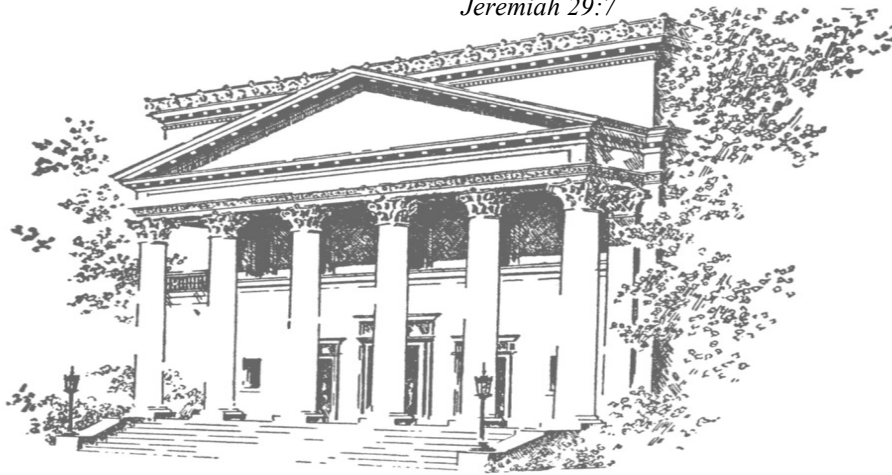


Seek the welfare of the city where I have sent you...
And pray to the Lord on its behalf

Jeremiah 29:7



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The Worship of Our Lord

A Service of Installation

June 26, 2022

2:00 PM

REFLECTION FOR WORSHIP

The following scriptures and reflection are provided for silent Meditation during the Prelude

Isaiah 61:1-4 Psalm 121 Romans 8:31-39 Matthew 25:31-46

“The greatness of a community is most accurately measured by the compassionate actions of its members, a heart of grace and a soul generated by love.”

Coretta Scott King

THE CHURCH GATHERS TO . . .

PREPARE FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE

Simple Gifts
(from *Appalachian Spring*)

arr. Aaron Copland

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN #385

All People That on Earth Do Dwell

OLD HUNDREDTH

WELCOME

The Rev. Dr. Amy Wallace Parker

INVOCATION

Almighty God, we pray for your blessing on the church in this place. Here may the faithful find salvation, and the careless be awakened. Here may the doubting find faith, and the anxious be encouraged. Here may the tempted find help, and the sorrowful comfort. Here may the weary find rest, and the strong be renewed. Here may the aged find consolation and the young be inspired; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

PRAISE ALMIGHTY GOD

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Elder Scott Hamilton

One: Grace to you, and peace in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord! Cry out with joy to the Lord, all the earth. Worship the Lord with gladness. Come into God's presence with singing!

All: For the Lord is a gracious God, whose mercy is everlasting; and whose faithfulness endures to all generations!

*HYMN OF PRAISE #321

The Church's One Foundation

AURELIA

CONFESS TO OUR FORGIVING CREATOR

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

The Rev. Dawn Adamy

One: The proof of God's amazing love is this: While we were sinners Christ died for us. Because we have faith in him, we dare to approach God with confidence.

All: In humility and faith, let us confess our sin together.

Gracious God,

our sins are too heavy to carry,
too real to hide,
and too deep to undo.

Forgive what our lips tremble to name,
what our hearts can no longer bear,
and what has become for us a consuming fire of judgment.

Set us free from a past that we cannot change;
open to us a future in which we can be changed;
and grant us grace to grow more and more in your likeness and image;
through Jesus Christ, the light of the world.

(Silence is kept for personal confession)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: Beloved, Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life has gone; a new life has begun. Know that you are forgiven and be at peace.

All: Thanks be to God!

SHARING OF THE PEACE OF CHRIST

One: The Peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE #288 Spirit of the Living God
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
Melt me; mold me; fill me; use me.
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

LIVING GOD

LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Isaiah 61:1-4 (Page 691)

The Rev. Dr. Doug Heidt

Psalms 121 (Page 571)

Elder Buffy Wallace

ANTHEM

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

William Williams, John Hughes

Guide me, O thou great Jehovah, pilgrim through this barren land.
I am weak, but thou art mighty. Hold me with thy powerful hand.
Bread of heaven, feed me till I want no more.

