Sixth Sunday of Pentecost
July 17, 2022
9:30 am

Prelude
God of Wonders
arr. Carol Tornquist

Words of Welcome
Rev. Susan Tindall

Lighting the Christ Candle

*Opening Words
Derek Rush
One: In Jesus Christ, all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell.
All: Through him God was reconciled to all things, in heaven and on earth, even to us.
One: That we might be holy and blameless before God.
All: In awe and gratitude, let us worship the Lord our God.

*Hymn 352
My Lord! What a Morning

Call to Confession
Derek
With humble and trusting hearts, let us confess our sins before God and one another.

*Please rise in body or spirit
Prayer of Confession
Merciful God, we confess that we have been distracted with many things and have not loved you with our whole heart and strength. We have not paid attention to your Word. We have allowed the poor to be neglected and the weak to be oppressed. We have been impatient in worship and insincere in our deals with others. We have ignored signs of injustice and disregarded warnings of judgment. Forgive us, we pray, and teach us repentance. Free us from our habits of pride, and make us steadfast in faith, that we may live as those who are reconciled with you in Jesus Christ our Lord, with whom we pray. Amen.

Assurance of God’s Grace
One: Though we were once estranged, in Jesus Christ we have been reconciled with God. Baptized, forgiven, and freed, we are one with the Lord and with each other.
All: Thanks be to God! Amen.

*Sung Response 581 Glory Be to the Father

*Sung Response 69 refrain only Here I Am, Lord

Sharing the Peace of Christ
One: As a sign of our reconciliation with God and with one another, let us share the peace of Christ. The Peace of Christ be with you!
All: And also with you!

Prayer for Inspiration
Derek

Scripture Reading Psalm 52
One: Hey, powerful person!
Why do you brag about evil?
God’s faithful love lasts all day long.
All: Your tongue devises destruction:
it’s like a sharpened razor, causing deception.
One: You love evil more than good;
you love lying more than speaking what is right.
All: You love all destructive words;
you love the deceiving tongue.
One: But God will take you down permanently;
he will snatch you up,
tear you out of your tent,
and uproot you from the land of the living!
All: The righteous will see and be in awe;
they will laugh at those people:
One: “Look at them! They didn’t make God their refuge.
Instead, they trusted in their own great wealth. They sought refuge in it—to their own destruction!”

All: But I am like a green olive tree in God’s house; I trust in God's faithful love forever and always.

One: I will give thanks to you, God, forever, because you have acted.

All: In the presence of your faithful people, I will hope in your name because it's so good.

One: Holy Wisdom, Holy Word! This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

Scripture Reading

Genesis 18:1-10

One: Holy Wisdom, Holy Word! This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

Sermon

Stranger Things

Rev. Susan Tindall

*Hymn 51

To Abraham and Sarah

I will Be Your God

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Offering Our Gifts to God

Invitation

Derek

Offertory

Amazing Grace with Grace, Greater than Our Sins

arr. W. Elmo Mercer

Glenn Gabanski, Organ ♫ Jason Hill, Piano

*Doxology

words 607, tune 606

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

OLD HUNDREDTH

*Doxology

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

Derek

Church Tidings

Minute for Nominating Committee

Pat Garner

God’s People Pray / Lord’s Prayer (using sins)

*Hymn 282

Come Down, O Love Divine

DOWN AMPNEY

*Charge and Blessing

*Postlude

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

James Mansf

* Please rise in spirit or body

All speak emboldened type

USHERS: Ann Jaltuch, Mary Youngman

LITURGIST: Derek Rush

ONLINE WORSHIP HOST: Wendy Cook
Next Sunday in Worship
July 24
7th Sunday after Pentecost

Just Ask
Psalm 138

Calling All Summer Singers!
Come sing with the CPC Summer Choir in worship on Sunday 7/24. Meet on the chancel at 8:30. We will be singing an anthem which we can learn in the 45 minutes available to rehearse. Contact Pat Garner for more information.
What are YOUR Sabbatical Plans?
This summer is a time of Sabbatical for all of us. YES, you too are invited to engage in the practice of PILGRIMAGE. Whether this spiritual practice of being on the path of journey is familiar to you or a new concept, all are urged to find a way to be intentional about engaging in the Pilgrimage Sabbatical. Here are some options:

- **Taizé worship in Oak Park on the first Friday of each month.** The journey from Clarendon Hills to Oak Park on a Friday night is a pilgrimage all of its own! And the journey is well worth the effort as you will be surrounded with the peaceful tunes of Taizé music, beautifully resonating in four-part harmony accompanied by gifted musicians. Scripture is read, silence is kept (10 whole minutes!), and we pray together. The repeated melodies of the songs become sung prayer and make room for the Holy to enter your heart.

  With funding from the Lily Grant, we aim to make the pilgrimage possible for ALL. The church van will drive up to 15 folks to Taizé worship, leaving the church parking lot at 6:30 pm. Children are most welcome and needed to help light the candles during worship. Yet, if you prefer your children stay home, we will pay for your babysitting. Please contact Shannon Nyhart in the church office and we will reimburse the total cost of babysitting!

  Beth & Sam will be in community with Taizé July 24 - July 31.

