

Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church

August 7, 2016 8:00 a.m., Chapel 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

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WELCOME Kellen A. Smith

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All: God calls us by name for we are God's own.

One: God calls us from work and from rest, from our questions

and our certainty:

All: Let us worship the Living Word.

† **HYMN** 299 You Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim HANOVER

CALL TO CONFESSION AND PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)

Lord, you speak and we do not listen.

Sometimes we are distracted, sometimes we are afraid, and sometimes we feel unworthy of your call.

Forgive us and give us ears to hear your word.

Give us minds to discern your will.

Give us strength to follow.

Speak Lord, for your servant is listening.

A moment of silence for personal reflection and confession.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE





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HEARING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Sally Nelson

FIRST LESSON

Psalm 19 (p. 498 in pew Bible)

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SECOND LESSON 1 Samuel 3:1 - 4:1a (p. 247 in pew Bible)

Rachel Pedersen

One: The Word of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

Here I Am

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† **HYMN** 175

Seek Ye First

LAFFERTY

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

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You are invited to come forward, using the center aisle, to partake of the Lord's Supper by intinction (dipping a piece of bread into the cup); return to your seat using the side aisle.

Gluten- and casein-free elements are on the center table.

You are invited to bring your morning offering to the offering plates when you come forward.

THE INVITATION TO COMMUNION AND THE GREAT 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 our thanks and praise.

THE LORD'S PRAYER (in unison)

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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

THE COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

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† **HYMN** 722 Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak CANONBURY

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ASSURANCE OF PARDON

† GLORIA PATRI (in unison)

(Hymnal 581)

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, Amen.

Children are invited to come forward for the Children's Moment.

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PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Rachel Pedersen

SENDING HYMN Go now, Children, with our Blessing

During the Sending Hymn, children depart for their Sunday School classes.



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1 Samuel 3:1-4:1a (p. 247 in pew Bible)

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SERMON

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† **HYMN** 175

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LAFFERTY

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

† **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (in unison)

Kellen A. Smith

We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father.

In sovereign love God created the world good

and makes everyone equally in God's image, male and female,

of every race and people, to live as one community.

But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator.

Ignoring God's commandments, we violate the image of God in others and ourselves, accept lies as truth, exploit neighbor and nature,

and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care.

We deserve God's condemnation.

Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation.

In everlasting love, the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people to bless all families of the earth.

Hearing their cry, God delivered the children of Israel from the house of bondage.

Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant.

Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child,

like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home, God is faithful still.

~ From A Brief Statement of Faith, 1991

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OFFERING AND OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Hymn of Promise Summer Choir Natalie Sleeth

In the bulb there is a flower; in the seed, an apple tree. In cocoons, a hidden promise; butterflies will soon be free! In the cold and snow of winter, there's a spring that waits to be. Unrevealed until its season. Something God alone can see. There's a song in every silence, seeking word and melody. There's a dawn in every darkness, bringing hope to you and me. From the past will come the future; what it holds, a mystery. Unrevealed until its season; something God alone can see. In our end is our beginning; in our time,

(continued)

infinity. In our doubt, there is believing; in our life, eternity. In our death, a resurrection; at the last, a victory. Unrevealed until its season; something God alone can see. Unrevealed until its season, something yet unknown which God alone can see.

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† **DOXOLOGY** (in unison)

(Hymnal 606)

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below; praise God above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

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CANONBURY

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