Open now the crystal fountain, whence the healing stream doth flow.
Let the fire and cloudy pillar lead me all my journey through.
Strong deliverer, be thou still my strength and shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan, bid my anxious fears subside.
Death of death, and hell's destruction, land me safe on Canaan's side.
Songs of praises I will ever give to thee.

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Romans 8:31-39 (NT Page 158)
Matthew 25:31-46 (NT Page 29)

Dr. Nimmi Myers
The Rev. William E. Myers

One: This is the word of the Lord.
All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

"Where Do We Belong?"

The Rev. William E. Myers

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH—from the *Confession of 1967 - PC(USA)*

Elder Scott Hamilton

God’s redeeming work in Jesus Christ embraces the whole of [humanity’s] life: social and cultural, economic and political, scientific and technological, individual and corporate. It includes [humanity’s] natural environment as exploited and despoiled by sin. It is the will of God that his purpose for human life shall be fulfilled under the rule of Christ and all evil be banished from his creation... With an urgency born of this hope, the church applies itself to present tasks and strives for a better world. It does not identify limited progress with the kingdom of God on earth, nor does it despair in the face of disappointment and defeat. In steadfast hope, the church looks beyond all partial achievement to the final triumph of God.

DEDICATE OUR LIVES TO GOD

OFFERING OURSELVES AND OUR GIFTS TO GOD

The Rev. Dr. Amy Wallace Parker

Offertory

Just A Picture from Life’s Other Side

Elder Dave Pearcy

*Offering Response #607

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

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 Thanksgiving and Dedication

SERVICE OF INSTALLATION

The Rev. Dr. Amy Wallace Parker

Opening Litany

One: There are different gifts,

All: **but it is the same spirit who gives them.**

One: There are different ways of serving God,

All: **but it is the same Lord who is served.**

One: God works through different people in different ways,

All: **but it is the same God who achieves divine purpose through them all.**

One: Each one is given a gift by the Spirit,

All: **to use it for the common good.**

One: Together we are the body of Christ.

All: **and individually members of Christ.**

One: Though we have different gifts, together we are a ministry of reconciliation led by the Risen Christ.

All: **We work and pray to make His church useful in the world, and we call men and women to faith, so that, in the end, every knee shall bow and every tongue confess that Jesus the Christ is Lord, to the glory of God.**

One: Within our common ministry, some members are chosen for particular work as ministers of the word and sacrament, elders or deacons. In ordination, we recognize these special ministries, remembering that our Savior Jesus said: Whoever among you wants to be great must become a servant, and whoever wants to be first among you must be the servant of all.

All: **Just as our savior came not to be saved, but to serve, and to give His life to set others free.**

Presentation of the Reverend Dr. William C. Myers

Elder Dina Mohler

Constitutional Questions to the Reverend Dr. William C. Myers

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Prayer of Installation

The Rev. Dr. Amy Wallace Parker

Declaration of Installation

The Rev. Dr. Amy Wallace Parker

Charge to Pastor Myers

Elizabeth Myers

(Read by Elder Margaret Myers)

Charge to The Congregation

The Rev. W. I. “Bill” Hairston

*RECESSIONAL HYMN #320

The Church of Christ in Every Age

WAREHAM

*BENEDICTION

Pastor Myers

*POSTLUDE

Toccatà (from *Symphony No. 5*)

Charles-Marie Widor

Our worship continues in our service to others.

A warm welcome is extended to all who worship today.
May the gift of worship we offer today honor God and serve as a blessing to you.
Worship is broadcast at 11AM on WCHS-580AM
Worship is also available on our YouTube channel.

All children are welcome and encouraged to participate in worship.

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Elizabeth Myers - The Christ Episcopal Church of Seattle, WA
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Jayson Keeton, Director of Music and Organist
Chris Engel, organ
Dave Percy, guitar & voice
The Sanctuary Choir

ALSO SERVING TODAY

Audio & Video: Byron Goodew & David Cottrell
Custodial Services: David Feibelman

WORSHIP NOTES

Please remember that we worship every Sunday Sabbath Day, and that is available via YouTube and the radio broadcast. Thank you for connecting for worship with First Presby.

Today's offering is designated for the Committee on Ministry's Discretionary Fund which is administered by the General Presbyter and the Committee on Ministry. It provides assistance to ministers of the Word and Sacrament and churches beyond the scope of their means. As we install a new pastor today, let us remember those persons and their families who serve among us. Your gifts will help the Presbytery to minister to them. Please make all checks payable to the Presbytery of West Virginia.

* indicates congregation standing, as able

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