Adult Sunday School

**Gathered for Prayer**

Today, 9:20 a.m. Lincoln Chapel

Adventures in Prayer has become a group of people who gather each Sunday to pray for one another, for the people on the prayer/care list, for the church and the world. All questions, joys and concerns are welcome. Come anytime.

**Transitional Pastor Process Listening and Learning Session**

June 9, 11:30, Docherty Center

You are invited to a time of learning and listening about the process of calling the Transitional Pastor (Interim). We will share the diverse pool of experienced preachers who will be with us during the summer, and the world. All questions, joys and concerns are welcome. Come anytime.

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**Opportunities for Service**

**7-2-9 Club** – Enjoy a Wednesday evening (yes, from 7 to 9 p.m.), September through June, with guests recovering from mental illness. There are games, entertainment, refreshments and time for making friends. For more information, Contact Spence Gibbons, spence@nyapc.org

**Community Club** – Washington, D.C.’s oldest tutoring and mentorship program for public and charter school students needs adult volunteers to make a difference in a child’s life. Students and volunteers meet at the church on Thursday nights during the school year. Contact Tom Karr or Shamika Bradley at direction@communityclub.org or go to www.communityclub.org for more information.

**New York Avenue Educational Foundation** – The NYAEF mission is to be a catalyst of educational advancement for youth in need in the Washington, DC community. Annually, it solicits proposals and awards $15,000 in grants to grassroots nonprofit, including Community Club, to further impact DC students. Visit https://nyaeft.org or come to learn more or contact Brian Schimming at nyaeft@gmail.com. Shopping at Amazon? Select the NYAEF as your charity-of-choice through this link: https://smile.amazon.com. Federal employees/retirees please consider giving through the Combined Federal Campaign (CFC #25839) at https://cfcgiving.opm.gov.

**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. Donation boxes are at the rear of the Sanctuary and front offices.

**Radiology Room Ministry** – Come join our homeless guests, Sundays, 8:15/9:45 a.m., for hymn singing, refreshments and socializing. Donations of umbrellas, rain gear, clothing, toiletries, and transportation money are needed. Contact Eleanor Robins, robinselana@ndhcom.com

**The Peace Candle** – Visitors are invited to take a Peace Candle home to their congregations. Candles are at the back, right side, of the sanctuary. Please sign the note card there, so we may know who you are. For more information about the Peace and Justice Committee activities, contact Marilyn Seiber, mmsiemos@gmail.com

**Triangle Park Committee** – Working with the National Park Service to maintain and oversee the flower and plant beds along the church wall, we meet 4 times a year, conduct business via email, and schedule work days as we make our way through the changing seasons. Contact Thomas Karr, bartorndale@verizon.net

**NYAPC Young Adults** – For more information about Faith on Tap, Bible Study, other fellowship and service activities, or to be added to the e-mail list, contact Helen Anthony (shannonton@nycap.org) or Taylor Allison (aydallison995@gmail.com).

**NYAPC Parent’s Listserv** – For more information about ministry for infants to high schoolers, or to be added to the e-mail list, contact Associate Pastor Alice Twell (alice.tewell@nyapc.org).

**Annual Stewardship** - Each of the ministries described on this page, as well as everything else that happens at this church, is supported in a significant way by Annual Stewardship giving. Annual Stewardship is the act of making a financial pledge to the church operating budget for a year and completing that pledge. It is a deep personal and congregational theological act, and it is essential to the worship, community, and mission of this church! Members, affiliates, and friends are all invited to participate in Annual Stewardship. Please contact Lance Jameson, the church Senior Accountant, Helen Anthony, the chair of the Annual Stewardship Committee, or Rev. Roger Grench, the Senior Pastor, for more information, questions, or to make your pledge.

Volunteers are needed to staff the welcome table in the narthex, 20 minutes before a Sunday service greeting and then 15-20 minutes after, to chat with visitors and members during coffee time. For more details, visit https://lch.k12.oh.us or contact Helen Anthony, h.anthony@ntrec.edu or Paul Dornan, pdornan@ntrec.edu

**Worship Service** – Are you interested in ushering or serving as a liturgist during Sunday worship? Please contact John Yoder at jyoder@nyapc.org (usherling) or Mark Zaineddin at mjzaineddin@gmail.com (liturgy) for more information.

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**Celebration of Worship**

The New York Avenue Presbyterian Church welcomes all people into community, worship, service and leadership.

**June 2, 2019**

10:00 a.m.

**Seventh Sunday of Easter**

**Prelude**

Choral Prelude on “We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight”

Dunlap’s Creek, arr. Powell

**Introit**

“He’s Got the Whole World in His Hands”

Spiritual, arr. Hogan

Whitney McColly, Soprano

* Lincoln Chimes

1. **The Community Gathers for Worship**

Call to Worship

Leader: Gentle One,

People: Holy One,

Leader: Into an unclenched moment

People: A deep breath

Lead: A letting go

People: Of heavy expectancies

Leader: Of shrinking anxieties

People: Of dead certainties,

Leader: That, softened by the silence

People: Surrounded by the light,

Leader: And open to the mystery

People: We may be found by wholeness,

Leader: Upheld by the unfathomable,

People: Encircled by the simple,

Leader: And filled with the joy

People: That is you.

*Opening Hymn* (H464) (verse 1 & 2) “Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound”

Traditional

**Prayer of Confession**

God who is with us, through us, and moves through our very being, as individuals and as a church community gathered in your name, we bring you our prayers of confession and praise.

