

Presbyterian Church of Easton



“To live and love like Christ”

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ORDER OF MORNING WORSHIP

January 17, 2021
10:00 A.M.

THE CHURCH GATHERS

WORDS OF GREETING

OPENING PRAYER

PRELUDE *Prelude on AURELIA*

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CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: The one who calls you together this day yearns for each of you and for all people to hear and be blessed.

All: Speak, Lord, for your servants are listening.

Leader: Blessed is the One who comes bringing trustworthy words for the healing of the world.

All: Speak, Lord, for your servants are listening.

**Please stand.*

***HYMN**

“Christ is Made the Sure Foundation”

PH #417

Stanzas 1, 2 & 3

Christ is made the sure foundation, Christ the head and
cornerstone, Chosen of the Lord and precious,
Binding all the church in one; Holy Zion's
help forever, And our confidence alone.

To this temple, where we call You, Come, O Lord of
Hosts, today: with Your wonted loving-kindness
Hear Your people as they pray; And Your fullest
Benediction Shed within its walls always.

Here bestow on all Your servants What they ask of
You to gain, What they gain from You forever
With the blessed to retain, And hereafter
in Your glory Evermore with You to reign.

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CALL TO CONFESSION

Leader: Assured that the One who calls us to hear and obey
already knows the confessions of our hearts and is ready
to forgive, let us confess our sin before God and before
one another.

**Please stand.*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All: Holy God, you see into each of us and know us fully as creatures in need of your constant care. We confess that we have neither heard your word nor followed your will. We have failed our nation, neighbors, families, friends, and ourselves. Give us ears to hear your wisdom. Lead us to honesty and faith so that we may begin again with renewed strength, in Jesus' name. Amen.

SILENT PRAYER

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: God knows the hearts of those who seek forgiveness, and by grace you have been saved. In Jesus' name, you are forgiven. Your sins are no more. You have been made clean. God strengthens you with freedom through the Holy Spirit, in Christ Jesus.

***GLORIA PATRI** *"Christ is Made the Sure Foundation"* PH #417
Stanza 4

Laud and honor to the Father, Laud and honor
to the Son, Laud and honor to the Spirit,
Ever three and ever one, One in might, and
one in glory, While unending ages run.

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PRAYER for ILLUMINATION

Send down your Holy Spirit, O God. Tear open the veil of heaven and speak to us as beloved children so that we may hear and believe the good news of your Word made flesh, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**Please stand.*

FIRST READING

1 Samuel 3:1-10

Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the Lord under Eli. The word of the Lord was rare in those days; visions were not widespread.

At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his room; the lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the Lord, where the ark of God was. Then the Lord called, "Samuel! Samuel!" and he said, "Here I am!" and ran to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call; lie down again." So he went and lay down. The Lord called again, "Samuel!" Samuel got up and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call, my son; lie down again." Now Samuel did not yet know the Lord, and the word of the Lord had not yet been revealed to him. The Lord called Samuel again, a third time. And he got up and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." Then Eli perceived that the Lord was calling the boy. Therefore Eli said to Samuel, "Go, lie down; and if he calls you, you shall say, 'Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening.'" So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

Now the Lord came and stood there, calling as before, "Samuel! Samuel!" And Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant is listening."

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

**Please stand.*

SECOND READING

John 1:43-51

The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, "Follow me." Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. Philip found Nathanael and said to him, "We have found him about whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth." Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see." When Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him, he said of him, "Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!" Nathanael asked him, "Where did you come to know me?" Jesus answered, "I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you." Nathanael replied, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!" Jesus answered, "Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these." And he said to him, "Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man."

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

**Please stand.*

A TIME FOR CHILDREN

"Kum Ba Yah"

PH #338

Please remain seated and hum along as the children depart for Sunday School

Kum ba yah, my Lord, kum ba yah!

Kum ba yah, my Lord, kum ba yah!

Kum ba yah, my Lord, kum ba yah!

O Lord, kum ba yah!

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SPECIAL MUSIC

"There's a Sweet, Sweet Spirit"

Choir - PH #398

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MESSAGE

"The Spirit Descends"

Mark 1:4-11

Rev. Jeffrey T. Howard

**Please stand.*

The church’s one foundation Is Jesus Christ, her Lord;
She is His new creation By water and the word;
From heaven He came and sought her To be His holy bride;
With His own blood He bought her, And for her life He died.

Elect from every nation, Yet one o’er all the earth,
Her charter of salvation, One Lord, one faith, one birth;
One holy name she blesses, Partakes one holy food,
And to one hope she presses, With every grace endued.

Though with a scornful wonder This world sees her oppressed,
By schisms rent asunder, By heresies distressed
Yet saints their watch are keeping; Their cry goes up, “How long?”
And soon the night of weeping Shall be the morn of song.

Mid toil and tribulation, And Tumult of her war,
She waits the consummation Of peace for evermore;
Till with the vision glorious Her longing eyes are blest,
And the great Church victorious Shall be the church at rest.

Yet she on earth has union with God, the Three in One,
And mystic, sweet communion With those whose rest is won:
Oh, happy ones and holy! Lord, give us grace that we,
Like them, the meek and lowly, May live eternally.

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INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

***DOXOLOGY**

“TALLIS’ CANON”

PH #542

Stanza 4

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise
God, all creatures here below; Praise God above, ye
heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE and 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.

**Please stand.*

***HYMN**

“Lord, Speak to Me, That I May Speak”

PH #426

Lord, speak to me, that I may speak In living
echoes of Thy tone; As Thou hast sought, so
let me seek Thyne erring children lost and lone.

O lead me, Lord, that I may lead The wandering
and the wavering feet.; O feed me, Lord, that
I may feed Thy hungry ones with manna sweet.

O teach me, Lord, that I may teach The precious
things Thou dost impart. And wing my words, that
they may reach The hidden depths of many a heart.

O fill me with Thy fullness, Lord, Until my
very heart o'er flow In kindling thought and
glowing word, Thy love to tell, Thy praise to show.

O use me, Lord, use even me,
Just as Thou wilt, and when, and where;
Until Thy blessed face I see,
Thy rest, Thy joy, Thy glory share.

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BLESSING

POSTLUDE

Postlude on AURELIA

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in loving memory of their daughter Julie Shimko McNeil;
and by
Julie Groves Cornwell and Janet Groves Shimko
in loving memory of their parents Ruth and Bill Groves.*

*We welcome and thank our liturgist, Elaine Young, and we acknowledge
the Chancel Choir for leading us in this service of worship.*

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**Please stand.*