Worship Play offered during the sermon for children ages 4 through Fifth Grade.

**Adult Sunday School**
Sundays through July 20
9-10 a.m., Room 511

"Church Music: The Performed Word"—Singing is as close to worship as breathing is to life." Worship is a complete experience. It presents a theological lens for the people of God to interpret the world. Many people worship through the musical word as well as through the spoken word. The musical word is performed through psalms, hymns, spirituals, and gospel songs that reflect the Christian experience. In this course, we will discuss church music in context, Black church music, and different genres of church music. We will also examine the various messages and tensions found in church music. Led by Tarra Taylor of Howard Divinity School.

**New York Avenue Foundation**—The NYAF mission is to be a catalyst of educational advancement for youth in need throughout Washington, D.C. Annually it solicits proposals and awards grants to grassroots non-profits which further that mission. A volunteer Board of Trustees conducts the work of NYAF. If you are interested in learning more or participating in the NYAF mission, contact John Courson, nyavefoundation@gmail.com or 202-735-5005.

**Triadlife Room Ministry**—Come join our homeless guests, Sundays, 8:15-10:30 a.m., for hymn singing, refreshments and socializing. Donations of umbrellas, rain gear, clothing, toiletries, and transportation money are needed. Contact Eleanor Robins, robinseleanor@hotmail.com

**The Peace Candle**—Visitors are invited to take a prayer candle home to their congregations. Candles are at the back, right side, of the sanctuary. Please sign the note pad there, so we may know who you are. For more information about the Peace and Justice Committee activities, contact Fritz von Fleckenstein, fritz@alumni.reed.edu

**NYAF’s Young Adults**—For more information about Sunday brunches, faith on tap, Bible study, and other fellowship or service activities (or to be added to the e-mail list), contact Richard Snyder, schnryichard@gmail.com or Benno Lauer, benno.lauer@gmail.com

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**Summer Schedule through August 31**
**Adult Education Classes at 9 a.m.**
**Worship at 10 a.m.**

Babies and toddlers under 4 are welcome in the Park Level nursery. Care is provided by licensed, paid professionals. During the service, children’s worship aids are available in the rear of the Sanctuary. Youth and children classes resume September 7.

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**Prayer of Confession**

Merciful God, Your creatures cry—creation groans—but we turn away; we surround ourselves with noise. We are quick to excuse ourselves from responsibility: we are young; we are old; we are tired; we are busy. It is hard to imagine that we might make a difference. Life-giving God, wash us clean. Restore our imaginations and our hearts. Let Your courage and compassion flow through our veins until we love with abandon and our hands reach out in blessing, for the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God. Amen.

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**Silent Confession**

*Assurance of Pardon*

*Please stand, if able."
*Response*  
#409  
"God is Here!"  
Abbot's Leigh  
Lord of all, of church and kingdom,  
In an age of change and doubt  
Keep us faithful to the gospel;  
Help us work Your purpose out.

*A Brief Statement of Faith*  
(Pages 37-38, "Glory to God" hymnal)

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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.

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