

Berwyn Presbyterian Church

Seventeenth Sunday After Pentecost

Sunday, September 19, 2021

10:30 a.m.

THE GATHERING

*Let all enter the sanctuary in a spirit of prayer.
Please remember to turn off your cell phones for worship.
* indicates to please stand if you are able.*

Prelude Down to the River to Pray *Traditional spiritual*

Ring of the Hour

Prelude Wade in the Water *African-American spiritual*

Welcome

*** Call to Worship** *Victoria Uche*

Leader: Sing to the Lord a new song;

People: Sing to the Lord, all the earth.

Leader: You shall be holy, for the Lord your God is holy.

People: You shall love your neighbor as yourself.

Leader: Let us worship God.

*** Hymn** Rain Down *Jaime Cortez*

(see next page for hymn)

Rain Down

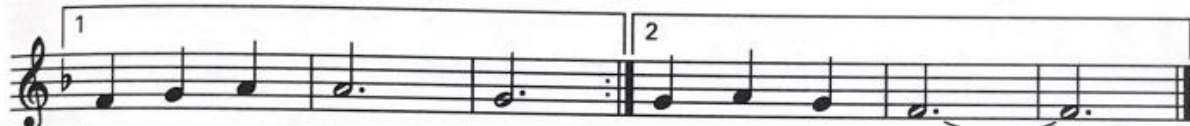
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Jaime Cortez

Refrain




Rain down, rain down, rain down your

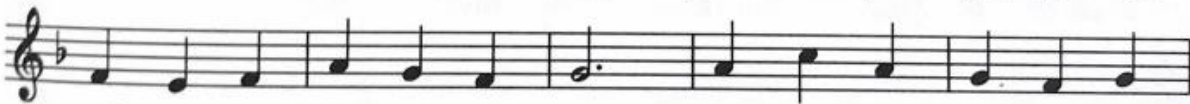


love on your peo - ple. love, God of life.


Verses



1. Faith-ful and true is the word of our God. All of God's
2. We who re - vere and find hope in our God live in the
3. God of cre - a - tion, we long for your truth; you are the



1. works are so wor - thy of trust. God's mer - cy falls on the
2. kind - ness and joy of God's wing. God will pro - tect us from
3. wa - ter of life that we thirst. Grant that your love and your



1. just and the right; full of God's love is the earth.
2. dark - ness and death; God will not leave us to starve.
3. peace touch our hearts, all of our hope lies in you.

to Refrain

* Call to Confession

* Prayer of Confession *(first pray silently then in unison)*

God of Glory, we confess that we have not sought your face. We adore the high and mighty and ignore the humble servant. We act with prejudice and partiality and fail to share your love for all. Forgive us, God of Grace. Pour out the power of your Holy Spirit and renew us in our calling: to show the wonder of your love; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

* Declaration of Forgiveness

* The Peace

Leader: May the peace of the risen Christ be with you always.

People: And also with you.

(Please share the peace with a few neighbors.)

Welcome Song

You're Welcome in the Name of the Lord

Traditional Cameroon

*You're welcome in the name of the Lord. You're welcome in the name of the Lord,
for we see in you the glory of the Lord, you're welcome in the name of the Lord.
We love you in the name of the Lord. We love you in the name of the Lord.
for we see in you the glory of the Lord, we love you in the name of the Lord.*

THE WORD**Prayer for Illumination****First Lesson**

Psalm 42

- ¹ As a deer longs for flowing streams,
so my soul longs for you, O God.
- ² My soul thirsts for God,
for the living God.
When shall I come and behold
the face of God?
- ³ My tears have been my food
day and night,
while people say to me continually,
“Where is your God?”
- ⁴ These things I remember,
as I pour out my soul:
how I went with the throng,
and led them in procession to the house of God,
with glad shouts and songs of thanksgiving,
a multitude keeping festival.
- ⁵ Why are you cast down, O my soul,
and why are you disquieted within me?
Hope in God; for I shall again praise him,
my help ⁶ and my God.
My soul is cast down within me;
therefore I remember you
from the land of Jordan and of Hermon,
from Mount Mizar.
- ⁷ Deep calls to deep
at the thunder of your cataracts;
all your waves and your billows
have gone over me.
- ⁸ By day the LORD commands his steadfast love,
and at night his song is with me,
a prayer to the God of my life.

