



The Presbyterian Church of Llanerch

Celebrating The 6th Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, June 26, 2016

10:00 a.m.

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

What new mantle is God placing on your shoulders? Where in your life is the new beginning, the unfamiliar task, the calling to a path on which the ending is yet unclear?

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 the parts of the service where the congregation is invited to stand; **bolded responses** indicate congregational responses.

VOLUNTARY "Meditation" --Noël Goemanne

GREETING AND WELCOME

* CALL TO WORSHIP --

God, who rules the universe, calls us; Christ, who took up his cross, calls us;
Holy Spirit, who frees us body and soul, calls us.

Let us faithfully answer by worshiping the triune God.

* PRAYER OF THE DAY

* OPENING HYMN 730 *Grand Isle*
"I Sing a Song of the Saints of God"

CALL TO RECONCILIATION AND PRAYERS OF FORGIVENESS

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

* SUNG RESPONSE 475 "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing" Verse 1 --*Nettleton*

♪ "Come, thou Fount of every blessing; tune my heart to sing thy grace; streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise. Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above; praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it, mount of God's unchanging love!" ♪

* A SHARING OF THE PEACE OF CHRIST

...The peace of Christ has been released among you, and may it go with you!

And also with you!

Word

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

A READING FROM THE HEBREW SCRIPTURES 1 Kings 19: 15-16, 19-21 [Page 326]

A READING FROM THE GOSPELS

Luke 9: 51-62 [Page 70]

The wisdom of God for all people; the call of God for all who live.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

--Rev. David Stipp-Bethune

"Committed? To What Shall We Be Committed?"

Response

* AFFIRMATION OF OUR FAITH

--The Confession of Belhar, 1.0, 2.0 adapted

We believe in the triune God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, who gathers, protects and cares for the church through Word and Spirit. This, God has done since the beginning of the world and will do to the end.

We believe in one holy, universal Christian church, the communion of saints called from the entire human family.

We believe that Christ's work of reconciliation is made manifest in the church as the community of believers who have been reconciled with God and with one another. AMEN

* HYMN

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Tokyo

"Here, O Lord, Your Servants Gather"

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND OUR LORD'S PRAYER

[We begin our prayers responsively, then the Minister offers prayers, and we conclude with our Lord's Prayer as indicated below.]

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.

Protect me, O God; I trust in you for safety. I say to the Lord, "You are my Lord; all the good things I have come from you."

I am your disciple.

How excellent are the Lord's faithful people! My greatest pleasure is to be with them.

I am your disciple.

Those who rush to other gods bring many troubles on themselves. I will not take part in their sacrifices; I will not worship their gods.

I am your disciple.

You, Lord, are all I have, and you give me all I need; my future is in your hands. How wonderful are your gifts to me; how good they are!

I am your disciple.

I praise the Lord, because he guides me, and in the night my conscience warns me. I am always aware of the Lord's presence; he is near, and nothing can shake me.

I am your disciple.

And so I am thankful and glad, and I feel completely secure, because you protect me from the power of death. I have served you faithfully, and you will not abandon me to the world of the dead. You will show me the path that leads to life; your presence fills me with joy and brings me pleasure forever.

I am your disciple.

Holy God of healing and peace, we thank you for life and health; for morning and evening; for rain and sun; for all you give us to sustain life; and most of all for Jesus, who died and rose again to make real the promise of new life. And hear us as we name before you, out loud, the prayers we have brought with us—for people, places, situations, hopes and dreams. If you have prayers you would like to share aloud in God's presence, please do so now.

[The Minister will continue offering prayers, and we will conclude our prayers by praying our Lord's Prayer together as follows...]

...And hear us as we pray in the name of the one who prays for us, using as our words the words he taught us to use when we pray, 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

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

OFFERTORY "Oblation" (Wherefore, O Father, we thy humble servants) --Peter Pindar Stearns

* SONG RESPONSE #606 "Praise God, from Whom all Blessings Flow" --*Doxology*
"Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. AMEN."

Sending

* HYMN 726 *Kelvingrove*
"Will You Come and Follow Me"

