

A TIME OF CONFESSION

Prayer of Confession (unison)

Purifying God, we grow comfortable with the way things are in our lives, in the church, and in the world. We do not always welcome the new life you offer in Christ, for you overturn our notions of power and protocol. Sure of our own righteousness, we are critical of others. Wanting to control our assets, we hoard the gifts you give us. Forgive us, we pray, for seeking our gain at the expense of others. Help us bend our lives toward your own life of self-giving and sacrifice. Fill us, our homes and churches, the whole world, with the abundant love of Christ until all are made new.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Congregational Response (responsive)

We are washed in the waters of God's grace.

Thanks be to God.

The Peace (responsive)

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Life of the Church - Mary Ellena Ward - Stewardship

PRESENTATION OF OFFERING

Anthem *Moved by the Gospel, Let us Move* arr. A. C. Lovelace

✦ Doxology (sung)

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures high and low. Alleluia, alleluia. Praise God, in Jesus fully known; Creator, Word, and Spirit one. Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

✦ Prayer of Dedication

HEARING THE WORD

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

HYMN *One More Step Along the World I Go*

***Round the corners of the world I turn.
More and more about the world I learn.
All the new things that I see
you'll be looking at along with me.
And it's from the old I travel to the new.
Keep me traveling along with you.***

Children's Message

HYMN *One More Step Along the World I Go*

***As I travel through the bad and good
keep me traveling the way I should.
Where I see no way to go,
you'll be telling me the way, I know.
And it's from the old I travel to the new.
Keep me traveling along with you.***

GOSPEL READING Mark 2: 21-28 NT (p.34)

SCRIPTURE READING Isaiah 43: 16-21 OT (p.632)

SERMON *The Times, They Are A Changin'* Sarah L. Hill

A TIME OF SILENT REFLECTION [Reflect on the implications of scripture & sermon]

✦ HYMN 76 *Do Not Be Afraid*

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

✦ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH [An expression of our common hope and purpose.]

All things will be renewed in Christ. In Christ, God gave us a glimpse of the new creation he has already begun and will surely finish. We do not know when the final day will come. In our time we see only broken and scattered signs that the renewal of all things is under way. We do not yet see the end of cruelty and suffering in the world, the church, or our own lives. But we see Jesus as Lord. As he stands at the center of our history, we are confident he will stand at its end. He will judge all people and nations. Evil will be condemned and rooted out of God's good creation. There will be no more tears or pain. All things will be made new. The fellowship of humans with God and each other will be perfected.

Affirmation in Song (sung through twice) *Gloria, Gloria*

***Gloria, gloria, in excelsis Deo!
Gloria, gloria, alleluia, alleluia!***

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

LORD'S PRAYER (unison)

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. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

✦ HYMN 177 *I Will Come to You*

✦ BLESSING IN WORD [A departing blessing]

✦ CHORAL RESPONSE *A New Thing* William McCorkle

✦ BLESSING IN MUSIC [You are encouraged to greet one another, sharing the peace of Christ, or to remain seated and allow the music to aid you in fashioning some final prayers.]

God Is Doing a New Thing! William McCorkle

✦ You are invited to stand in body and/or spirit

Music Notes

Choir Music: The **choral call to worship** is taken from a hymn by Brian Wren (b. 1936), one of the most respected hymn writers of our time. The musical setting ("Beginnings") is one of many melodies composed for Wren's texts by the Methodist musician and hymn editor, Carlton R. Young (b. 1926). The choir's text:

This is a day of new beginnings, time to remember and move on.

This is a day of new beginnings; our God is making all things new.

Christ is alive and, and goes before us to show and share what love can do.

This is a day of new beginnings; our God is making all things new.

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The **anthem**, assembled by William McCorkle, combines an extraordinary text by the great hymn writer and worship scholar, Ruth C. Duck (b. 1947) with an existing anthem arrangement, by the American church musician, Austin C. Lovelace (1919-2010). Lovelace's arrangement makes use of the traditional English folk melody "Forest Green," a tune brought into hymn use by the great Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958) in *The English Hymnal* (1906). The text:

Moved by the Gospel, let us move with every gift and art.

The image of creative love indwells each human heart.

The maker calls creation good, so let us now express

With sound and color, stone, and word, the shape of holiness.

Let weavers form from broken strands a tapestry of prayer.

Let artists pain with skillful hands their joy, lament, and care.

Then mime the story: Christ has come. With reverence dance the word.

With flute and organ, gong and drum, God's praise be ever heard.

O Spirit, breathe among us here; inspire the work we do.

May hands and voices, eye and ear attest to life made new.

In worship and in daily strife created among us still.

Great Artist, form our common life according to your will.

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The closing **choral response**, newly composed by William McCorkle, uses words by Kimberly Bracken Long, the writer of today's Call to Worship text. The choir's words:

Christ among us – God is doing a new thing!

Congregational Hymns: "**God of Our Life**" was written by Hugh Thomson Kerr (1871-1950), a Canadian-born Presbyterian minister who served congregations throughout the U.S. Kerr wrote his text for the tune "Sandon," composed around 1860 by the English musician, Charles Henry Purday (1799-1885). The choir's descant is by William McCorkle. "**O Thou Who Makest Souls to Shine**" was written in 1847 by English priest/bishop, John Armstrong (1813-1856). The tune ("Solothurn") is a traditional Swiss melody dating to a song collection published in 1781. The words and music of "**One More Step Along the World I Go**," from which we sing at the children's time, are the creation of the gifted English song writer, Sydney Carter (1915-2004). "**Do Not Be Afraid**" (2004) is one of the many wonderful creations of the Presbyterian poet and hymn writer, Joy F. Patterson (b. 1931). Her words are brought alive in the tune ("Isaiah 43") by Sally Ann Morris (b. 1952), a composer of hymns and anthems and a leader of congregational song, who is currently musician in residence at the Wake Forest University School of Divinity." "**I Will Come to You**" (= "**You Are Mine**") is one of many hymns and songs by David Haas (b. 1957), a leading figure in Catholic worship and liturgy.

