

# Order of Worship for the Lord's Day

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Ten o'clock

July 22, 2018

## THE CHURCH GATHERS

THOUGHT FOR MEDITATION

George Matheson

*O Love, that will not let me go, I rest my weary soul in Thee; I give Thee back the life I owe, that in Thine ocean depths its flow my richer, fuller be. O Joy, that seekest me through pain, I cannot close my heart to Thee; I trace the rainbow through the rain, and feel the promise is not vain that morn shall tearless be. Amen.*

PRELUDE

Adorn Thyself, O Dear Soul

J. S. Bach

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Alex Evans

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

**And also with you.**

*All are encouraged to sign the Friendship Pad found in the pews.*

*If you are a visitor, please give us your address so that we can contact you.*

\*CALL TO WORSHIP (*said responsively*)

We have come to worship God.

**We have come to open our hearts to God's presence and God's promises.**

We seek healing for our lives and hope for our world.

**God is our help and strength, a present help in times of trouble.**

Come, people of God, rejoice!

**Come, let us worship together!**

\*Hymn 65

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

*Cwm Rhondda*

## THE CHURCH CONFESSES AND SEEKS ASSURANCE

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Reforming God, come among us. Awaken us to your justice and fill us with your love. We know too well how a hunger for our version of justice gives way to a hunger for power. We remain aware that our hope for peace is often swallowed by our fear of failure. We confess also that our courage gets buried in our love of comfort. In your mercy, offer us your forgiveness and pour your transforming Spirit over us. Come among us and make all things new.**

*(A time of silent confession and personal prayer follows.)*

RESPONSE (*sung twice by all*)

Hymnal 698

**Take, O take me as I am, summon out what I shall be.**

**Set your seal upon my heart and live in me.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Hear the good news! God's love is forever. God forgives us and calls us to faith and life as disciples.

**Thanks be to God, who accepts us, never leaves us, and uses all our efforts to promote new life in Christ. Alleluia!**

\*GRATEFUL RESPONSE

tune: *Cwm Rhondda*

**Save us from weak resignation to the evils we deplore;**

**Let the gift of Thy salvation be our glory evermore.**

**Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,**

**Serving Thee whom we adore, serving Thee whom we adore.**

\*PASSING OF THE PEACE

The Peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

**And also with you.**

*(Worshippers may exchange signs of God's peace through the use of these words alone or accompanied by a handshake, a hug, or a touch on the shoulder.)*

## THE CHURCH LISTENS FOR GOD'S WORD

*Children may depart the sanctuary or remain with parents in the pew.*

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Psalms 103:1–13

Pew Bible, p. 482

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM

The Lord's My Shepherd

Bob Chilcott

(text: Psalm 23)

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Mark 6:30–44

Pew Bible, p. 818

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

*Compassion*

Alex Evans

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

## THE CHURCH RESPONDS IN FAITH

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

from *A Declaration of Faith*

**The people of God have often misused God's promises as excuses**

**for doing nothing about present evils.**

**But in Christ the new world has already broken in and the old**

**can no longer be tolerated.**

**We know our efforts cannot bring in God's kingdom.**

**But hope plunges us into the struggle for victories over evil that are**

**possible now in the world, the church, and our individual lives.**

**Hope gives us courage and energy to contend against all**

**opposition, however invincible it may seem, for the new world**

**and the new humanity that are surely coming.**

**Jesus is Lord! He has been Lord from the beginning.**

**He will be Lord at the end. Even now he is Lord. Amen.**

\*Hymn 74

When God Restored Our Common Life

*Resignation*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Kathryn Lester-Bacon

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER (*debtors/debtors*)

Hymnal, p. 35

OFFERING OF OUR LIVES

Collection of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

My Jesus, I Love Thee

arr. Dan Forrest

My Jesus, I love thee, I know Thou art mine.

For Thee all the follies of sin I resign.

My gracious Redeemer, my Savior art Thou,

If ever I loved Thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

I'll love Thee in life, I will love Thee in death,

And praise Thee as long as thou lendest me breath;

And say when the death dew lies cold on my brow,

If ever I loved Thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

In mansions of glory, and endless delight,

I'll ever adore Thee in heaven so bright.

I'll sing with the glittering crown on my brow,

If ever I loved Thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

\*Doxology

*Tallis' Canon*



\*Prayer of Dedication

\*Hymn 53

O God Who Gives Us Life

*Noel*

\*BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE



POSTLUDE

Prelude in G Major

J. S. Bach

## COMMUNITY WORSHIP ENDS — DISCIPLESHIP AND SERVICE BEGIN AGAIN

\* Please stand if you are able.

The flowers are given to the glory of God and in memory of

Ruby Mae Love Fairchild

Ruby Knight Garrett

Millie Sapp

**In Our Prayers**

*For intercession: For intercession:* for all who are recovering, in treatment, or in transition; and for all who are facing challenging situations and in need of healing.

*Metropolitan Richmond at Prayer:* We pray for governments and governing bodies: For the Supervisors of Henrico County, the County Administrator, and all County employees.

## Announcements & Opportunities

**Welcome and God's grace to all who gather for worship on this day.** May God's grace and presence touch all of our lives as we greet each other, open our hearts in praise to God, sing, pray, listen, and commit our lives again to God's purposes.

