



NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
August 2, 2020

MEDITATION

I said, "What is your name?" I could only whisper it.

"Why do you ask me my name?"

We were both of us whispering. He did not wait for my answer. He blessed me as I had asked him. I do not remember the words of his blessing or even if there were words. I remember the blessing of his arms holding me and the blessing of his arms letting me go. I remember as blessing the black shape of him against the rose-colored sky.

I remember as blessing the one glimpse I had of his face. It was more terrible than the face of dark, or of pain, or of terror. It was the face of light. No words can tell of it. Silence cannot tell of it. Sometimes I cannot believe that I saw it and lived but that I only dreamed I saw it. Sometimes I believe I saw it and that I only dream I live.

Frederick Buechner, *The Son of Laughter*

PRELUDE

Aria, Op. 51

Flor Peeters
(1903-1986)

Jason Kissel, *organist*

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

One: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All: And also with you.

CALL TO WORSHIP

All who are thirsty, come!

God is the fountain for our lives.

All who are hungry, come!

Jesus feeds us with goodness and grace.

Rich and poor, young and old, neighbor and guest, come!

The Holy Spirit gathers everyone around the Table.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Gracious God, you do not keep social distance from us.

You do not hide your face behind a mask.

Your very breath enters us as we speak.

We pray for a good infection today,

that the transforming DNA of your life might occupy our souls.

Yes, breathe on us, even though we cannot see you.

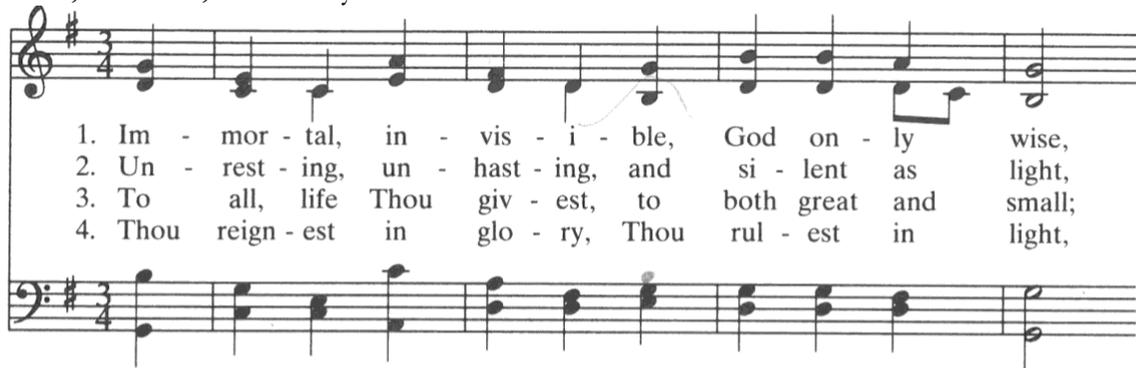
Draw us together, even though we are far apart.

Be present to us, in our various homes, in bread and wine.