Organ Music: The **prelude** and **postlude** are spontaneous reactions to themes of today's scripture and sermon.

Announcements and Opportunities

Assisting with the traditional worship this morning is Neely Young.

The **flowers** are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of DeWitt S. (De) Worrell by his family.

STARTING BACK THIS MONTH: Prayer Shawl Ministry meets the 2nd and 4th Mondays of the month in the church library from 9:30—11:00am. Hope to see some new faces. Mark your calendars now, we'd love to see you.

THE BIG EVENT: The annual educational event for the entire Presbytery will be held, Saturday, September 14 at Massanetta Springs. The day event consists of a Mission Fair (to see what outreach other churches are doing), worship, workshops in both the morning and afternoon. Deb Klein will be presenting a workshop at this event. The cost for the day's event is \$15. Brochures are available in the front hall of Murray Hall.

THANK YOU! to EVERYONE who assisted in every way to host the 60 Sudanese delegates who came to Lexington for the SSDNRP 2019 Conference. **Now, I'm asking you to share your stories and lessons learned from this past weekend.** We'd like to compile these and share them with as many in our church, community and in the worldwide mission field. Please send stories, pictures, and other lessons / notes to admin@lexpres.org and we'll gather them together.

YOUTH CHOIR: (kindergarten through grade six) We welcome all of our young people as well as youth from other churches where there are not established choirs. The YOUTH CHOIR meets on Sunday mornings from 9:15 to 9:45am (before Sunday School) in Room WF6, starting Sunday, September 15. Please contact William McCorkle (wmccorkle@lexpres.org) for more information.

HANDBELL CHOIR: intergenerational choir of adults and youth, rehearsing Sundays from 7:00-8:00 p.m. The choir rings during the 11:00 worship service several times during the school year. Begins September 15th.

Book Discussion: Please join us as Deb Klein lead the discussions of Debby Irving's book, *Waking Up White*. Her book is yet another opportunity for us to see more clearly the inequalities that exist in our nation, and the systems that have been in place for generations which continue to disadvantage some and give advantage to others. We will have four consecutive Wednesday evening opportunities to come and discuss this book: Sept 18 & 25, and Oct 2 & 9, 7-8pm in Brady Chapel. All are welcome, which means you are encouraged to invite your friends as well.

NURSERY SCHEDULE

The nursery is available from 8:30 a.m. (for Early Worship attendees) until 12:15, after the final worship service.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SUN		<i>Rally Day</i>
9/8	12:00	Pizza lunch for VMI Rats (by Campus Ministry)
	5:30	Youth Group
MON		Community Table Volunteer Day
9/9	9:30	Prayer Shawl Ministry
	4:00	Worship Committee Meeting
TUES	10:00	Lectio Divina
9/10	5:00	Campus Subcommittee Meeting
THURS	12:00	Ruth Circle
9/12	7:30	Adult Choir Practice
SUN	8:45	Worship
9/15	9:15	Youth Choir
	9:45	Sunday School
	11:00	Worship
	12:00	Third Sunday Brunch
	5:30	Youth Group
	7:00	Handbells Choir Rehearsal

RARA Food Pantry Item for September: Canned Meat

Third Sunday BRUNCH

Brunch Buffet all you can eat
Including hot & cold drinks
Homemade waffles, casseroles, desserts and more

Sunday, September 15th
12:00pm
Dunlap Auditorium

Note the new pricing **\$8/person**
\$20 max /family

NO Reservation Needed!

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SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

8 September 2019

11:00 AM

Please turn off cell phones and other electronic devices before worship begins.

MUSIC OF PREPARATION *Rivers in the Desert* William McCorkle

CALL TO WORSHIP

As people formed by God, we give praise to God;
Dry ground in the sea, rivers in the desert, Christ among us – God is doing a new thing!
As people restored by God, we give praise to God:
Dry ground in the sea, rivers in the desert, Christ among us – God is doing a new thing!
As people pressing on in faith, we give praise to God
Dry ground in the sea, rivers in the desert, Christ among us – God is doing a new thing!

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP *This Is a Day of New Beginnings*
C. R. Young

WELCOME

PRAYER OF THE DAY

HYMN 686 *God of Our Life*

RECOGNITION AND BLESSING OF TEACHERS & STUDENTS
HYMN (vs. 2&3) *O Thou Who Makest Souls to Shine*

John Armstrong, 1847
In unison

SOLOTHURN: L. M.
Traditional Swiss melody

1. O Thou who mak-est souls to shine With light from bright-er worlds a -bove,
2. Do Thou Thy ben - e - dic - tion give On all who teach, on all who learn,
3. Give those that teach pure hearts and wise, Faith, hope, and love, all warmed by prayer;
4. O bless the shep-herd, bless the sheep, That guide and guid - ed both be one—

Now send Thy glis-tening dew di - vine On all who seek a Sav-iour's love.
That all Thy Church may ho-lier live, And ev - ery lamp more bright-ly burn.
Them-selves first train-ing for the skies, They best will raise their peo-ple there.
One in the faith-ful watch they keep, Un - til this hur-rying life be done. A-MEN.