

Homework Worship Assignment (for children and adults!)

During worship, we're going to create a Psalm together observing the end of school and the beginning of summer. If you're not "in school," transpose people, subjects, and activities **for school** into the people, tasks, and activities of your work, or your day. Name what you're looking forward to for this summer. Jot some ideas down so you'll be ready when the time comes in the service!

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A Psalm for the End of My School Year and the Beginning of Summer!

Praise God for people, subjects, and activities at school:

Tell God about the things you are sorry about from school this year

Tell God what you are looking forward to this summer

Write or draw a last line for your psalm.

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The Presbyterian Church of Llanerch

Celebrating Trinity Sunday and our Sunday School Program

Sunday, May 29, 2016

10:00 a.m.

Questions for reflection, before, during, and after this morning's service:

In Luke 7:1-10 Jesus praises the faith of a centurion, who trusts in the authority of Jesus' word to heal. In Galatians 1:1-12, Paul insists that the authority of the gospel comes from its source in the revelation of Jesus Christ, not of human origin. What does authority have to do with faith? Who are the authorities you trust, and why? Who are the authorities you don't trust, and why not?

Gathering

As you come to worship, take a few moments to bring yourself before God—your present state of mind and preoccupations, as well as your desire to meet God during this time.

[Our service begins when the voluntary begins, and we turn our attention toward God, in worship.]

The * indicates where the congregation stands; **bolded responses** indicate congregational responses.

VOLUNTARY "Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether" --Union Seminary, setting by James Biery

GREETING AND WELCOME

* CALL TO WORSHIP

--Psalm 96, adapted

Worship the Lord in holy splendor.

Tremble before God, all the earth.

Highest heavens,

be glad!

Widest earth,

rejoice!

Mighty waters,

shout your praise!

Forests and fields,

sing for joy!

The Lord is coming to judge the earth,
with equity and strength, with righteousness and truth.

The Lord is coming to judge the earth.
The Lord is coming to reign in glory.

* PRAYER OF THE DAY

* OPENING HYMN 402 *Merle's Tune*
"How Lovely, Lord"

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

PRAYER OF FORGIVENESS

[Our Prayers will begin with a time for silent confession; then the Minister will conclude the prayers of forgiveness.]

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

This is the gospel, the good news we have received: that our Lord Jesus Christ loves us and gave his life to set us free from our sins.
Hear the good news! In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God.

* SUNG RESPONSE 645 verse 1 *Mit Freuden Zart*
"Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above"

♪ "Sing praise to God who reigns above, the God of all creation, the God of power, the God of love, the God of our salvation. With healing balm my soul is filled, and every faithless murmur stilled: to God all praise and glory!" ♪

* A SHARING OF THE PEACE OF CHRIST

...Knowing this, may the peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with us that we may seek God's love and joy among all the peoples of the world!
And also with you!

Word

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

A READING FROM THE HEBREW SCRIPTURES 1 Kings 8: 22-23, 41-43 [Page 187]

A READING FROM THE GOSPELS Luke 7: 1-10 [Page 65]
The wisdom of God for all people; the call of God for all who live.
Thanks be to God.

OUR PSALM FOR THE END OF SCHOOL AND THE BEGINNING OF SUMMER

BLESSING FOR OUR SUMMER PLANS AND HOPES

ANTHEM "O Lord, Increase My Faith" --David Schelat

O Lord, increase my faith, strengthen me and confirm me in Thy true faith. O Lord, endue me with wisdom, with charity, and patience. In all my adversity, teach me to say amen. O Lord, teach me to say amen.

SERMON --Rev. David Stipp-Bethune
"Love Your Enemies; Do Good to Those who Hate You!"

Response

* AFFIRMATION OF OUR FAITH --The Confession of Belhar, adapted

We believe that God is the one who wishes to bring about justice and true peace among people. We believe that God, in a world full of injustice and enmity, is in a special way the God of the destitute, the poor, and the wronged. AMEN.

* HYMN 767 *San Anselmo*
"Together We Serve"

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND OUR LORD'S PRAYER

[Our Prayers of the People are responsive, with the intention of offering silence amidst each of the petitions for worshipers to offer particular prayers in silence or aloud]

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.