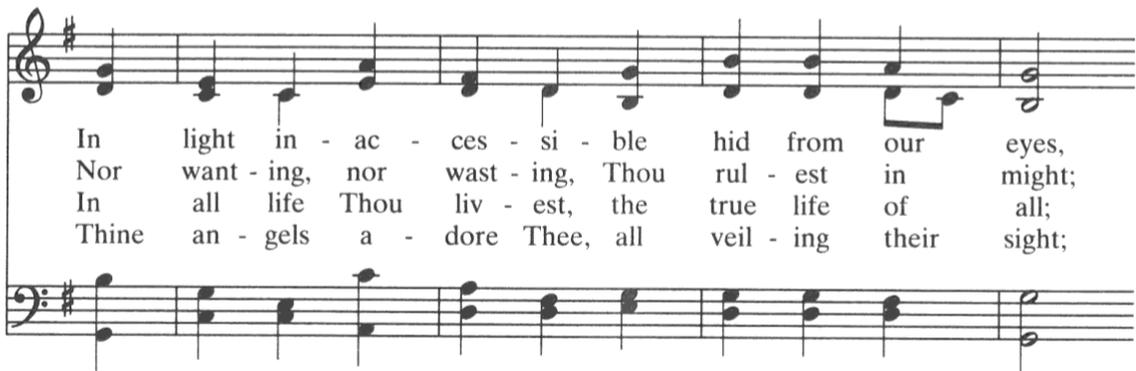
GATHERING HYMN 263

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

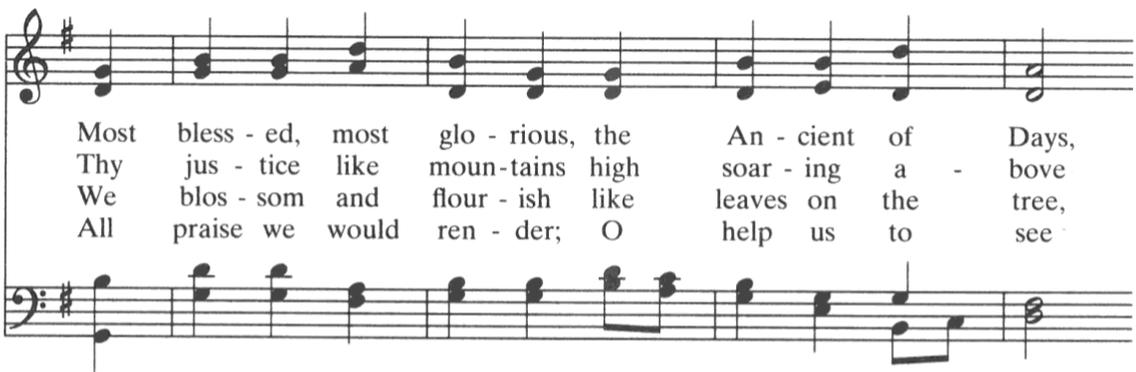
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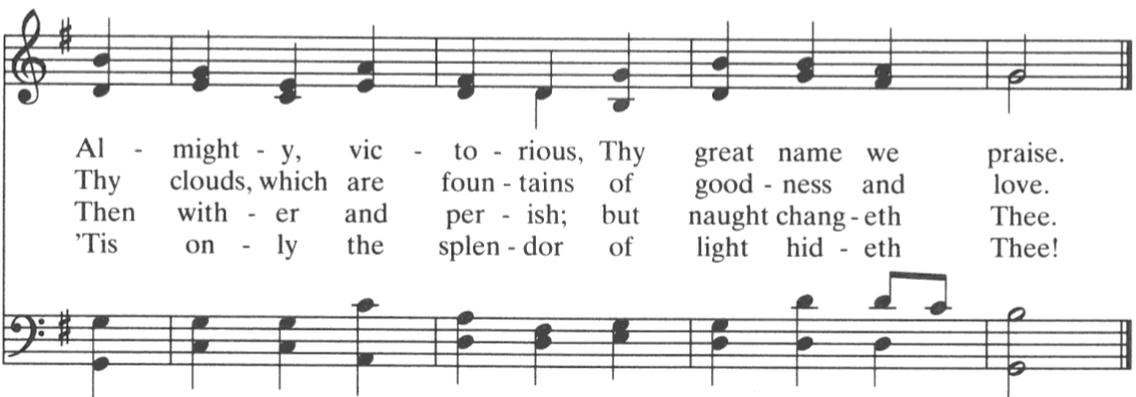
1. Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,
2. Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,
3. To all, life Thou giv - est, to both great and small;
4. Thou reign - est in glo - ry, Thou rul - est in light,



In light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,
Nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, Thou rul - est in might;
In all life Thou liv - est, the true life of all;
Thine an - gels a - dore Thee, all veil - ing their sight;



Most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,
Thy jus - tice like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove
We blos - som and flour - ish like leaves on the tree,
All praise we would ren - der; O help us to see



Al - might - y, vic - to - rious, Thy great name we praise.
Thy clouds, which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.
Then with - er and per - ish; but naught chang - eth Thee.
'Tis on - ly the splen - dor of light hid - eth Thee!

