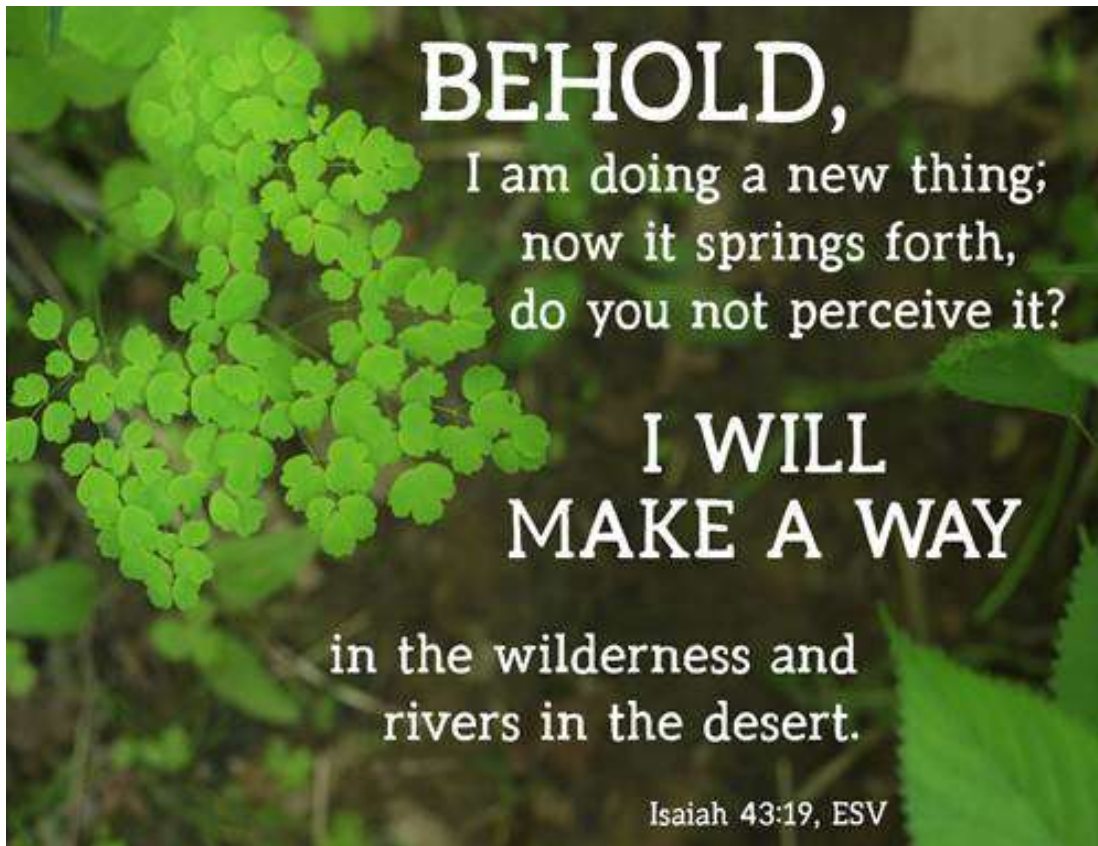


TAKOMA PARK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

February 18, 2024

Live streamed at 11:00 a.m.



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A Church for all People

THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

(*) Indicates those who are able, please stand.

Please join in speaking and singing the parts in bold.

+Facemasks are currently optional. If you have a vulnerable health condition or just prefer to wear a mask, please feel free to do so."

Health and Safety Committee.

Preparation for the Word

*"The wilderness is a dangerous place. You only go there if you have to."
from "Godly Play" Sunday School Curriculum*

WE GATHER IN GOD'S PRESENCE

Let the Prelude's music open you to God's presence as we begin worship.

Prelude **Steal Away to Jesus** Traditional Spiritual
Arr. Lani Smith

Welcome

Opening Prayer (Unison)

God of love, as in Jesus Christ you gave yourself to us, so may we give ourselves to you, living according to your holy will. Keep our feet firmly in the way where Christ leads us; make our mouths speak the truth Christ teaches us; fill our bodies with the life that is Christ within us. In his holy name we pray. Amen.

Call to Worship

from Psalm 25

O God, in you we trust.

Lead us in your truth and teach us,

For you are the God of salvation;

For you we wait, for you we worship.

***Hymn 482**

Baptized in Water

Prayer of Confession

We pause here to examine our lives and the forces that tempt us away from our true selves created in God's image.

Let us come before God.

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.** Let us pray:

Gracious God, as we begin this Lenten wilderness journey with Jesus, we confess our neglect of you and our faith.

We make idols of nation, money, and power.

We build walls instead of better relationships.

We fail to follow Jesus to the poor, the destitute, the stranger. Empty us this Lent, Holy God. Guide us in our faith so we can leave this wilderness season in right relationship with you.

Silent Prayer

Assurance of Pardon

Jesus says, "If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples, and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free" (John 8:31-32). Let us receive God's truth and God's grace. Let us joyfully accept the freedom God provides.

Alleluia! Amen.

***Praise 582 Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me**

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

***Passing the Peace**

The peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

(Worshippers on Zoom may unmute themselves and share the peace.)

LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

Prayer of Illumination 458

Thy word is a Lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path. (2x)

First Scripture Reading

Genesis 9:8-15

Anthem

Give Me Jesus

Traditional Spiritual
Arr. Joel A. Ross

Time with the Children

Second Scripture Reading

Mark 1:9-15

Sermon

When God Takes the Wheel

Rev. Mark Harper

***Hymn 472**

Kum ba Yah

RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Prayers of the People

Rev. Mark Harper

Response: Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayers.**

The Lord's Prayer (unison)

O Holy Trinity of Love,

Holy are you and holy is your name.

