

Forgive us the falseness of what we have done  
as we forgive those who are untrue to us.  
Do not forsake us in our time of conflict but lead us into new beginnings.  
For the light of life, the vitality of life,  
and the glory of life are yours now and forever. Amen.

#### INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

Out of the abundance of God's own life,  
we have received the abundance of God's creation, God's word, and God's love.  
Yet, we live as though we are threatened with scarcity.  
With joy, let us return to God a portion of all that we have been given.

#### OFFERINGS OF THE PEOPLE

**OFFERTORY (9:30)** - *Come, All Christians, Be Committed* arr. Don Hustad

✠ **DOXOLOGY: Hymn 607** OLD HUNDREDTH  
*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise Christ all creatures here below;  
praise Holy Spirit ever more; praise Triune God whom we adore. Amen.*

#### ✠ PRAYER OF DEDICATION

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. Amen.**

✠ **HYMN 338** - *O Beautiful for Spacious Skies* MATERNA

#### ✠ BLESSING

May the grace of Christ Jesus grant you peace;  
may the Holy Spirit guide you into all truth;  
and may the love of God fill your heart so that you may find hope  
in every circumstance of this life, and give glory to God. **Amen.**

**POSTLUDE (9:30)** - Fanfare from "Water Music" G. F. Handel

# ***First Presbyterian Church, Annapolis, Maryland*** ***May 26, 2019 – 8:00 & 9:30 am Worship*** ***Sixth Sunday of Easter***

#### PREPARATION FOR THE WORD

✠ Please rise in body or in spirit.

**PRELUDE (9:30)** - *Eternal Father, Strong to Save* arr. Victor Labenske

#### SILENT REFLECTION

**NOTICES OF CONGREGATIONAL LIFE** - Pass the greeter pad down the pew and back.

#### ✠ CALL TO WORSHIP

In the beginning, when God drew a circle on the face of the deep,  
**wisdom was there rejoicing, delighting in the human race.**

In the beginning was the Word, with God, and the Word was God.

**And the Word became flesh and lived among us, full of grace and truth.**

In every time and place, God's love is poured into our hearts  
through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

**Blessed are you, Creator, Christ, and Holy Spirit!**

✠ **HYMN 610, VS. 1-3, 5** - *O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing* AZMON

#### CALL TO CONFESSION

Romans 5:1-2

By faith through Jesus Christ, we are given access to the grace of God.  
Standing in that grace, we now confess our sins before God,  
seeking forgiveness and peace.

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Triune God, within your own life**

**there is mutuality, equality, and unity in diversity.**

**Though we are made in your image,**

**we confess that we distort the triune life.**

**Instead of seeking mutual welfare and the common good, we seek our own gain.**

Instead of living in equality, justice, and respect,  
we construct systems that are unjust.  
We devise ways to elevate ourselves over others,  
and disrespectful thoughts, words, and actions still surface in us.  
We allow differences to divide us and lead to brokenness.

Holy God, forgive us.  
Restore in us, and in our life together, the divine image you intend.  
Make us tender in mutuality.  
Make us generous in equality.  
Make us grateful in diversity.  
We pray to be one with you and one another. Amen.

#### DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Friends, we are still standing in the grace of Christ.  
Because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, we are set  
free to love God and neighbor, and to work for the reconciliation of the world.  
**We have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Thanks be to God!**

**RESPONSE OF PRAISE: 233, VS. 3** - *The Day of Resurrection!* LANCASHIRE  
***Now let the heavens be joyful; let earth its song begin; the round world keep high  
triumph and all that is therein. Let all things seen and unseen their notes of gladness  
blend, for Christ the Lord has risen, our joy that has no end.***

#### PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

#### TIME WITH CHILDREN (9:30)

(The red wagon is available in the courtyard at 8:00 am. The Nursery is open at 9:30 for  
infants to 4-year-olds. Discovery on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor for pre-k through 1<sup>st</sup> children at 9:30  
am, after TWC; pick up your children on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor. Older children remain in worship.)

#### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

**FIRST SCRIPTURE** - Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31

Does not wisdom call, and does not understanding raise her voice?  
**On the heights, beside the way, at the crossroads she takes her stand;**  
beside the gates in front of the town, at the entrance of the portals she cries out:  
**"To you, O people, I call, and my cry is to all that live.**

**The Lord created me at the beginning of his work, the first of his acts of long ago.**  
Ages ago I was set up, at the first, before the beginning of the earth.  
**When there were no depths I was brought forth,  
when there were no springs abounding with water.**  
Before the mountains had been shaped, before the hills, I was brought forth—  
**when he had not yet made earth and fields, or the world's first bits of soil.**  
When he established the heavens, I was there,  
when he drew a circle on the face of the deep,  
**when he made firm the skies above, when he established the fountains of the deep,**  
when he assigned to the sea its limit, so that the waters might not transgress his  
command, when he marked out the foundations of the earth, then I was beside him,  
like a master worker; and I was daily his delight, rejoicing before him always,  
**rejoicing in his inhabited world and delighting in the human race.**