CONFESSIOIN

There is no point in pretending that we are something other than what we are.
Sooner or later, it will be night, and God will be there to wrestle with us.
Let us be honest now and be reconciled.

**Forgive us, O Lord, for thinking that our heartache is somehow unique—
that we are more sensitive or more undeserving.**

**Forgive us for not seeing that everyone is in a struggle with despair,
that each person we see is sitting by a pool of tears.**

**“Narcissism” is a word we use as an insult,
but looking at Jesus we see that we ourselves are unspeakably selfish.
Help us to break out of our shells of awareness
that we might see the deep pain and beauty of other souls.**

Friends, the good news of the gospel is that Jesus has come to live in us.
He has brought about the forgiveness of sins
and given us the ability to carry out his commandment of love.
We have been set free of the old selfish nature and are ruled by the Spirit!
Thanks be to God. Amen.

He said to Jacob, “What’s your name?” and he said, “Jacob.” Then he said, “Your name won’t be Jacob any longer, but Israel, because you struggled with God and with men and won.”

Jacob also asked and said, “Tell me your name.”

But he said, “Why do you ask for my name?” and he blessed Jacob there. Jacob named the place Peniel, “because I’ve seen God face-to-face, and my life has been saved.” The sun rose as Jacob passed Peniel, limping because of his thigh.

ANTHEM

I Thank You, Jesus

African American Shout Song

arr. Robert L. Morris

*Sung and recorded by the full Sanctuary Choir of First & Franklin Presbyterian Church,
during the service of worship on Sunday, October 13, 2019.*

I thank You, Jesus, I thank You Lord.

Oh, You’ve brought me from a mighty long way.

You’ve been my mother, You’ve been my father,

You’ve been my sister, my brother too!

Oh, You’ve brought me from a mighty long way!

Yes! You’ve been my all and all. Been my keeper day by day.

A POETRY READING

“Wrestling Jacob” or “Come, O Thou Traveler Unknown”

Charles Wesley (1717-1788)