May your shalom come and your will be done, on earth as in heaven.

Give us our daily bread,

and forgive our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

Walk with us through times of trial and save us from evil.

For the Beloved Community, the power, and the glory

are yours now and forever. Amen.

The Offering Invitation

The offering plate reminds us of the many contributions we all make to our church and God's realm. Please pass it to your neighbor and offer thanks for each other's gifts.

Offertory

Cantabile

Flor Peeters

***Doxology 607**

OLD HUNDREDTH

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Christ all people here below;
Praise Holy Spirit evermore;
Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.

***Prayer of Dedication (unison)**

God of grace, you provide for us in amazing ways. Accept these offerings as signs of our gratitude and bless them to further Christ's ministry of healing and hope. Amen.

WE ARE SENT INTO THE WORLD

Announcements of the Community's Life

***Sending Hymn 166 Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days**

***Benediction**

Postlude Fantasia in G, Grave Johann Sebastian Bach

Community worship ends; discipleship and service begin anew.

Participants in this morning's service

Rev. Mark Harper, Pastor
Angie Boadu, Liturgist
Takoma Park Presbyterian Church Choir
Dr. James Bingham, organ
Jay Clouse, Zoom Technician

ANNOUNCEMENTS
Schedule for upcoming events
**** Zoom events**

Monday, February 19, 7:30 p.m.	Choir rehearsal
Tuesday, February 20, 12.00 p.m.	Virtual coffee hour**
Wednesday, February 21, 7:00 p.m.	Lenten Vesper Service (<i>hybrid</i>)
Wednesday, February 21, 7:00 p.m.	Session Meeting (<i>hybrid</i>)
Wednesday, February 21, 8:15 p.m.	Presbyterians for Police Transformation**
Saturday, February 24, 9:00 a.m.	Second Phase of the CRM Workshop
Sunday, February 25, 11:00 a.m.	Worship Service (<i>hybrid</i>)

+Whoever you are, and wherever you are on life's journey, you **are welcome to our worship**. We are pleased you are with us today.

+**Please continually pray for peace** - - in our homes, in our lives, neighborhoods, in the nation and the world.

+**Thanks and appreciation** to Roger Griffis and Donna Wieting for providing Coffee Hour refreshments after worship today.

+**In Honor of Black History Month** -

Today at 3 p.m., our Church is proud to present the film, "**They Called Him Mr. Lee**," followed by a discussion led by the film's director. The film is a documentary of the life of Lee Jordan.

Mr. Jordan was a legendary Civil Rights Activist and mentor to Takoma Park's young people, both Black and White. Mr. Jordan founded the city's Boys and Girls Club and organized Montgomery County's first integrated sports teams.

He was a tireless advocate for the Black community, he led campaigns to improve the living conditions of African American residents in the face of segregation and racial discrimination.

This event will be in the Assembly Room. All are welcome!!

+TPPC is again joining with **Christ Congregational Church** this winter/spring to offer the **Our Whole Lives curriculum to young people** in our congregations. **OWL** focuses on building age-appropriate knowledge, self-esteem, and tools for healthy relationships and self-care as kids go into and through adolescence.

This year, there will be two classes - one for kids in 4-6 grades and one for kids in 7-10. Classes will be at CCC on Sunday nights, 6:00 to 7:30 PM.

The first class will be on Sunday February 25. This is a terrific, fun, and fully inclusive curriculum!

If you have questions, contact Mary Beth Hastings at hastings.marybeth@gmail.com.

The sign-up link is

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScvzyP4jHtY4ARRQjtUdm8SEY9Yjgb_qHAWAtUB_i2wUcMHQA/viewform

+We need **volunteers to host coffee hour!** Hosting is easy and fun. Help support this important time of fellowship and sharing by signing up to host coffee hour - pick your Sunday and signup using this signup genius link:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C094BAFAD23A0FDC61-tppc>:

Questions contact rogergriffis61@gmail.com or 301-980-4694 Thank you!

+Thank you for your continued support of TPPC.

As a reminder, there are several ways to give to TPPC. Information on giving, including giving online, can be found at

<https://www.takomaparkpc.org/give>.

Checks may be mailed to

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If you have questions, please contact finance@takomaparkpc.org.

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About our Church

+ **We welcome visitors to worship with us.** We pray that you will be blessed by your time with us this day. The gospel that we share and serve is a message of life and rebirth, love and reconciliation, hope and joy, peace and justice, and concern for the integrity of creation. If you are looking for a church home for your spiritual journey and service to God, we invite you to be our guest as often as possible as you discern if this is the faith community to which God is calling you.

+ **A Hearing System** is available for those who need it. See one of the greeters to get earphones.

+ **TPPC** welcomes **families** with infants and children to our worship services. The following are options for families:

A **Nursery** is available for **infants through 3** years old, 9:30 a.m. - 12:15 p.m. in the Teddy Bear Room on the lower level of the education building (our greeters/ushers will direct you there.)

Children are invited to come forward for the “**Time with Children**” and then pre-school and elementary age children are invited upstairs in the education building for Bible story movies followed by free play time. Your infant or small child is welcome to stay with you in worship. If the child becomes uncomfortable and needs care during the service, feel free to leave the sanctuary. There is a changing table and rocking chair in the room next to the exit door on the left of the sanctuary. Books to share with your children are in the back of the sanctuary. Please do not leave your child unsupervised at the back of the sanctuary.

+ **In our worship**, we seek to use **inclusive language** in hymns, prayers and Scripture lessons. If you find gender specific words in hymns or other text that cause you difficulty, please feel free to make appropriate substitutions.