- **Walk.** Simply gift yourself time to walk. Walk your neighborhood. Walk the Forest Preserves. Walk at the Arboretum. Breathe deeply, look around and notice what God is doing. Listen for God to speak to you in the rhythm of putting one foot in front of the other.

  Beth & Sam are walking the Cotswold Way in England July 18 - July 23.
  Beth & daughter, Emi, are walking a portion of the Camino de Santiago from Sarria to Santiago Aug 26 - Sept 3.
  Beth walks solo on another portion of the Camino from Santiago west to the Atlantic Ocean on the Finisterre path Sept 5 - 12.

- **Get creative!** Pause during a walk to draw what you see. Fill in your sketch with watercolors when you get home. Paint a rock and “plant” it in a friend’s garden. Journal your observations of how God is showing up in your daily life. Take photos of anything that catches your attention and later meditate on this.

  Beth will have a journal with her at all times, sometimes sketching, doodling, making notes, writing. Sam will carry multiple sketchbooks and paints. You can count on LOTS of photos!

- **Sing!** Sing the songs of Iona. Sing the songs of Taize. We’ll be including these in worship during summer so they may become familiar to you.

  Beth and daughter Katy will live in community at the Abbey of Iona Aug 13 - 19, worshiping 3 times daily with voices raised in song. Beth and Sam will worship three times a day with Taize July 24 - July 31.

- **Read a book on Celtic Spirituality.** Here are some of Beth’s favorites:
  - *The Soul’s Slow Ripening* by Christine Valters Paintner
  - *Walking in Wonder* by John O’Donohue

  Beth read these and other books in preparation for the Sabbatical. She will explore Celtic Spirituality in Scotland Aug 9 - 24. Additionally she will worship at St. Giles Presbyterian Church in Edinburgh, the birthplace of Presbyterianism and burial spot of Rev. John Knox.

- **Walk a labyrinth.** Free your mind from needing to know the path and simply follow the twists and turns that move you closer to the center / The God Center. Linger in the center, resting with God. Offer your prayer. Retrace your steps from the God Center back into the world, knowing you have been blessed. The labyrinth at Fourth Presbyterian Church, Michigan Ave, is open for your mediation purposes. [https://labyrinthlocator.com/home](https://labyrinthlocator.com/home)

  Beth and Sam will walk the Chartres labyrinth in France on Aug 5. They also hope to visit Mont-Saint-Michel.
This week at CPC:

Sunday, July 17
9:30 am — Worship

Monday, July 18
7:00 pm — Concert Series Committee; Zoom

Tuesday, July 19

Wednesday, July 20
6:30 pm — DYFM/DCFM Search; Zoom

Thursday, July 21

Friday, July 22

Saturday, July 23

Sunday, July 24
8:30 am — Summer choir rehearsal
9:30 am — Worship
1:30 pm — Youth Caravan leaves for Camp Courageous

FALL KICKOFF 2022
Sunday, September 18
South Lawn or Fellowship Hall

Put this date on your calendar TODAY! You will not want to miss this special celebration at CPC as we kick off the program year together. Get ready for cake walks, lawn games and picnic food following the worship service on September 18th! We look forward to seeing you there! If you have any questions, would like to volunteer for the event or promise to bring a tasty dessert for the cake walk, please contact Pastor Susan!

HIGH SCHOOL FALL RETREAT
Friday, September 9-Sunday September 11
Great Oaks Camp

Students in grades 9-12 are invited to start the year off by getting away and enjoying some time getting to know each other at Great Oaks Camp. Retreat waivers will be available online and in the upcoming Constant Contact Emails. If you have any questions regarding the retreat or about our high school youth ministry program, please contact Pastor Susan!

News of THE AMOS GROUP

Let justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.
Amos 5:24

Amos Group Lending Library is still collecting – and loaning
Some have asked if the Amos Group lending library is still accepting donations. Yes, we are. The collection is in the church office, on the bookshelf inside the door. If you have donations, you can take them to the office with a note that they are for the lending library. Or you can contact Gregg Morton and one of us will be happy to pick them up.

Summer Read Update
Members of the Amos Group are reading a book this summer by Heather McGhee, The Sum of Us: What Racism Costs Everyone and How We Can Prosper Together. The books have arrived and are in the office. We have contacted people who requested one. We ordered a few extra copies of the book. If you would like one of the extras, please visit the office. If you would like to reimburse us, the cost is $14.

Please send your ideas and your comments to Gregg Morton.
NOMINATING COMMITTEE NEEDS YOUR HELP

The Nominating Committee is working on its task to identify members of the congregation to serve as elders (need 6) and deacons (need 8) for a 3-year term starting in 2023. We need your help in identifying those whom you feel we should consider for one of these ordained positions. We have created a card with a brief description of roles of elder and deacon, personal characteristics to consider, and lists of those currently in active service; those in the class of 2022 are completing their term this year. We ask that you take some time to think carefully about this and let us know, by using the card, talking to a member of the committee, or sending an email to pgarner923@hotmail.com. We also hope that if we ask you to serve that you give our request prayerful consideration. We look forward to hearing from you as we work to complete our task to bring a slate of candidates to the congregation for a vote in October. You can download the flyer from the website.

Linda Cirillo, Pat Garner (chair), Ann Jaltuch, Kit Olah, Jason Salbego, Bill Vickery, Barb Webster, Wendy Wilhelm

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