* ANNOUNCEMENTS

* BLESSING & CHARGE

* VOLUNTARY "Improvisation III" --Harold Rohlig

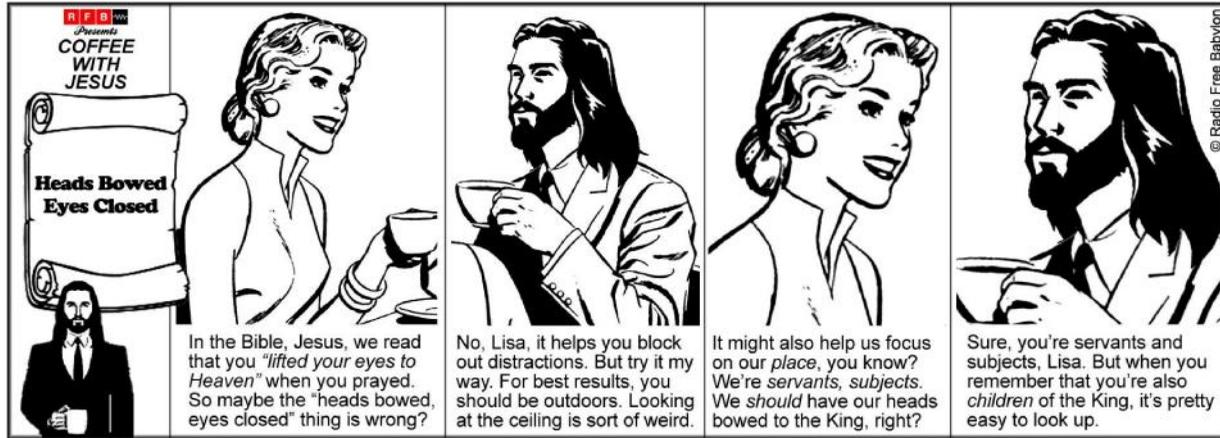
While our worship service ends, our Christian service is just beginning...

The flowers for This Morning's Worship Service were generously shared with us by Jeanne Wilkins in memory of loved ones.

Leading This Morning's Worship Service Are: Georgia Marshall Schrom, Minister of Music; Rev. David Stipp-Bethune, Pastor.

Service Notes for This Morning's Worship Service:

1. Our Call to Worship, a portion of our Prayers of the People and our Prayer of Dedication were crafted with suggestions from the Feasting on the Word worship Companion: liturgies for Year C, edited by Kimberly Bracken Long.
2. Our Affirmation of Faith this morning was taken from the introductory paragraphs of our denomination's newest confession, The Confession of Belhar. The 222nd General Assembly ratified its inclusion to our Book of Confessions this week at the assembly meeting in Portland. Though written by a South African denomination in the mid 1980's this statement has been reaffirmed and adopted as a confessional document to which we are obligated as Presbyterians. We will continue to explore the Confession of Belhar in the weeks to come.
3. The adapted version of Psalm 16 that begins our Prayers of the People was curated and crafted by Carolyn Brown at her website, www.worshipingwithchildren.blogspot.com, and uses the Today's English Version.



222ND GENERAL ASSEMBLY IS MEETING IN PORTLAND, OREGON IS OVER!



You can catch up on all the General Assembly news online and in our upcoming newsletter!

In addition to electing Co-Moderators for the first time ever, the Assembly approved including the Confession of Belhar as a part of our Book of Confessions and acted on hundreds of business items. Check out the work and witness at www.pcusa.org and follow the links!

If you have questions about the assembly, please speak with Rev. Stipp-Bethune.

CEREAL BOXES NEEDED FOR VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL PROJECT!



We have a Vacation Bible School craft project that requires cereal boxes as a part of making picture frames. We need approximately 50 cereal boxes (or perhaps a few extra) in order to be ready for VBS next month. Can you help us out by saving cereal boxes and bringing them in any time before July 11th? THANK YOU!

WAYS YOU CAN HELP OUR MINISTRY... and take part in it:

PARTICIPATE IN WORSHIP WITH US:

10 a.m. on Sunday Mornings (DURING THE SUMMER)

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, July 17th!** Please bring your gifts to worship on July 17th and include them in the special dedication during worship!

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 Michelle Siegle (Eleanor Siegle's daughter-in-law who suffered a massive stroke), for Eleanor's great-grandson **Steven Joachim** (who has a tumor in his leg), for Eleanor's granddaughter, **Melanie Siegle** (who just graduated from high school) | **For Joanne Janos** (who is recovering at home) | **For Jack Bellwoar** (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 Cindy Guilfoil** (who is undergoing chemotherapy for cancer) | **For Kelly Diiorio's Mother** (who is fighting lung cancer) | **For Matthew** | **For Ben** | **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 Dilorio, 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.

WE REALLY DO WANT TO HEAR YOUR FEEDBACK:

Our hope and prayer is that our worship services, programs, and ministry opportunities are both meaningful and helpful to you, and we'd appreciate knowing how well or how not-so-well that we're doing. Comments, feedback, and helpful criticisms are welcome—please make notes or suggestions, and sign them. You can drop them off, mail them to the church office, or e-mail them to the church office or pastor. Please be aware we can only consider signed responses. Thank you for your help.

JOIN US FOR Vacation Bible School 2016 "Surf Shack" July 11th-15th!



-) For Children ages 3-12 years
-) Open to everyone—all are welcome!
-) Certified Staff and volunteers
-) VBS meets 9am – 12noon all five days with a snack included
-) Music, Science, Bible Story, Recreation, Crafts, and Fun
-) \$30 Registration/child INCLUDES free T-Shirt!

REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN!

Contact our Church Office at 610-789-1639 to receive a registration form in the mail or by e-mail.

You can also download the registration form from the VBS page on our website:

http://web.lanerchpres.org/?page_id=84





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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 06/26 We are celebrating the 6th Sunday after Pentecost.

NEXT Sunday 07/03 We celebrate the 7th Sunday after Pentecost; morning worship includes the sacrament of Holy Communion.

Monday 07/04 Independence Day Holiday. Church Offices will be closed.



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