**If you are visiting, or seeking a church home, we invite you to explore all that happens in the life and ministry in this church.** Speak to one of the pastors for more information and be sure to sign the Friendship Pad, which is found in the pew. We invite you to leave us your address, phone number, and/or email so that we might contact you. Also, please be sure to touch base with one of our greeters outside the main door on Fifth Street after worship. All are invited for refreshments and fellowship in the Chapel following worship.

**Your children are always welcome at Second Presbyterian Church.** We have a wonderful nursery for infants and toddlers available each Sunday.

**Summer Break:** We give thanks today for the musical gifts and talents of Laura Carr who enriches our worship while our choir enjoys a summer respite.

**Faith & Health Series:** The Faith and Health Series continues today in the Heritage Room with Dr. John Clore speaking on diabetes. On Sunday, August 12, Dr. Helen Adams will speak on general health and wellness.

**Standing Together,** an interfaith community event for Witness and Lament, takes place outside Temple Beth-El (3330 Grove Ave) this afternoon at 4:00 p.m. Tisha B'Av (the 9th of the Hebrew month of Av) is the saddest day of the Jewish calendar, a day of mourning, fasting, and lamentation, marking the ancient destructions of the Holy Temple, Judaism's holiest site, and the subsequent exile of the Jewish people from their homeland. All are invited to this public lament in the closing hours of Tisha B'Av.

**June Contribution Statements:** Statements were mailed on Wednesday of last week. Please look over and if you have any questions, please call the church office.

**Do you receive the regular Wednesday email to the church family?** This communication includes reminders and updates about life and ministry as well as spiritual words from Alex. Leave your email address to be added to the list. **Have you visited our website recently?** This is another good place to stay abreast of mission and ministry ventures of our church.

**Alert:** Details will follow on the Sunday parking deck closure dates. The entire deck will be resurfaced and striped following a detailed schedule set by the contractor.

**Summer Hours:** The church office closes at 3:00 p.m. on Fridays. Please plan accordingly.

### Upcoming Events

**Women's Connection Conference at Montreat ~ August 10-12**

For more information and to keep current, regularly check [www.2presrichmond.org](http://www.2presrichmond.org).

Use the church's app found in the mobile app store: 2ndpresva.

### This Morning's Worship Assistants

*Lay Reader:* David Wilson

*Greeters:* Jonathan Heckel (*atrium*); Kathleen Murphy (*parking deck*)

*Visitor Greeters:* Patrick McDonnell, Heather Harvey

*Deacons on Duty:* Matt Horn, Mary Warthen

*Fellowship Hour:* Richard Reynolds, Amy Thompson

### Next Week's Assistants

*Lay Reader:* Ele Bigger

*Greeters:* Tom Holland (*atrium*); Chuck Wall (*parking deck*)

*Visitor Greeters:* Lucretia McCulley, Sloan White

*Deacons on Duty:* Minor Weisiger, Kathy Morgan

*Fellowship Hour:* Mary Millet, Lori LaVel

### CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

<b>Today July 22</b> 10:00 am Worship 11:15 am Fellowship Hour 11:20 am Faith & Health series	<b>Thursday, July 26</b> 8:30 am Parking Deck Task Force
<b>Monday, July 23</b> 10:30 am Walk In Ministry (bag lunch)	<b>Sunday, July 29</b> 10:00 am Worship 11:15 am Fellowship Hour
<b>Tuesday, July 24</b> 9:30 am Staff meeting	<b>Ongoing Programs</b> Weekdays Child Care Center Mondays AA Thursdays Yoga Saturdays Assisting Families of Inmates

### CHURCH STAFF

*Ministers:* All members of the congregation

*Pastor:* Alex Evans

*Associate Pastor:* Kathryn Lester-Bacon

*Parish Associate:* Sam Adams

*Director of Christian Education:* Ginger Evans

*Director of Music:* Jeffrey Riehl

*Organist:* Michael Simpson

*Building Administrator:* Rob Fergusson

*Office Manager:* Dorothy DeJong

*Administrative Assistant:* Willa Jacob

*Financial Manager:* Terry Sherman

*Production Director:* Bo Jacob

*Pastor Emeritus:* Ben Sparks

*UKirk Campus Minister:*

*Pastoral Interns:*

Alex Lester-Abdalla, Ben Brannan

*Walk-In Coordinator:* Elva Mapp

*Child Care Center Director:* Ginger Hudson

*Sextons:* Kerry Randolph, Chris Adams

*Security:* Cliff Anderson

*Mission Co-Workers:*

Karla Koll, San Jose, Costa Rica

Cindy Corell, Haiti

Leslie Vogel, CEDEPCA, Guatemala

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*We welcome all whom God calls into the life, worship, work, and leadership of this church without regard to gender, cultural heritage, skin color, socio-economic status, circumstances, or sexual orientation.*

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WE ARE CALLED  
to be a witness to and for the  
world of the new reality  
that God has made available to  
all people in Jesus Christ.  
We seek to know Christ and to  
make Christ known in  
downtown Richmond and  
throughout the world.

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