

HYMN

“Blest Be The Tie That Binds”

Dennis

Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love. The fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.

We share our mutual woes; our mutual burdens bear. And often for each other flows the sympathizing tear.

When we are called to part, it gives us inward pain; but we shall still be joined in heart, and hope to meet again.

From sorrow, toil, and pain, and sin we shall be free; and perfect love and friendship reign through all eternity

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

HYMN

“How Firm a Foundation”

Foundation

**Lyrics may be found in the insert*

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

“ Leave not this church without a prayer for yourself, your friends, and all who worship here; for our nation in these days of sacrificial burdens and difficult decisions: for all hopeless victims of the world’s catastrophe, and for the coming of God’s world-wide Kingdom of Justice and Peace; for the fellowship of the Christian Church Universal among all nations and races; and for men and women of every faith who sincerely desire one human family under the Fatherhood of God.” –Fosdick (*)

POSTLUDE

Allegro, from 'Concerto No. 2 in E major' (ca. 1720) Johan Sebastian Bach

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Participants in Today’s Service

Shane Hurley, Cantor

Martin Beech, Violinist

Donna Beech, Organist/Pianist

300th Anniversary Committee



The Eighteenth of October in the Year 2020

A Celebration of Three Hundred Years

Lower Brandywine Presbyterian Church

20th Sunday after Pentecost

1720

2020

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

“Whoever you are who worship here, in whatever household of faith you were born, whatever creed you now profess, if you come to this time of worship to seek the God in whom you may believe, or to rededicate yourself to the God in whom you do believe, you are welcome.” (*)

PRELUDE Andante, from 'Concerto No. 1 in A minor' (ca. 1720) *Johann Sebastian Bach*

CALL TO WORSHIP

The goodness of the Lord passes before us;
The name of the Holy One is proclaimed for all to hear.
God is gracious and merciful to whomever God chooses.
Show us your glory, O Lord, we pray! Let us worship God together.

HYMN “Down the Years” *Elliot Field*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Gracious God, as we turn to your Word for us, may the Spirit of God rest upon us. Help us to be steadfast in our hearing, in our speaking, in our believing, and in our living.
Amen.

SCRIPTURE READINGS**PSALM 96: 1-13**

O sing to the LORD a new song; sing to the LORD, all the earth. Sing to the LORD, bless his name; tell of his salvation from day to day. Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous works among all the peoples. For great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised; he is to be revered above all gods. For all the gods of the peoples are idols, but the LORD made the heavens. Honor and majesty are before him; strength and beauty are in his sanctuary. Ascribe to the LORD, O families of the peoples, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength. Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name; bring an offering, and come into his courts. Worship the LORD in holy splendor; tremble before him, all the earth. Say among the nations, “The LORD is king! The world is firmly established; it shall never be moved. He will judge the peoples with equity” Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice; let the sea roar, and all that fills it; let the field exult, and everything in it. Then shall all the trees of the forest sing for joy before the LORD; for he is coming, for he is coming to judge the earth. He will judge the world with righteousness, and the peoples with his truth.

EXODUS 33: 12-23

Moses said to the LORD, “See, you have said to me, ‘Bring up this people’; but you have not let me know whom you will send with me. Yet you have said, ‘I know you by name, and you have also found favor in my sight.’; Now if I have found favor in your sight, show me your ways, so that I may know you and find favor in your sight. Consider too that this nation is your people”. He said, “My presence will go with you, and I will give you rest.” And he said to him, “If your presence will not go, do not carry us up from here. For how shall it be known that I have found favor in your sight, I and your people, unless you go with us? In this way, we shall be distinct, I and your people, from every people on the face of the earth.” The LORD said to Moses, “I will do the very thing that you have asked; for you have found favor in my sight, and I know you by name.” Moses said, “Show me your glory, I pray.” And he said, “I will make all my goodness pass before you, and will proclaim before you the name, ‘The LORD’, and I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and will show mercy on whom I will show mercy. But “he said, “you cannot see my face; for no one shall see me and live.” And the LORD continued, “See, there is a place by me where you shall stand on the rock; and while my glory passes by I will put you in a cleft of the rock, and I will cover you with my hand until I have passed by; then I will take away my hand, and you shall see my back; but my face shall not be seen”

ANTHEM “We Gather Now” *Pastor Dave*

PARABLE *Pastor Emma*

SERMON “On the Way with God: Seeing Glory” *Pastor Emma*

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING FOR THE 300 YEARS

“We Thank Thee, our God, for Thou hast built Thy Church upon the foundation of Jesus Christ Thy Son. He is our cornerstone, built together into His temple. We thank Thee for those who pointed to His coming and for those who bore witness to His resurrection. We thank Thee for those who worshiped Him with joy, even in persecution, and for those who loved His word, carrying it to nations far and wide. We thank Thee for the faith of those who established this congregation, for the steadfastness of those who have served Thee here through so many years, for thy countless blessings upon this church, for the Christian love and holy joy with which we worship Thee today. Let thy spirit be upon us, Lord, that we may praise Thee now and in years to come. In this moment we offer up this prayer of thankfulness for the rich 300-year history of this congregation and we pray for your blessing as we acknowledge the past and look forward to our future. Let us serve thee in public and in private, looking with expectation to Thy glory revealed in Jesus Christ. Amen. (*)