SERMON

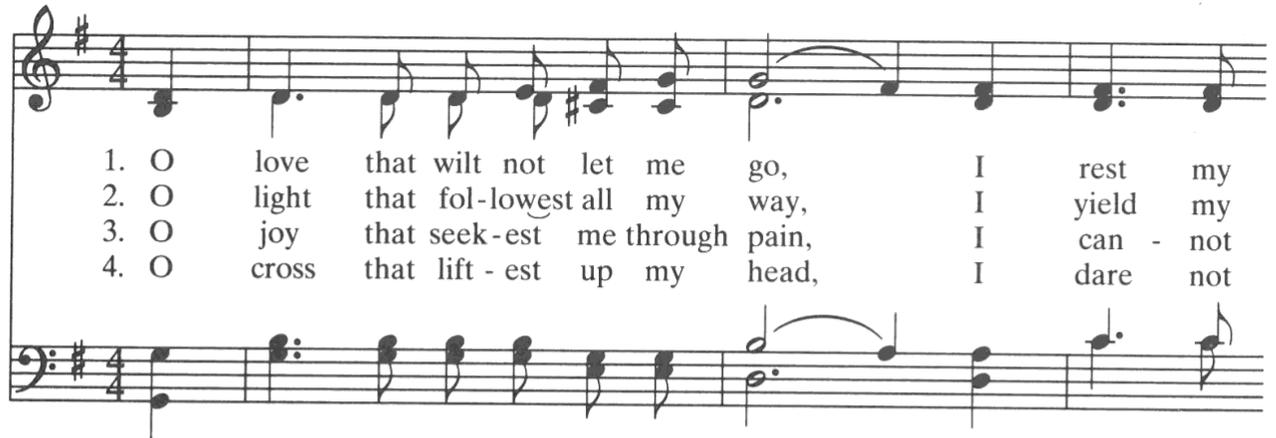
Wrestling Jesus

Rev. Steve Hollaway

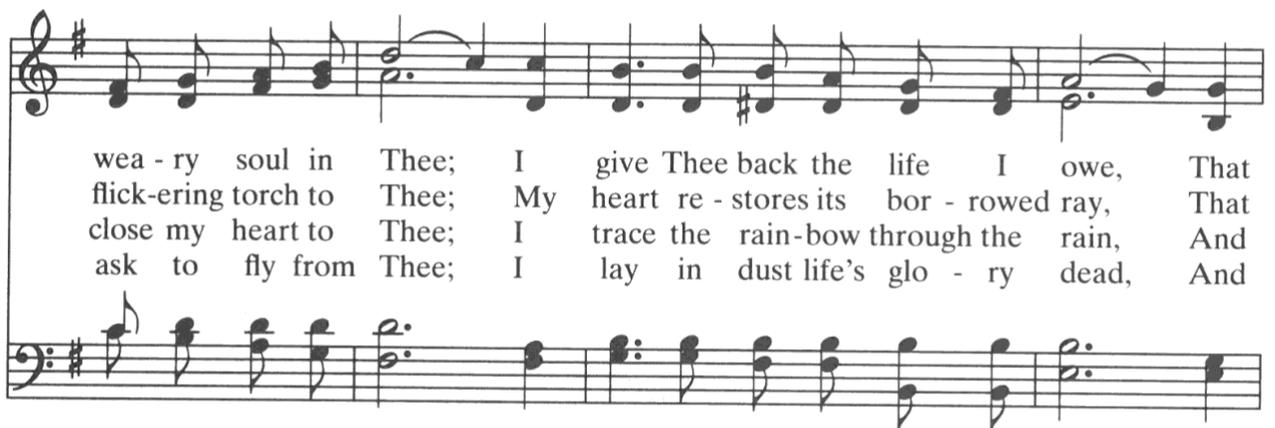
HYMN OF RESPONSE 384

O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go

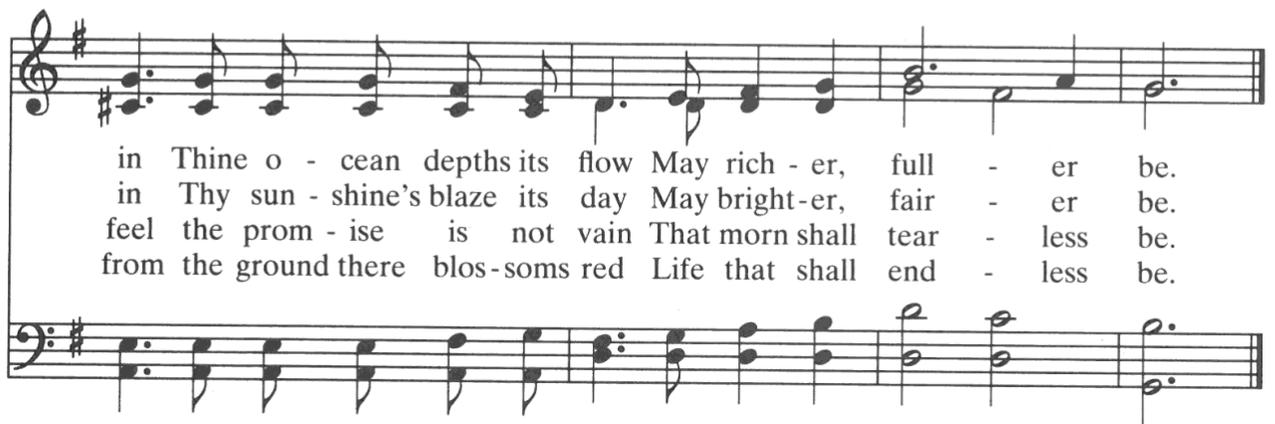
RATHBUN



1. O love that wilt not let me go, I rest my
2. O light that fol-lowest all my way, I yield my
3. O joy that seek-est me through pain, I can - not
4. O cross that lift - est up my head, I dare not



wea - ry soul in Thee; I give Thee back the life I owe, That
flick-ering torch to Thee; My heart re - stores its bor - rowed ray, That
close my heart to Thee; I trace the rain-bow through the rain, And
ask to fly from Thee; I lay in dust life's glo - ry dead, And



in Thine o - cean depths its flow May rich - er, full - er be.
in Thy sun - shine's blaze its day May bright-er, fair - er be.
feel the prom - ise is not vain That morn shall tear - less be.
from the ground there blos - soms red Life that shall end - less be.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Please use the chat forum to enter your prayers and we will share those as a part of our communal worship.