Lord, it is hard to have faith in our broken world, where illness, disaster, and corruption threaten to claim authority. But you are the ultimate authority, O God, so we boldly come before you in faith to lift up our concerns both silently and aloud:

For those who are sick, crushed and enslaved...,

we beseech you:

Come, Lord, and heal.

For those deadened by daily drudgery...,

we beseech you:

Come, Lord, and enliven.

For the leaders of our community, our town, our nation...,

we beseech you:

Come, Lord, and guide.

For those on the margins, the unnoticed and the unloved...,

we beseech you:

Come, Lord, and embrace.

For those imprisoned, whether behind bars of steel or behind hearts of stone...,

we beseech you:

Come, Lord, and redeem.

For those at the end of their lives, and on this weekend, for those who have given their lives in military service...,

we beseech you:

Come, Lord, and eternally enfold.

We pray that you would bring an end to violence and the conflicts that divide us...,

we beseech you:

Only say the word, Lord, and all shall be well.

We give you thanks for the earth you have made, that the seas and skies, forests and fields show your goodness and glory. May they remind us your care, your command of the chaos, and the promises of your love...,

we beseech you:

Only say the word, Lord, and all shall be well.

O Lord our God, as we lift our hearts and hands to heaven, reach out to us in mercy with your outstretched arm...,

we beseech you:

Only say the word, Lord, and all shall be well.

In the name of Jesus, who prays for us, hear us as we pray together using as our words the ones he taught us, saying:

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.

INVITATION TO PRESENT GOD’S TITHES, OUR GIFTS, AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

“Servant’s Prayer”

--K. Lee Scott

Bless, O Lord, us thy servants who praise Thee within Thy temple. Grant that what we sing with our lips, we may believe in our hearts; and what we believe in our hearts, we may show forth in our lives, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

* SUNG RESPONSE # 1 “Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!” Verse 4 --Nicaea

♪ “Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty! All thy works shall praise thy name, in earth and sky and sea. Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty! God in three persons, blessed Trinity!” ♪

* PRAYER OF DEDICATION (in unison)

Holy God, you have poured out so much for us—the beauty of the world, the care of family and friends, meaningful labor, and the gift of the church. We give you thanks for these and many other gifts. Most especially, we thank you for pouring your love into our hearts through the Holy Spirit. Through these offerings, may your love spill over in glad abundance that brings relief, renewal, and hope to those in need. In Christ’s name we pray. Amen.

Sending

* HYMN

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“The Church of Christ Cannot Be Bound”

* ANNOUNCEMENTS

* BLESSING & CHARGE

* VOLUNTARY

“Thine the Glory”

--Robert J. Powell

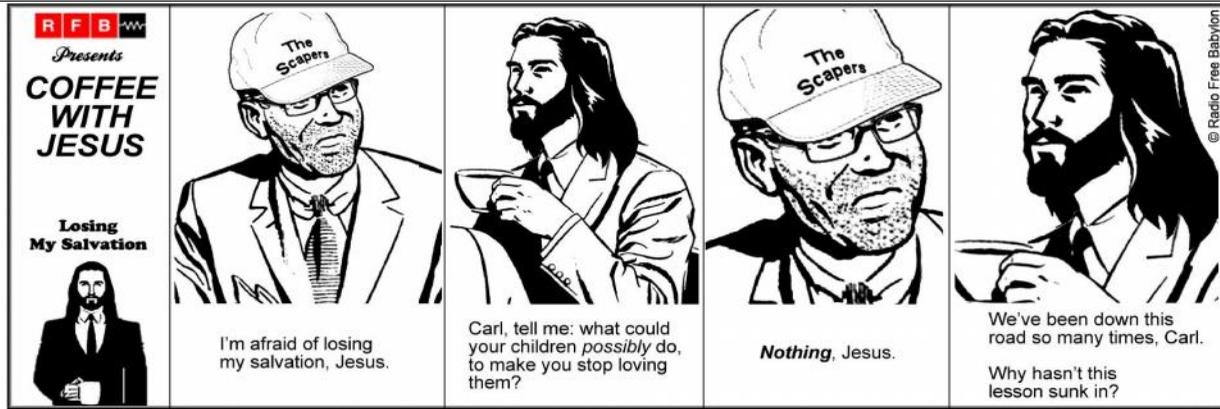
While our worship service ends, our Christian service is just beginning...