We confess the many ways we turn away from you, move away from your love, we confess so that we may be freed, not by sight, but by faith, by the power of your risen life. *We admit our brokenness, our failures, our weakness, our blindness,*

For the things we refuse to see: That we may be freed from the ways we forgo you, that we may be freed from the ways we forsake you, that we may be freed from the ways we fail to be about your business.

For the things we perpetuate: That we may be freed from the ways we participate in racism, where we fail to see that the crosses that crucify all of us.

*We are humble* and open to the mystery, that we may be freed from the ways we participate in racism, where we fail to see that the crosses that crucify all of us.

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We remember the power of the Stewart’s Cross, that we may be freed from the ways we fail to see that the crosses that crucify all of us.

*We are humble* and open to the mystery, that we may be freed from the ways we fail to see that the crosses that crucify all of us.

We confess the many ways we turn away from you, *we confess so that we may be freed and created anew for your world.* In the name of Jesus, the Christ, we pray. Amen.

*Please stand, if able*
I. The Liturgy

*Prayer of Dedication

Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, we pray that these pages will further the work of your Kingdom; we thank you for the gift of faith, the gifts of the Holy Spirit, and the sacraments; and we pray that these morning tithes and offerings will sustain your people by your power. Amen.

*Response

Name: Mary Brown
Role: Worship Leader

II. The Community Hears the Word of God

First Lesson

Psalm 90:1-6, 13-17, pages 517-518, NRSV

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

Anthem

“Let the People Praise Thee”

William Mathias

Second Lesson

Romans 12:1-13, pages 151-152, NRSV

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

“Charged”

Rev. Roger J. Gench

III. The Community Responds to the Word

*Sermon Hymn

#307, “God of Grace and God of Glory”

GWM Rhondda

Concerns of the Church

Presenting the Covenant of Closure

Rev. Lyman Smith, National Capital Presbytery

Giving of Morning Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

“The Ground,” from Sunrise Mass

Ola Gjeilo

Translation: The Heavens and the Earth are full of thy great glory. Blessed is He who comes in the Name of the Lord, Hosanna in the Highest.

*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

Holy God, we give you thanks for these gifts of time, talent, treasure and prayers given to you this day. We pray that these gifts will further the work of your kingdom here on earth so that as a church community in worship, in care of one another, and in hospitality to the community, we might grow deeper in faith to you. Amen.

Service of Communion

Invitation to the Table

Liturgy of Thanksgiving

One: The Lord be with you.
All: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts.
All: We lift them to the Lord.
One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
All: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Prayer of Great Thanksgiving

It is truly right and our greatest joy to give you thanks and praise, eternal God our creator and ruler. In your wisdom, you made all things and sustain them by your power. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with the heavenly choirs and with all the faithful of every time and place, who forever sing to the glory of your name.

Response

#595, “Holy, Holy, Holy”

Argentine Santo

Holy, holy, holy. My heart, my heart adores you! My heart knows how to say to you: you are holy, Lord!

You are holy, O God of majesty, and blessed is Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. He sanctifies the identities of our lives and our world. He shares our life in every way, and lives in solidarity in and with the wounded of the earth. Baptized as your own, he was crucified by imperial authorities, yet by your power was raised to new life. In his dying and rising, you gave birth to your church, delivered us from slavery to sin and death, and made with us a new covenant by water and the spirit. Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all glory and honor are yours, Almighty God, now and forever. Empowered by the spirit, let us now offer the prayer you our Lord taught us, saying:

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.

Words of Institution and Distribution of the Elements

Participants in the communion proceed down the aisles to the servers to take communion by intinction. After you receive communion, please return to your pew via the side aisles. Those unable to come forward will be offered the communion in the chancel pew via the side aisles. Those who are gluten-free will be offered a special communion bread.

Participants in Worship

10:00 a.m.

Liturgist

Rev. Beth Braxton

Tour Guide

Len Shahan

Worship Play

Karen Dunlap and Rev. Alice R. Tewell

Counters

June 2

Barbara Dornan and Dan Stokes

June 9

John Schultheis and Barbara Dornan

*Sending Hymn

#408, “There’s a Sweet, Sweet Spirit”

Traditional

1 There’s a sweet, sweet Spirit in this place, and I know that it’s the Spirit of the Lord; there are sweet expressions on each face, and I know they feel the presence of the Lord.

Refrain

Sweet Holy Spirit, sweet heavenly Dove,
Stay right here with us, filling us with your love;
And for these blessings we lift our hearts in praise;
Without a doubt we’ll know that we have been revived when we shall leave this place

2 There are blessings you cannot receive till you know him in his fullness and believe; you’re the one to profit when you say, “I am going to walk with Jesus all the way.” [Refrain]

*Commissioning to Ministry and Benediction

*Congregational Response

Alleluia! Amen!

Benediction Response

Benediction

Luke Ratcliffe

Postlude

“The Rejoicing,” from The Royal Fireworks Suite

G. F. Handel

*The Call to Worship comes from Guatillas of Grace by Ted Loder.

We wish to thank our wonderful soloist Whitney McColley and Luke Ratcliffe for his new composition, setting one of Roger’s favorite benediction texts to music in honor of our celebration today.

The liturgical dance in worship this morning is given to the glory of God in honor of Rev. Roger Gench’s inspired ministry among us.

The flowers in the chancel today are given to the glory of God by the congregation of the NYAPC in deep appreciation for the spiritual guidance and leadership of our wonderful pastor, Roger Gench, and the inspiration of our beloved teacher, Frances Gench, with best wishes for their future endeavors.

The peace candle on the chancel today reminds us to ACT to end gun violence and other senseless violence in the Metropolitan area. We pray for all the