O God, in your mercy.

Hear our prayers.

PURPLE RIBBON LIST

07/16/2020	Moses Rush	46	Male	Unknown
07/16/2020	Kyon Thomas	21	Male	Unknown
07/17/2020	Tyrell Fleming	32	Male	Unknown
07/18/2020	Kimberly Turner	49	Female	Unknown
07/18/2020	Shawn McDonald	35	Male	Unknown
07/22/2020	Mostafa Taylor	26	Male	Unknown
07/23/2020	Latrell McBride	17	Male	Unknown
07/25/2020	Tavonte Briggs	32	Male	Unknown
07/26/2020	Edwin Taylor	30	Male	Unknown
07/29/2020	Ryan Watson	34	Male	Unknown

Each ribbon represents a life lost to homicide in Baltimore City. We name them each week and hang a purple ribbon on the outside of Park Ave. to remind us to pray for the perpetrators of these acts of violence, and to remind us of our calling to challenge the systemic injustices of our time.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**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.**

OFFERTORY

See invitation to give in the Chat Box on Zoom and Facebook Live.

If you wish to give via Paypal, you will need to open a new tab on your browser.

If you need assistance please request help from either of our E-Ushers:

Allie Pyan alexandra.pyan@gmail.com or Sabrina Schlosser Schumann ssschuma@gmail.com

If you would like to give your offering by mail, please send to the church office at First & Franklin Presbyterian Church, 210 West Madison Street, Baltimore MD 21201. Offerings will be processed weekly.

AT THE OFFERTORY

Prelude in G

William Harris
(1883-1973)

DOXOLOGY 591

OLD HUNDREDTH

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

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 14:13-21

Now when Jesus heard this, he withdrew from there in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves." Jesus said to them, "They need not go away; you give them something to eat." They replied, "We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish." And he said, "Bring them here to me." Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. And all ate and were filled; and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

This is the Lord's Table, and it is Jesus himself who invites you to partake.
Come, ye thirsty, come and welcome,
God's free bounty glorify;
true belief and true repentance,
every grace that brings you nigh.
Let not conscience make you linger,
nor of fitness fondly dream;
all the fitness he requireth
is to feel your need of him.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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.

It is indeed right to give you our thanks and praise, O God,
for you offer us the banquet that feeds us abundantly
and fills us with your presence.

You strove against the darkness and chaos,
and you prevailed,
bringing forth creation in all its miraculous abundance.
You challenged your servant, Jacob, face to face,
and gave him your blessing and promise.
From his family you formed your covenant people,
in whom your glory, your law, and your worship
were revealed to the world.

But now, in these last days,
your Messiah, Jesus, has emerged from among them,
bringing your compassion and healing to all.
Though he was cursed and cut off for the sake of his people,
you raised him from death.
Now in him you offer food for our deepest hunger,
and it is in holding tight to him
that we see your face and receive your blessing

WORDS OF INSTITUTION/SHARING THE BREAD AND CUP

The Lord Jesus, on the night of his arrest, took bread,
and after giving thanks to God, he broke it,
and gave it to his disciples, saying:

Take, eat. This is my body, given for you.

Do this in remembrance of me.

Please join together at home in partaking of the bread.

In the same way he took the cup, saying:

This cup is the new covenant sealed in my blood,
shed for you for the forgiveness of sins.

Whenever you drink it, do this in remembrance of me.

Please join together at home in partaking of the cup.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Thank you, Jesus, that in this meal it seems simple to encounter you.

Help us to remember you and to think of you through the watches of the night.

Make us mindful in times when we struggle that it might be you in our arms.

Renew our hope that your love is king; your nature and your name is Love.