⁹ I say to God, my rock,
“Why have you forgotten me?
Why must I walk about mournfully
because the enemy oppresses me?”
¹⁰ As with a deadly wound in my body,
my adversaries taunt me,
while they say to me continually,
“Where is your God?”
¹¹ Why are you cast down, O my soul,
and why are you disquieted within me?
Hope in God; for I shall again praise him,
my help and my God.

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God.

Message for Children

Rev. Koppel

Second Lesson John 4:1-15

4 Now when Jesus learned that the Pharisees had heard, “Jesus is making and baptizing more disciples than John” ²—although it was not Jesus himself but his disciples who baptized— ³ he left Judea and started back to Galilee. ⁴ But he had to go through Samaria. ⁵ So he came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. ⁶ Jacob’s well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon.

⁷ A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, “Give me a drink.” ⁸ (His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) ⁹ The Samaritan woman said to him, “How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?” (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.) ¹⁰ Jesus answered her, “If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, ‘Give me a drink,’ you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water.” ¹¹ The woman said to him, “Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? ¹² Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well, and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?” ¹³ Jesus said to her, “Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, ¹⁴ but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life.” ¹⁵ The woman said to him, “Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water.”

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Living Water

The Rev. Dr. Michael Koppel

*** Affirmation of Faith**

From The Brief Statement of Faith (PCUSA)

**In life and in death we belong to God.
Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit,
we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel,
whom alone we worship and serve.**

*** Hymn GG 480**

Take Me to the Water

African-American spiritual

BAPTISM

480 Take Me to the Water

1 Take me to the wa - ter. Take me to the wa -
 2 I love Je - sus. I love Je -
 3 He's my Sav - ior. He's my Sav -
 4 Glo - ry hal - le - lu - jah. Glo - ry hal - le - lu -

ter. Take me to the wa - ter to be bap - tized.
 sus. I love Je - sus, yes, I do.
 ior. He's my Sav - ior, yes, he is.
 jah. Glo - ry hal - le - lu - jah to be bap - tized.

This African American spiritual sums up the commitment of a candidate for baptism: the request for the rite, an expression of motivation, and a succinct affirmation of faith. The widening melodic lines build anticipation and give weight to the final phrase of each stanza.

TEXT and MUSIC: African American spiritual

TAKE ME TO THE WATER
Irregular

Sharing of Prayer Concerns

Morning Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Traditional

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.

Announcements

THE THANKSGIVING

Call for the Offering

Prayer of Dedication

THE SENDING

* Hymn GG 482

Baptized in Water

Gaelic melody

BAPTISM

482

Baptized in Water



1 Bap-tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spir - it, cleansed by the
2 Bap-tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spir - it, dead in the
3 Bap-tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spir - it, marked with the



blood of Christ our King; heirs of sal - va - tion, trust - ing the
tomb with Christ our King; one with his ris - ing, freed and for -
sign of Christ our King; born of the Spir - it, we are God's



prom - ise, faith - ful - ly now God's prais - es we sing.
giv - en, thank - ful - ly now God's prais - es we sing.
chil - dren; joy - ful - ly now God's prais - es we sing.

Each stanza of this compact and carefully constructed text about baptism begins with allusions to John 3:5 and Ephesians 1:13. The interplay of constant and changing lines accentuates each added image. It is set here to a Gaelic tune first transcribed in the 19th century.

TEXT: Michael A. Seward, 1981
MUSIC: Gaelic melody; arr. Dale Grotenhuis, 1985
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Music Arr. © 1987 Faith Alive Christian Resources

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*** Benediction**

*** Congregational Response** We are Marching in the Light of God *South African traditional*
We are marching in the light of God, We are marching in the light of God. (x2)
We are marching, marching we are marching, We are marching in the light of God. (x2)

*** Postlude** Wade in the Water *African-American spiritual*
Instrumental



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Weekly News – September 19, 2021

Thank you for joining us online today. We are delighted for the opportunity to worship God with you. Please feel at home and join us again. Visitors are encouraged to drop us a line at our church website: <https://berwynpresbyterianchurch.net>, or to write to the church email address: berwyn.office@gmail.com. We would love to be in touch.



We welcome The Reverend Dr. Michael S. Koppel as our guest pastor this morning.