The flowers for This Morning’s Worship Service were generously shared with us by the Hiebert Family in honor of joyful anniversaries.

Leading This Morning’s Worship Service Are: Georgia Marshall Schrom, Minister of Music; Rev. David Stipp-Bethune, Pastor; Bruce Heins and Pyper Heins, Worship Leaders; and our Senior Choir.

Service Notes for This Morning’s Worship Service:

1. Our Call to Worship, Prayer of Dedication, and Prayers of the People were based on suggestions or adapted from the Feasting on the Word worship Companion: liturgies for Year C, edited by Kimberly Bracken Long.



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OUR MISSION

The Presbyterian Church of Llanerch is an inclusive Christian community whose members have been: saved by God's grace, united by God in Jesus Christ, and given by God as a light to the nations. Our mission is patterned after the example of Jesus Christ, who came "not to be served but to serve." To that end, we seek to think with the mind of Christ, to love with the heart of Christ, and to act as the Lord requires, doing justly, loving mercy, and walking humbly with our God.

WELCOME!

We are grateful that you are choosing to worship with us! Worship at "Llanerch" is our signature event each Sunday, and we hope and pray that you find today's service meaningful and that you experience authentic fellowship with our faith community. Child care for younger children is provided in our nursery (ask one of our ushers if you need directions) and a time of fellowship with coffee and treats follows our worship service. Information about our ministry and activities is included in our bulletin and in the brochure in your pew. You may also connect with us online at www.llanerchpres.org or find us on Facebook (The Presbyterian Church of Llanerch). Our pastor is Rev. David Stipp-Bethune and can be contacted through the church office, or the Pastor's Study at 610-789-1820, or via e-mail: revdrstipp@msn.com.

KNOW YOU ARE MOST WELCOME TO JOIN US IN THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES:

Today	05/29	We celebrate our the 2 nd Sunday After Pentecost; and our worship time moves to 10:00am for the summer!
Monday	05/30	Memorial Day. Church Offices are CLOSED in observance of the holiday.
NEXT Sunday	06/05	We celebrate the 3 rd Sunday after Pentecost; including the celebration of the Lord's Supper.

PARTICIPATE IN THE PRACTICE OF PRAYER:

Our congregation believes and attests to the power of prayer. We pray "together" in church and we pray "together" as individuals. Here are some of the things we are praying:

For and remembering this weekend those who have served our country in military service, especially those who gave their lives, remembering them before God and prayerfully working toward a day when we do not suffer violence and war | For the victims of sexual assault and violence | For Joanne Janos (who has been in the hospital) | For Kristen Gibson | For Jack Bellowar (who suffered a stroke and has other major health complications) and for Gail | For Phoenix Hoyle, June Hoyle's grandson (June is our Preschool Director) | For Kelly Diiorio's Mother (who is fighting lung cancer) | For Matthew | For Ben | For Father John Denny (fighting cancer) | Thanksgiving and safe-keeping for first responders, good neighbors, helping people, and disaster planning | For our congregation in our New Beginnings discernment small group meetings | For our congregation, our elders and deacons, our pastor | Our Church Staff: Kelly DiIorio, Georgia Schrom, David Pokorny, and Rev. David Stipp-Bethune | Our Preschool staff, students, and families | For the Families, Friends, Communities, and our nation in the wake of the circumstances that led to the loss of life--that justice may roll down like waters.

By adding these prayers to your personal prayers, we engage God together.

PARTICIPATE IN HELPING OTHERS:

We receive gifts for CHESTER EASTSIDE MINISTRIES food and outreach ministries on the third Sunday of each month. **Our next offering is Sunday, June 19th!** Please bring your gifts to worship on June 19th and include them in the special dedication during worship!



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