SENDING HYMN 363

I Want Jesus to Walk with Me

SOJOURNER

1. I want Je - sus to walk with me; (Walk with me)
2. In my tri - als, Lord, walk with me;
3. When I'm in trou - ble, Lord, walk with me; When

I want Je - sus to walk with me; (Walk with me)
In my tri - als, Lord, walk with me;
I'm in trou - ble, Lord, walk with me;

All a - long my pil - grim jour - ney,
When my heart is al - most break - ing,
When my head is bowed in sor - row,

1.2.3. Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me. (with me)

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Toccatina in E minor

Johann Pachelbel

FELLOWSHIP

Giving at First & Franklin Presbyterian Church

*The ministry of the First & Franklin Church depends on your generous giving, especially in these difficult times. Click the link to give your offering: **GIVE**. Please consider using an “automatic payment” for your church giving, or mail your offering to the church office at 210 West Madison Street, Baltimore, MD 21201. Your gifts will be processed by the church office.*

<p>LEADING WORSHIP TODAY Rev. Steve Hollaway, <i>Guest Preacher</i> Jason Kissel, <i>Minister of Music & Organist</i> Taylor Brooks, <i>Tech Support</i> Marianne Shick, <i>soprano, hymn leader</i> The First & Franklin Sanctuary Choir, <i>anthem recordings</i></p> <p><i>Pastor Rob's schedule runs from Tuesday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. (not including Sunday). To meet with Rob, please set up an appointment.</i></p>

CONGREGATION GIVING

July 7, 2020	\$ 3,197.73
July 13, 2020	\$ 3,060.00
July 20, 2020	\$ 3,150.00
July 27, 2020	\$ 2, 655,00
July PayPal (to date)	\$ 1,611.58

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

REV. ROB HOCH ON VACATION

Rev. Rob Hoch's vacation period begins on July 26, 2020. He will return to his regular duties on Tuesday, August 18, 2020. He will be assisting Sarah Lloyd as she leads worship on August 9, 2020.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR OFFERINGS

As we all recognize real concerns for our friends who will experience hardships through this disruption in regular routines, so too, we need to be mindful that your weekly contributions are critical to helping us maintain the financial obligations of the church. Payroll, mortgages, electricity and the rest are needs we must continue to cover, and your continued support of your pledges will be even more important while we are tele-worshiping. In addition to accepting your pledges by mail to the church office, we have recently added a PayPal link to the top of our new website which will allow us to process donations with this link: [GIVE](#). Thank you for your prayerful consideration.

MORNING PRAYER | 7:00am

This group will continue during Rob's vacation. It will be led by Becca Hollaway (and others) while Rob is on vacation. During this vacation period, it will only be accessible by way of Zoom. Will resume Facebook Livestream/Zoom when Rob returns on August 18th.

Please join us online: Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays

Zoom Event Click: [MORNING PRAYER](#)

Facebook Live: [Facebook](#)

If you're a person of prayer but not a morning person, please visit our Facebook page where you can participate in the daily prayers of this community virtually.

DESIGNATED FUNDS TO OUR CUBAN PARTNERS

The Presbyterian Churches in Cuba have been hit badly by the U.S. embargo and the coronavirus pandemic. Families and church partners in the U.S. send thousands of dollars to the churches each year. However this year without our visits, there has been no way to transport the monies to our partner churches. The Cuban Partner Network has found an avenue to deliver money through the Presbyterian seminary in Cuba. We will be able to send the \$325 collected from the 2019 Alternative Christmas Market to Taguasco Presbyterian Church through this route. If you are interested in sending an additional donation to our partner church in Taguasco, please send your contribution to the church office by Wednesday, August 12. Please remember the financial needs of our church first and any contributions for Taguasco will be in addition to this amount.

In gratitude,

The Peacemaking Committee

FOOD PANTRY AT FIRST & FRANKLIN

Because of your, generosity, the food pantry is well stocked and we are now able to distribute bags of food weekly. The traffic is very light as word of the pantry has not traveled far, so at this point, we feel we can easily accept donations as well as distribute food every Saturday between 12:00 and 2:00 p.m. We know many in Baltimore are stressed because of food security. If you or someone you know is experiencing this, please take advantage of the pantry and share the word with others.

