The flowers in the chancel today are given to the glory of God by Spencer Gibbons and Cleveland Mosby in celebration of the forty anniversary of their wedding at The New York Avenue Presbyterian Church and their 22 years together.

The Peace Candle in the chancel reminds us to pray for peace, to be inspired by the Prince of Peace to make peace a reality, to make peace at all times in all ways, to be Christ's Disciples for Peace in all we do.

Counties and Towns:

*Passing of the Peace
*Assurance of God's Love

Opportunities for Service

The Peace Candle - Enjoy a Wednesday evening (yes, from 7 to 9 p.m.), September through June, with guests recovering from mental illness. There are games, entertainment and refreshments and time for making friends. For more information, Contact Phil Telfeyn, ptefe@nyots.barr.edu.

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 directions@communityclub.org or go to www.communityclub.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. Donation buckets are at the rear of the Sanctuary and front church.

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Worship Play Karen Dunlap & Alison Novak

Participants in Worship

4:15 a.m. 11:00 a.m.

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NYAEP's Young Adults - For more information about Faith on Tap, Bible study groups, other fellowship and service activities, or to be added to the e-mail list, contact Helen Anthony (hshanthon@dca.edu) or Taylor Allison (taylorallison@verizon.net)

NYAEP Parent's List Serve - For more information about minors for infants to high schoolers, or to be added to the email list, contact Associate Pastor Alice Twelvet (alice.twelvet@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. Alice Twelvet, the Associate Pastor, for more information, questions, or to make your pledge.

Volunteers are needed to staff the welcome table in the narthex, 10:45-11:45 a.m. before a Sunday service; to greet and assist visitors with coffee time. For more details, visit https://bit.ly/3OOP8ie or contact Helen Anthony (hshanthon@dca.edu or Paul Dorman) pauldorman@nyapc.org.

Worship Service - Are you interested in ushering or serving as a liturgist during Sunday service? Please contact John Yoder at yokler@gmail.com (usher) or Mark Zaineddin at zaineddin@gmail.com (liturgist) for more information.

Celebration of Worship

Following Christ into places of brokenness and joy, NYAPC will do justice, treat all with kindness and mercy, and walk humbly with God.

October 6, 2019
8:45 and 11:00 a.m.
World Communion Sunday

Prelude
"Shall We Gather at the River"
Tune of Hanson Place, arr. Raney

Introt
"Ise Oluwa"
S. Miller & Jill Jackson

Ora Squared
David Williams, Baritone

Translation: God's work! Then we can expect God's honor having carried out all of our activities, seeking His grace.

* Lincoln Chimes

I. The Community Gathers for Worship

Call to Worship
Leader:
Almighty God, even as the drums of war beat on through the night, even as the cries of injustice linger in the morning, even as the hustle of business rumbles through the day, quiet our hearts.

People:
Still our thoughts. Remember us in your mercy as we try to remember you, through the proclamation of your good news in story and in song, and through the hospitality of your gracious table.

Leader:
Welcome us again, one Lord,

People:
Creator, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen

*Opening Hymn
#14, (verses 1-3) “For the Beauty of the Earth”

Prayer of Confession
Almighty God, mother of mercy, father of grace, caregiver of all:
You have called us to one table, but we have pursued our own course. You have promised us the bread of life itself, but in our pride, the world goes hungry. You have promised us the waters of peace and justice, but in our violence and our discord, the world goes thirsty. Now we are famished, too. Lord. Have mercy on us. Forgive us, again. Transform us, at this table, and for this table, and send us from this table as your servants. Amen.

*Assurance of Grace
Pastor:
Even when our cups run dry, God’s grace overflows.

Even when our plates are empty, God’s generosity overflowing.

And even when our hearts feel barren, God’s love overflows.

Friends, you have been called and claimed by the God of all things, and by the abundance of God’s grace, and by the power of God’s love, your sins have been forgiven.

Go in peace. Amen.
**Response**

#70, “What Does the Lord Require of You?”