**ANTHEM (9:30)** - *God Is My Rock* John Horman

God is my rock and my salvation, God is my life, my love, my all! God is my strength,  
God is my refuge, whom shall I fear? God of my strength enthroned above, source of my  
life, the fount of love: O let devotion's sacred flame waken my soul to praise thy name.  
God is my rock and my protector, safe from all strife I will be. God is my hope and my  
deliverer, O whom shall I fear? God of our strength, on Thee we call; God of our hope,  
our light our all. Thy name we praise, Thy love adore. Our rock, our shield forevermore.

**SECOND SCRIPTURE** - Romans 5:1-11

The Word of God for the People of God.

**Thanks be to God. Amen.**

#### SERMON

#### RESPONSE TO THE WORD

✠ **HYMN 772** - *Live into Hope*

TRURO

**PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING, INTERCESSION, AND THE LORD'S PRAYER**

(Adapted from the Casa del Sol Community)

**Ground of All Being, Mother of Life, Father of the Universe,  
Your name is sacred, beyond speaking. May we know your presence.  
May your longings be our longings in heart and in action.  
May there be food for the human family today and for the whole earth community.**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**HEARING AIDS, LARGE PRINT BULLETINS & BIBLES AVAILABLE FROM USHERS. SANCTUARY IS EQUIPPED WITH A T-LOOP; SET HEARING AID TO "T" POSITION.**

**THOSE ASSISTING THIS MORNING** - Preacher: Lisa Rzepka; Liturgist: Heather Shortlidge, David Hancock (8:00), Mary Stuart Kempton (9:30); Music: David Hancock (8:00); Time with Children: Miss Good (9:30); Ushers: Doug Steele, Ed Gilhooly, Pat & Bob Foye (9:30); Discovery: Miss Good, I'kea Pope (9:30).

**STAFF NEWS** - We thank Mary Marie Quigley for her directing and playing today while Bob Muckenfuss is on vacation. Through Labor Day, the church office is open Monday through Thursday, 9:00 am to 4:00 pm; please note this summer schedule.



Lisa Rzepka, Transitional Pastor

Heather Shortlidge, Associate Pastor

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Covenant Church with the Haiti Restoration Partnership

**FPC MISSION STATEMENT: WE ARE CALLED TO DO JUSTICE,  
LOVE KINDNESS AND WALK HUMBLY WITH GOD. Micah 6:8**

**BIBLE STUDY** - Continues each Wednesday through summer in the Kinhart Center or courtyard (weather permitting). 4:00-5:00 pm. Join us!

**SOFTBALL GAMES** - Members, athletes, and fans may purchase a team jersey (\$25). Coordinate pick-up with Sharon ([sharonelise@gmail.com](mailto:sharonelise@gmail.com)). Practice May 29, 6:30-7:30 pm at fields behind Annapolis Middle School (AMS). Our first game is Wed, June 5, 6:30 pm at AMS.

**WHO HAS HOUSING ISSUES?** Are you or someone you know a young adult living with parents or with several roommates when you'd rather live by yourself? Or, are you a senior wishing to downsize but have no affordable place to go? Or are you encountering other housing issues? Our church's Anne Arundel Connecting Together (ACT) team is collecting stories about problems families or individuals are having finding affordable housing in the county. Come share your experiences at one of our listening sessions: Thursday, May 30, at both 10:00 am and 7:00 pm in KC1a or Sunday, June 2, in Fellowship Hall, after the 9:30 am service. Contact Julie Carlson at [ladsmom@gmail.com](mailto:ladsmom@gmail.com) for information.

**NEW MEMBERS CLASS JUNE 1-2** - For details, email Bruce Bell at [brucebell123@gmail.com](mailto:brucebell123@gmail.com).

**SEMINARY INTERN** - Sarah Wilson will spend 11 weeks with us beginning June 4. We're looking for individuals, couples, and families who would like to host her for dinner. If you are able to share a meal, email Rev. Shortlidge ([heather@annapolis-presbyterian.com](mailto:heather@annapolis-presbyterian.com)).

**CHOIR APPRECIATION RECEPTION ON JUNE 9** - Come and express your appreciation to Bob Muckenfuss, Choir Director, and members of the choir for their music contributions to worship this past year. In addition to spirited and touching, weekly Sunday anthems, we have enjoyed talented solos by choir members and youth musicians. We are thankful for the many special musical programs including Christmas, Easter and the Cantata.