For the safety of volunteers and visitors, we will maintain the least amount of contact with each other and with the food items as possible. Volunteers must wear masks and gloves are available. We will also keep a log of visitors for contact tracing purposes. Only volunteers will be allowed inside Reid Chapel. Food, which has sat inside for a week, is pre-bagged and handed to the visitors outside Reid Chapel.

How can you help? We need volunteers to help collect and distribute food every Saturday. A bonus you will receive for volunteering during this crisis is a visit (from a safe distance) with others in our church community! Sabrina Schumann is coordinating the volunteers. You may reach her by email at ssschuma@gmail.com or phone 240-481-6929.

We will also need donations of shelf stable foods. The following are suggested items:

Face Mask: contributions are helpful so that we can include a face mask in each bag.

Items in short supply: jelly, canned fruit, canned green beans, canned potatoes, dried pasta

Canned Meat: tuna, chicken, ham, mini-hot dogs...

Canned Vegetables: green beans, tomatoes, corn, potatoes, spaghetti sauce, beans (navy, black, kidney, pork and beans, etc.)

Dried Foods: any pasta in a box, Mac 'n cheese, beans, rice, and soups like ramen noodles

Cereals: Boxed, oatmeal, cream of wheat

Odds and Ends: Crackers, peanut butter, jelly, toilet paper, paper towels

Paper and plastic bags for packing

If you, or someone you know, could use some help to get by during these difficult days, please spread the word and come participate.

Thank you,

The Peacemaking Committee

PANDEMIC 2020 | THROUGH THE LENS OF THE PROPHETS

Steady. Aim. Click! Everyone is invited to participate!

Back in 2016, we invited you to sharpen your “lens” of signs of God. Now in 2020, as we pass the 100+ day mark and head into the second half the year, the global pandemic has many of us quarantined in our own little worlds without too much human interaction except by Zoom or phone. Even in our isolation we believe that there are signs of God all around us, and maybe even more so now that our minds are less distracted and our eyes are open. We invite you to grab your camera and see and share your interpretation of God’s presence in the world. Be surprised and open to God-sightings and God-sights in the world around you.

Through August 15, 2020, send your photos* via email to: spire_series@verizon.net

*Submitting a photo and text means you agree to allow us to use your photo, name and text on social media.

Please include your name, the date and location of the picture, and 2-3 short sentences you would like to share about your inspiration or how you “see” God in the picture. **ONE PICTURE PER PERSON** please.

Watch our First & Franklin Facebook page for reminders and maybe a peek at some of the photographs we have received. We will put together a slideshow to showcase all of the submissions.

PASTOR'S VIDEO BLOG

Check out Rev. Hoch's 5-minute video blog at <https://www.firstfranklin.org/pastors-video-blog-july-23-2020/> -- this is a short excerpt from our Morning Prayer service, which includes, among other things, a brief meditation on Scripture from the daily lectionary."

DID YOU MISS A SUNDAY?

Or did you want to re-visit a particular sermon from our congregational life?

Please visit: [Sermons](#)

NEED TECH HELP? OR SOME EXTRA SUPPORT AROUND ACCESSING OUR ONLINE SERVICES?

Please call Taylor Brooks and he'll set up a time to visit with you about your tech needs. His contact information is below:

Taylor Brooks, Audio Engineer/Electronic Gizmo Wunderkind

Contact by phone or email: 336-341-2294

asoundresource@gmail.com

HELLO BALTIMORE VOTES!

On July 8, Governor Hogan declared that all voters need to request a mail-in ballot if they plan to vote by mail in the upcoming election. This is a big departure from the Primary Election, when all active voters were automatically mailed a ballot.

You can beat the rush by requesting your mail-in ballot now. It takes five minutes! (We timed it.)

[Request your ballot now](#)

Don't have a state issued ID? [Use this form](#) and submit it by mail or email.

