Kirk and Anna Norris	Ukraine (MTW)
Johnny & Annette Johnson	Czech Republic (MTW)
Barb & Ken Scheffter	PAC Ministry (MTW)

Local Missions

English as a Second Language	Mt. Airy, MD
Frederick Rescue Mission	Arnold Farlow, Frederick, MD
Reformed University Fellowship	Chris Garriott, UMD

Short Term Missions

Belize	Ernest Betson, Unity Presbyterian Church
Peru	Larry & Sandy Rockwell
Ukraine	Powell / Norris

General Fund Financial Report			
Last Week's Giving	Weekly Budget Goal	Year to Date Giving	Year to Date Budget Goal
\$2,185.00	\$8,791.59	\$143,948.72	\$193,414.98
Building Fund Weekly Financial Report			
Original Loan Amount	Last Week's Giving	Year to Date Giving	Loan Balance*
\$1,600,000	\$0.00	\$4,610.00	\$177,536.16

All offerings to the Building Fund are applied directly to the loan principal.

**Balance amounts are as of preceding month's end.*

Ordained Leaders at MAPC:

Pastor
Dave Durant

Assistant Pastor
Jerry Maguire

Ruling Elders
Pete Brophy, Jeff Cagle, Barry Downey,
John Horst, Gregg Moore, Mike Zeher

Deacons
Denis Brady, Tom Criss,
Joshua Davis, Ken Hohl, Jamie Moore

Church Staff:

Administrative Assistant- Janet Geary
Assistant to the Pastor and Deaconate- Ken Wilhelm
Bookkeeper- Pat Moore
Choir Director- Barb Scheffter

Ministry Leaders:

Christian Education Committee- Barry Downey
Children's Bible Time- Jessica Davis
ESL ministry- Ken Hohl
mainly music[©]- Hal Ball
MAPC Homeschool Umbrella- Kathy Durant and Janet Geary
Missions Committee- Ken Hohl
Nursery- Colleen Cagle and Stefanie Esbrandt
Sunday School Coordinator- Becky Wiggin
Vacation Bible School- Colleen Cagle and Vicki Olson
Women's Ministries- Sharon Benz and Kathy Durant
Worship Committee- Pete Brophy
Youth Group -Emily Benz and Jamie Moore

A complete list of ministry leaders is available in the front of the church directory.