**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL (VBS)** - "Very Big Story" camp, July 8-12, 9:00 am to noon. For campers AND Jr. Counselors (6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grades). Cohosted with St. Anne's Parish. Contact Miss Good ([miss@annapolis-presbyterian.com](mailto:miss@annapolis-presbyterian.com)). Online registration link available at [www.annapolis-presbyterian.com](http://www.annapolis-presbyterian.com).

**CONGREGATIONAL EMAIL** - Stay informed each week about church happenings! Visit [www.annapolis-presbyterian.com/congregational-email](http://www.annapolis-presbyterian.com/congregational-email). Complete the very short form and look for a verification email in your inbox.

## CZECH PARTNERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

1. **HOSTING CZECH YOUTH THIS SUMMER** - The Czech Partnership Committee is still looking for hosts and activities for the Czech youth -- two girls, one guy -- visiting us this summer. Let us know how you can help. Email Kim Chance ([kimberleychance@comcast.net](mailto:kimberleychance@comcast.net)).



2. **SUPPORT SOUTHMINSTER CZECH PARTNERS IN ANNAPOLIS** - Our congregation has been asked to support the Southminster Presbyterian Church (of Pittsburgh) with their Czech partner's US experience from June 10-12 when they are in Annapolis. If you can host some of the visitors for meals, accommodations, and transportation, contact Betty McGinnis (410.647.7494 / [cobe@comcast.net](mailto:cobe@comcast.net)).

3. **ABOUT THE BELL CHOIR CONCERT ON JUNE 11** - 7:30 pm in our sanctuary. Come and welcome our Pittsburgh Presbyterian friends as well as their Czech Partners! Free and open to the public.

## LOOKING AHEAD IN SUMMER WORSHIP

Join us each Sunday through Labor Day at 8:00 am for a "come-as-you-are" service in the courtyard. Or, join us at 9:30 am in the sanctuary for traditional worship. Nursery care is available at the 9:30 am service for infants through 4-year-olds. After the Time with Children message, children in pre-k through 1<sup>st</sup> grade may attend Discovery for crafts and games. All children are welcomed at both services: in the courtyard, children may enjoy the red wagon with quiet activities; and at 9:30 am, activity bags are available from the ushers.

### Sunday, June 2

Rev. Rzepka will preach from Romans 6:1-14. Communion will be served.

### Sunday, June 9 - Pentecost (please wear red!)

Rev. Dr. Lisa Rzepka will preach from Romans 8:14-39 and Acts 2:1-4. We will welcome Sarah Wilson, Seminary Intern, to our church family for the summer. New members having joined June 2, will be recognized. We will celebrate and thank the Chancel Choir with a courtyard reception.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

<u>Date</u>	<u>Church</u>	<u>Community</u>
<b>Sun 5/26</b>	<b>FIRST SUNDAY SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE</b>	
	8:00 Worship (courtyard)	
	9:00 Choir Rehearsal (music)	9:30 CPT (Hollywood Farm; Shaw Chapel if raining)
	9:30 Worship (sanctuary)	
<b>Mon 5/27</b>	<b>MEMORIAL DAY - Office Closed</b>	
		12:00 Noon AA (FH)
		7:15 ACOA (Music)
		8:00 Monday Night AA (FH)
<b>Tues 5/28</b>		
	2:30 Piano Practice (FH)	12:00 Noon AA (FH)
	6:30 Joint Session & Officers (FH)	3:00 ACT (KC4a)
	7:00 PNC (KC1a)	5:45 ACT (KC4a)
<b>Wed 5/29</b>		
	12:00 Staff Meeting (KC1a)	12:00 Noon AA (FH)
	4:00 Bible Study (KC1a)	
	6:30 Softball Practice (AMS fields)	
<b>Thurs 5/30</b>		
	5:30 Czech Partnership (KC4a)	10:00 ACT Listening - Housing (KC1a)
	7:00 Connect Rwanda (KC4a)	12:00 Noon AA (FH)
		7:00 ACT Listening - Housing (KC1a)
<b>Fri 5/31</b>	<b>OFFICE CLOSED FRIDAYS IN SUMMER</b>	
		12:00 Noon AA (FH)
<b>Sat 6/1</b>		
	9:00-11:00 New Members Class (FH)	7:00 Footrace (downtown)
		8:00 Evening AA (FH)
<b>Sun 6/2</b>		
	8:00 Worship (courtyard) - <i>Communion</i>	
	9:00 Choir Rehearsal (music)	9:30 CPT (Hollywood Farm; Shaw Chapel if raining)
	9:30 Worship (sanctuary) - <i>Communion</i>	
	10:30 ACT Listening - Housing (FH)	
	3:00-5:00 New Members Class (FH)	