

**Date: June 25, 2023**  
**Season of the Holy Spirit**

**Prayer of Preparation**

Anne Osdieck

*Jesus, "No fear," you tell us. You call us to the risk of faith and service. Be our nerve and our backbone. We stand up straight and proclaim your Word in a loud voice, to all the people, in all the places, times and events of our lives.*

**Gathering in the Presence of God**

*\*Please stand as able, in body or in spirit*

**Gathering Music**

*Hymn To Freedom*

Oscar Peterson

**Welcome**

**\*Call to Worship** (responsively) Liturgist  
*(Based on Psalm 86:11-17)*

Friends in Christ, we gather to learn, grow, and be shaped by God.

Teach us your way, O God.

When we are uncertain or distracted,

Teach us your way, O God.

When we feel crushed and hope is crowded out,

Teach us your way, O God.

In our work, our play, and relationships,

Teach us your way, O God.

And now, in this time of holy worship,

Teach us your way, O God.

\*Hymn

*We Are Standing on Holy Ground*

GTG 406

**Call to Confession - Invitation to Change**

Liturgist

When we pass through deep waters or go through times of fiery trial, the Lord our God is with us. With confidence in God, our creator and redeemer, let us confess our wrongdoings, first in silent prayer...Let us pray.

**Confessing Our Separation from God** (unison)

Liturgist

Lord, we are so beaten down by life. We see the shadows all around us and shrink away from your light in our fears. We turn our backs on others because we don't believe that we have anything to offer. Our attitudes and our actions often reflect anger and hostility rather than compassion and hope. Please forgive us, Lord. Please heal and restore us to wholeness and hope. Give us courage to be your disciples. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.

**\*Assurance of Forgiveness**

*Jesus, Draw Me Close*

Rick Founds

Jesus, draw me close; Closer, Lord, to You.  
Let the world around me fade away.  
Jesus, draw me close;  
Closer, Lord, to You.  
For I desire to worship and obey.

**\*Passing the Peace of Christ**

**We Hear God's Word**

**Prayer of Illumination**

Liturgist

**Scripture Reading**

Genesis 21:8-21

Liturgist

*Source: New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)*

**Anthem**

*God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me*

GTG 543

Soloist: Pam Jusino

**Gospel Lesson** Matthew 10:24-39

*Source: New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)*

**Reflection:** The Homewrecker Rev. George Blair

### **We Respond to God's Word**

**\*Affirmation of Faith** *I Believe in Jesus* Marc Nelson

### **Joys and Hopes of the People of God & The Lord's Prayer**

**Offertory:** *Songs Without Words* Felix Mendelssohn  
**The Act of Gratitude**

**\*Doxology: An Expression of Faith to God** GTG 606  
*Tune: Old Hundredth*

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God, all creatures here below;  
Praise God above, ye heav'nly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!

**\*Prayer of Thanksgiving** (unison) Liturgist

God of our joy and our sorrow, of our living and our dying: help us to find a life that is full in the things that you would have for us: love, justice, compassion, hope, faithfulness, mercy. Let us not be so attached to life that we are afraid of change, or transition, or what the future holds. As we offer to you this morning a small portion of what you have entrusted to us, help us to have hands that hold nothing of this world as tightly as we hold on to you and your son Jesus our Savior. In that Holy name, we pray.

*Amen. (Based on: Matthew 10:24-39)*

## We Follow God's Word into the World

\*Hymn                      *O Master, Let me Walk with Thee*                      GTG 738

\*Benediction

Postlude                      *French Suite V in G Major*                      Gavotte, Bach

Next Week's Liturgist: Nancy Brook

### WORSHIP TEAM

Rev. George Blair

Liturgist: Al Cybart

Ushers: Sandra Hrin and Adele Trout

Music: Marcus Gromofsky

AV Tech: Melissa Schrock and Blue Jade

Fellowship Hour hosted by the Worship Committee

Today we welcome pianist, **Marcus A. Gromofsky**. Originally from Putnam County, NY, he now lives in Lewes and is a recent graduate of Cape Henlopen High School (2022). Marcus has been studying and playing the piano for over 13 years. Currently he is attending The University of Delaware, pursuing a career in Civil Engineering and Transportation Design. His free time is spent playing Jazz piano, swimming, hiking, boating, and traveling.

## CONGREGATIONAL LIFE ANNOUNCEMENTS

Our Faith Formation Team Ministry is very excited about this year's offerings.

**SUNDAY, JULY 2 @ 10am – SUNDAY SERVICE WITH COMMUNION - Fellowship** will host refreshments following after the service

WEDNESDAY, JULY 12 – AUGUST 16 – SUMMER BIBLE STUDY “Signs and Wonders: A Beginner’s Guide to the Miracles of Jesus” - Led by Charles Gilmore and David Norton. Six sessions from 10 – 11:20am. In person only at Coolspring Community Hall, 28843 Log Cabin Hill Rd, Lewes, DE 19958

Text: Signs and Wonders by Amy-Jill Levine, is available for \$10 at the church office

### DONATION DRIVE FOR UNIQUE MINDS CHANGING LIVES JUNE 4 – JULY 9

*NEEDED:* Personal Care Items and Packaged or Canned Foods

### REMEMBER IN PRAYER

#### *Notations:*

Our dear and amazing **Betty Carnahan** was hospitalized for treatment of severe dehydration. She is back at The Moorings under the watchful eyes of her WPC friends. May God protect, strengthen, and restore Betty and may the Holy Spirit comfort and give her peace. Though it is a while since we have seen her at church, she remains vibrant in our hearts and minds, as we lift her up in prayer.

**Pastor Thierry**, of our African mission at Oecumenique Church and our brother in Christ, is seriously ill with a heart condition and malaria. We pray that our Merciful God will restore his health, and that the Holy Spirit will comfort him and his flock. Understanding that he needs expensive medication, may adequate funds be available so that science and faith can work together for his recovery.

**Bill Meyers**, a close friend of Silvia Ritchie, is battling cancer and other ailments. May God give him strength to fight for remission and recovery, and the courage to move forward in faith and hope. May the Holy Spirit comfort Bill and his wife, Maryann.

*Illness:* **Mary Boyer** and **Barbara Eros**

*Surgery:* **Mimi Peters** and **Mary Beth Adair**