Rev. Dr. Michael S. Koppel is Professor of Pastoral Theology and Care; Associate Dean for Academic Affairs at Wesley Theological Seminary in Washington, DC. A native of California, Rev. Koppel was ordained thirty years ago and has served as pastor, campus minister, hospital clinical care supervisor, hospice chaplain, and youth minister in California, Ohio, and New York. He has a new book being published this fall: *Body Connections: Body-based Spiritual Care* (Abingdon, 2021). He enjoys preaching at churches in National Capital Presbytery.

Leading Worship Today:

The Reverend Dr. Michael Koppel, *Guest Pastor*
Dr. Gabriel Ruiz-Bernal, *Music Director*
Victoria Uche, *Worship Associate*

Supporting Worship Today:

Zandra Brown, *camera*
Augustina and Christiana Alapa, *Facebook moderator*
Brice Tikum, Bruce Murray, *soundboard*
Members of the Choir (*recorded music*)
Alain Moudji & Ophelia Mbah, *Deacons, Ushering*

CHILDREN WILL REMAIN IN THEIR SEATS with their families during the Children’s Message.

SEATING IN THE SANCTUARY

You are encouraged to move forward and sit in the pews closer to the front of the sanctuary to create a feeling of "community." Please sit in the row where the camera is located and behind that row. Please continue to wear masks and practice social distancing by sitting in every other pew. Thank you!

SIGN UP TO ATTEND WORSHIP ON Sundays by going to the church’s website and clicking on the button under Worship Information. This will take you to the SignUpGenius page. Or CLICK HERE: [WORSHIP INFORMATION \(berwynpresbyterian.net\)](http://berwynpresbyterian.net/worship-information)

CHURCH POTLUCK

Church Life, with the Deacons help, will be organizing an outdoor potluck after worship on World Communion Sunday October 3, 2021. We will maintain social distancing with face masks and hand sanitizing to ensure safety.

Please bring ready-to eat food wrapped individually, such as fried rice, salad, baked fish, chicken, snacks, water, juice, and soda. Feel free to bring food from your country or locality as it will be an international potluck. Contact Victoria Uche, uchevictoria@hotmail.com, when you decide what you will bring to share.

PEACE AND GLOBAL WITNESS OFFERING

On World Communion Sunday, October 3, 2021, we celebrate that Christ’s peace extends throughout all creation. We celebrate that we are all together at the communion table, in God’s house. We celebrate that we are offered what we need to continue the work of building the household of God, with active peacemakers here at home and around the world. Extending the peace of Christ is part of an active, engaged faith — a witness to what it means for us to be the Church, together.

Through participation in the Peace & Global Witness Offering, Berwyn Presbyterian Church is extending Christ’s peace throughout our community and our world. We begin at the communion table, with our brothers and sisters in every time and place, and we celebrate the peace we find there and commit to building a more just and peaceful world. We celebrate the truth found in 2nd Thessalonians, “Peace at all times in all ways.”

Sunday, October 3, we will collect the Peace & Global Witness Offering (formerly known as Peacemaking Offering). Please give generously as the Lord moves you. This offering is in addition to regular tithes and offerings.

Questions? Contact Peggy Sisson, gsisson1012@gmail.com

ROOF REPLACEMENT FUND UPDATE

The Fund is now up to \$5,455! Thanks to those who are contributing regularly. Whether you make a large donation or many smaller ones, it is all adding up toward the goal of \$40,000. We would like to have the work done while the weather cooperates. Contributions may be made in the same way as your regular offering (mail, BillPay, offering basket drop box), just specify Roof Fund.
~Property Management and Finance Committee

NOTE ON GIVING

Contributions can be combined in the same check and envelope even if for multiple purposes and /or weeks. Separate checks and envelopes are not needed. Credit is recorded when counted.

GIVING TO THE CHURCH

Thank you for your continued giving to support Berwyn Church! Here are the various ways we can continue to make our contributions and pledges. Choose the most convenient method!

- Pay by your cell phone using CashApp, and texting to **\$B2God** or dialing 301-768-2729 and then checking that the name Rex Powell, treasurer, appears confirming that it is going to the church account.
- U.S. Mail – send your check to Berwyn Presbyterian Church, 6301 Greenbelt Road, Berwyn Heights, MD 21740
- Use BillPay through your bank and they will mail us the check.
- Drop your contribution in the locked drop box by door 1 (below the regular mailbox).
- Place your offering in the basket in the sanctuary if you signed up for in-person worship.



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