Moon

What does the Lord require of you?

What does the Lord require of you?

Justice, kindness, and love for your neighbor.

Walk humbly with your God.

To seek justice and love kindness

And walk humbly with your God.

*A Brief Statement of Faith* (adapted from the Bolivar Confession)

We believe in one holy, universal Christian church, the unity of the communion of saints of the entire human family. And we believe that this unity of the people of God must be manifest and active, in that we love one another; that we give ourselves willingly and joyfully to one another, that we share one baptism together, that we eat of one bread and drink of one cup together, that we confess one name, one Lord, for one cause, with one hope, which is the height and the breadth and the depth and the love of Christ, forever and ever. Amen.

II. The Community Hears the Word of God

**First Lesson**

*Ann Njeri, OVC student (8:45)*

Matthew Mokua, OVC student (11:00)

Habakkuk 1:1-4, 2:1-4, pages 821-822, NRSV

**Leader:**

This is the word of the Lord.

**Anthem:**

“O Taste and See”

Ralph Vaughn Williams

Whitney McCollery, Soprano

Time for Children and Their Friends

Susan Wambungu, OVC Social Worker with Rev. Alice Tewell

**Prayer with Children**

God of us all, we remember our brothers and sisters around the world today. Help us to treat all people as your children. Amen.

*Second Lesson*

*Lamentations 3:19-26, page 720, NRSV*

**Leader:**

This is the word of the Lord.

**People:**

Thanks be to God.

**Sermon**

“Holding Lament, Acting Towards Hope”

Rev. Alice Rose Tewell

III. The Community Responds to the Word

*Sermon Hymn* 

#526, “Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ”

Linstead

Concerns of the Church

Moment for Community

“Fabrangren Havurah”

Robert Rovinsky

Moment for Mission

“Stewardship”

Matt Wieseler

Giving of Morning Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

11:00 a.m.

“O Mary, Don’t You Weep”

Spiritual, arr. McNeil

*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!

Where shall we go from your spirit, and how could we be away from your presence? If darkness covers us and night closes in on us, you are there. For the night is not dark for you but luminous

as the day, and the two are one to you.

Many:

Where shall we go from your spirit?

Your presence is there, and here, and everywhere.

Leader

Spirit of the living God, present with us now, breathe in us and

on these gifts of bread and wine, that sharing your blessing and

your broken life may we share in your continual presence and

reality, and together, as your body, remain in your love. In

the name of Christ who taught us to pray . . .

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

**8:45 a.m.**

The congregation is invited forward to take communion by intinction. After you receive communion, you are invited to stay up front and gather around the table for prayer and our final benediction. Please bring your belongings forward with you.

**11:00 a.m.**

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 bread and the cup at their seats. (The Calvin Five offering is in the middle aisle)

**Prayer After Communion**

Gracious God, we offer our thanks, for the whole communion of saints’ witness to this feast, and for the ministry of churches around the world who gather with us today. By this broken bread may we each be restored for the work yet to come. By this shared cup may we each be claimed for the proclamation of your Kingdom. At this shared table may we be united as children of your promise, children of your word, dying and made new again, sent boldly together into the world as servants of your peace. Amen.

*Sending Hymn*

#883, “We Are Marching in the Light of God”

Siyabamb

1 We are marching in the light of God;

We are marching in the light of God;

We are marching in the light of God;

We are marching in the light of God;

We are marching in the light of God;

We are marching in the light of God;

We are marching in the light of God;

We are marching in the light of God;

2 We are singing in the light of God...

3 We are living in the light of God...

*Commissioning to Ministry and Benediction*

*Congregational Response*

All hail to God Almighty!

Postlude

“Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ”

Tune of Linstead, arr. Carter

*The liturgy for today is based on liturgy from the PCUSA for World Communion Sunday.

We wish to thank David Williams, Whitney McCollery, Beth Braxton, visiting Kenyan Partners, and Fabrangren for their participation in worship this morning.