¿Hablas español? [Use the Spanish language form.](#)

A couple things to keep in mind:

- If you request a mail-in ballot, you must use it. You will be given a provisional ballot if you change your mind and vote in person.
- Request a ballot early. Local Boards of Elections have already said that [they are worried about being able to process ballot requests](#) submitted close to the election. Get ahead of the game and get your request in early.
- Ask for a paper ballot. Ballots that have been printed at home will need to be copied by hand, which slows down how long it takes to count votes. Opt for mail delivery unless you plan on using assistive technology to mark your internet delivery ballot.

PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

Prayers from 7/26/2020

For the family of Ed Fago, who died after a battle with leukemia. [Sarah]

For our friend who is struggling to recover from serious cancer surgery. [Beth & Laura]

Prayers for Lillian Greenberg who has been released from the hospital after a sudden illness. [S.J. Oliver]

A prayer that the church in Taguasco may find food supplies for their program to feed the elderly in the community. [Betty]

Prayers for Carolynn Kendall who has terminal cancer. [S.J. Oliver]

For our nation. [Susan]

Prayers from 7/19/2020

Gratitude for the gift of weekly prayers sent to us by Phil Adams. [John]

Prayers for Carolynn Kendall who is battling stage 4 cancer. [S.J. Oliver]

Thanks for Marianne's faithfulness in leading our singing each week. [Betty]

Thankful for all those who are able to donate to our community food pantry. [Betty]

Thanksgiving for the life of Congressman John Lewis. [Onyeka]

For a former student and friend, David, who recently underwent a very abusive contact with police in Nevada. [John]

Prayers for David Dadds as he continues his recovery from surgery.

Sending a prayer to the Mt. Vernon community. And those in the area who are helping in the community, including our church, who recently set up a food pantry for those in need. [Randy]

Prayers for our brothers and sisters in Taguasco who have resumed in-church worship. [Betty]

Prayers as we gather the Task Forces along with Session to re-imagine the future of our church.

Prayers for Rev. Rob on his sabbatical.

The Spire Series

at First & Franklin Presbyterian Church presents

August Summer Series: 30-minute virtual concerts
Wednesday's at 7:00 p.m.



August 5 RACHEL JONES, french horn

Ms. Jones is a hornist with the Maryland National Guard Band and a 2018 alumna of the Peabody Conservatory. Her program will feature familiar hymns and marches, including the *Washington Post March* by John Philip Sousa, *Wayfaring Stranger*, *Just a Closer Walk with Thee*, *Amazing Grace*, *Nocturno* by Franz Strauss and *Dream of the Rhinoceros* by Trygve Madsen.

August 12 Baltimore Rising Artist Recital!

LAUREN EDWARDS, violin - GWENDOLINE HOCH, piano - IMOGEN HOCH, violin

The program will include *The Swan* from *Carnival of the Animals* by Camille Saint-Saëns, *Allegro non troppo* from *Symphonie espagnole* by Édouard Lalo, and piano music of Chopin and Haydn.

August 19 TYRONE PAGE JR., saxophone

Mr. Page is Director of Bands in the Howard County School System and Conductor of the Peabody Wind Band at the Peabody Preparatory. His program will include works by Mellits, Zoulek and Bach.

August 26 ZANE FORSHEE, classical guitar

"Zane Forshee is one of his generation's finest guitarists. He plays with a beautiful tone and virtuoso technique." -Fingerstyle Guitar Magazine

Mr. Forshee's program will feature *Four at III* and *My Name is Red* by Ronald Pearl, *Fantasy P.7* by John Dowland and *Round Midnight* by Thelonius Monk.

Concerts can be viewed via Zoom or Facebook.

Join Zoom Meeting (one-click link): <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86113439646>; Meeting ID: 861 1343 9646

To join by landline: Call 301-715-8592, then enter Meeting ID 861 1343 9646

If you join us for the mini series concerts or are viewing it later, please consider a donation with a "virtual ticket" to help us offset the ticket sales of the season. <https://www.firstfranklin.org/the-arts/the-spire-series/>