

Opportunities for Service

7-2-9 Club  – Enjoy a Wednesday evening (yes, from 7 to 9 p.m.), September until June, with guests recovering from mental illness. There are games, entertainment, refreshments and time for making friends. Contact Spence Gibbs, spencergib@gmail.com

Community Church  – A one-with-one tutoring and mentoring program, for DC public and charter school students (grades 7-12), meets at the church on Thursday nights during the school year. Adult volunteers are needed! Please contact Tom Karr and Shamika Bradley at tkgarr@communitychurch.org or go to www.communitychurch.org for more information.

Food for the Hungry  – Non-perishable food donations are needed by the Capital Area Food Bank, the large nonprofit hunger and nutrition education resource in the Washington area. Please place your donations in the baskets located at the rear of the Sanctuary or at the front desk.

New York Avenue Foundation  – The NYAF mission is to be a catalyst of educational advancement for youth in need throughout Washington, DC. 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 Brian Schimming, psavingsfoundation@gmail.com

* Call to Worship

I. The Community Gathers for Worship

* Call to Worship

Leader: In the unfolding of time, God chose a people to help make known to all the world the breadth and depth of the divine love.

All: Blessed be the God who remembered this beloved world with longing and tenderness.

Leader: In the unfolding of time, God heard the cries of a people in bondage, and led them out, through the wilderness, to a home of abundance.

All: Blessed be the God who liberates, and prepares a home for all in love.

Leader: In the unfolding of time, God led a straight and level path, strewn with blossoms, and traversing streams of water.

All: Blessed be the God who finds us in exile, and restores us in safety and belonging.

Leader: In the fullness of time, God gave us Jesus, who proclaimed a new covenant and in whose likeness we are made and called. In the fullness of time, God gave us the Spirit, who stays with us always to guide and bless.

All: Blessed be God, our God, whose love creates and calls, heals and mends, blesses and sends. Amen.

* Hymn

#15 (verses 1-3), "All Creatures of our God and King"

Last uns erfreuen

*Hymn, "An inclusive and justice seeking church"
Prayer of Confession  
(Adapted from Bread for the World)  
God of Creation, You spoke, and out of the chaos there was light and life on the earth. You have graced this earth with enough food and drink for all Your children. You hear the cries of Your children who are hungry, poor, sick, and oppressed. But we have ignored You and Your creation. Have mercy on us for our inability to see the good of Your creation, for not making room for all people at the table of life, and when we let the noises of our daily lives drown out the cries of our neighbors. Loving God, in Christ You give us a vision of new life and pour out Your Spirit onto all flesh. Grant us the power to act on this vision. Amen.

Silent Confession  
*Assurance of Pardon  
*Response  
#15 (verse 4), "All Creatures of our God and King"  
Last uns erfreuen  
All who for love of God forgive,  
all who in pain or sorrow grieve,  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Christ bears your burdens and your fears;  
so, even in the midst of tears, sing praises!  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!  

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

II. The Community Hears the Word of God

First Lesson  
Genesis 2:4b-10, page 2, NRSV  
Leader: This is the word of the Lord.  
People: Thanks be to God.

Anthem  
"Immortal, Invisible"  
Arr. Thiman

Time for Children

Second Lesson  
Romans 8:18-25, page 148, NRSV  
Leader: This is the word of the Lord.  
People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon  
"An Emancipation Proclamation for All Creatures"  
Dr. Norman Wirzba

III. The Community Responds to the Word

*Sermon Hymn  
#714, "God of the Fertile Fields"  
Italian Hymn

Concerns of the Church

Offertory  
8:45  *The Passing of the Peace as We Gather Around  
the Table of Giving and Prayer  
11:00  *With a Voice of Singing"  
Kenneth Jennings  
Jong Hoon Kim, Conductor

*Response  
#607, "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"  
Doxology  
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Christ, all creatures here below;  
Praise Holy Spirit evermore;  
Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.

*Prayer of Dedication  
O God, our creator, we give thanks that You preserve and sustain all life. We ask You to bless these gifts of our offerings of our whole selves. We ask these things in the name of the Risen Christ, who teaches us to pray that You will be done on earth and that all may have the daily bread You provide. Amen.

*Passing the Peace of Christ  
11:00

*Sending Hymn  
#22, "God of the Sparrow"  
Roeder

1  God of the sparrow  
God of the whale  
God of the swirling stars  
How does the creature say Awe  
How does the creature say Praise

2  God of the earthquake  
God of the storm  
God of the trumpet blast  
How does the creature cry Woe  
How does the creature cry Save

3  God of the rainbow  
God of the cross  
God of the empty grave  
How does the creature say Grace  
How does the creature say Thanks

4  God of the hungry  
God of the sick  
God of the prodigal  
How does the creature say Care  
How does the creature say Life

5  God of the neighbor  
God of the foe  
God of the pruning hook  
How does the creature say Love  
How does the creature say Peace

6  God of the ages  
God near at hand  
God of the loving heart  
How do your children say Joy  
How do your children say Home

*Commissioning to Ministry and Benediction

*Congregational Response  
Alleluia! Amen!

Postlude  "La Marche"  
G. F. Handel

*Congregational Response

The flowers in the chancel today are given to the glory of God and in memory of Lt. General Hillman Dickinson (February 9, 1926 - September 2, 1994) by Nancy, Cindy, and Stuart Dickinson.

Our guest preacher today is Dr. Norman Wirzba, Professor of Theology and Ecology at Duke University Divinity School and Research Professor of Theology and Ecology at Duke's Nicholas School for the Environment. We welcome Dr. Wirzba this weekend as the McClendon Scholar in Residence. He lectures frequently across North America on topics of spirituality, food, and environmental issues. He is the author of several books, including Food and Faith: A Theology of Eating and Living the Sabbath: Discovering the Rhythms of Rest and Delight.

8:45  11:00  
Liturgist  
Caroline White  
Karen Mills

Tour Guide  
Leonard Shabman  
Leonard Shabman

Worship Play  
Alice Fewell  
and Caroline White

Counters Schedules

Sunday, February 8  
John Schultheis and ShuXian McKenna

Tuesday, February 17  
Ruth and Fritz von Fleckenstein

Tuesday, February 24  
Jim Martin and Barb Dorman