



Grace Foretold – Makoto Fujimura

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
SERVICE OF HEALING AND WHOLENESS
8:30 AM AND 11:00 AM MAY 6, 2018
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ORDER OF WORSHIP

Gathering Chime

Prelude

Aria in F Major

Handel

Welcome and Announcements

(Please sign the Welcome Book and pass it to your neighbor.)

A Time for Healing and Wholeness

Introit

Let Thy Holy Presence

Tschesnokoff

*Call to Worship

(* *Please stand as you are able.*)

One: We gather in the presence of our God:

**All: where grieving people and children with skinned knees
have their tears wiped away.**

One: We gather as the little children of God:

**All: to worship the One who provides what we need,
not what we want.**

One: We gather around the Table of God:

**All: to taste the goodness of God,
to drink deeply from God's mercy.**

***Hymn**

Healer of Our Every Ill

No. 795

Prayers of Joy and Concerns

Lord in your goodness: Hear our praise; Lord in your mercy: Hear our prayer.

Offering of Tithes and Gifts

Offertory

Be Still and Know That I Am God

Be still and know that I am God.

God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

Be still and know that I am God. Know that I am God.

***Doxology**

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow No. 608

***Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise Christ, all people here below;
praise Holy Spirit evermore;
praise Triune God, whom we adore.***

***Prayer of Thanksgiving**

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

**Holy and merciful God,
we do not know how to pray as we ought,
and we know too well our constant failures
to do as you have commanded
and to hold fast to your word.
Forgive us for the divisions we nurture,
in our lives, in your church, and throughout the world.
Guide us to your way,
keep us in your care, and
led us into faith.
We trust your word that the Spirit of truth
will show us all things
and grant us courage and peace. Amen.**

Silent Confession

***Assurance of Forgiveness**

Lectern Side: **The mercy of the Lord
is from everlasting to everlasting.
I declare to you, in the name of Jesus Christ,
you are forgiven.**

Pulpit Side: **The mercy of the Lord
is from everlasting to everlasting.
I declare to you, in the name of Jesus Christ,
you are forgiven.**

All in Unison: **May the God of mercy,
who forgives us all our sins,
strengthen us in all goodness,
and by the power of the Holy Spirit
keep us in eternal life. Amen!**

***Hymn**

We Cannot Measure How You Heal

No. 797

(The choir will sing verse 1, with the congregation joining in verses 2 & 3)

Prayer for Illumination

Personal: Scripture - Psalm 131

Prayer

Silent Reflection

"God knows the heart's secrets and deals with us at the level of the heart's profoundest hunger. Where there is fear or anxiety, these take precedent over the ebb and flow of the inward tides. In order for the deepest things in us to be touched and kindled, both fear and anxiety must be wiped away. This we can do for ourselves, sometimes, but not often. The one thing that they cannot abide is conscious exposure to the Love of God." - Howard Thurman

Church: Scripture – Matthew 18:15-20

Song

Give Us Light

No. 467



- 1 Give us light; give us light; give us light, O Lord.
- 2 Give us life; give us life; give us life, O Lord.
- 3 Grant us peace; grant us peace; grant us peace, O Lord.
- 4 Save us now; save us now; save us now, O Lord.
- 5 Give us grace; give us grace; give us grace, O Lord.

Silent Prayer

Time with Our Children

World: Scripture – Isaiah 58:6-16
Prayer
Silent Reflection

"There is a movement, not easily discernible, at the heart of things to reverse the awful centrifugal force of alienation, brokenness, division, hostility, and disharmony. God has set in motion a centripetal process, a moving toward the center, toward unity, harmony, goodness, peace, and justice, a process that removes barriers. Jesus says, 'And when I am lifted up from the earth I shall draw everyone to myself' as he hangs from His cross with outflung arms, thrown out to clasp all, everyone, and everything, in a cosmic embrace, so that all, everyone, everything, belongs. None is an outsider, all are insiders, all belong. There are no aliens, all belong in the one family, God's family, the human family. There is no longer Jew or Greek, male or female, slave or free – instead of separation and division, all distinctions make for a rich diversity to be celebrated for the sake of the unity that underlies them. We are different so that we can know our need of one another, for no one is ultimately self-sufficient. The completely self-sufficient person would be subhuman.

It was God's intention to bring all things in heaven and on earth to a unity in Christ, and each of us participates in this grand movement."

-from *No Future Without Forgiveness* by Desmond Tutu

Invitation to the Table

Communion Hymn

One Bread, One Body

No. 530

***One bread, one body, one Lord of all,
one cup of blessing which we bless.
And we, though many, throughout the earth,
we are one body in this one Lord.***

Many the gifts, many the works, one in the Lord of all.

***One bread, one body, one Lord of all,
one cup of blessing which we bless.
And we, though many, throughout the earth,
we are one body in this one Lord.***

Prayer of 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.

One: Creator of the cosmos, Breath of heaven,
Lover of us all, you are our praise, our life our joy.

You are there through desert wanderings and willful murmurings,
rebellious running and tears of complaint.
You are there when sorrow becomes our daily food;
you rescue us from ruin and anoint us with blessing.
You are there in stable and temple,
river and hillside, cross and tomb and even beyond the grave.

All embracing God,
we give you thanks and praise for Jesus.
Rising Sun, Soaring Spirit, Radiant Lord,
you are there in shining glory,
overcoming death and welcoming us to life.
You meet us in the breaking of the bread,
you pour out the wine of salvation;
you feed us with grace and overwhelm us with love.

Remembering your goodness and grace,
we offer ourselves to you with gratitude
as we share this joyful feast.

By your Spirit, make these gifts your body and your blood.
By your Spirit, make us one with you and with each other.
By your Spirit, make us strong that we might share your love
with your blessed and broken world.

Fount of mercy, Fire of justice,
bind us to you and send us out
to seek and serve and sing your praise,
until you gather us up in glory
and bring, unending song.

**All: 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.**

Font and Communion

*(Communion is taken by intinction: dipping the bread into the cup.
Please come up center aisle; return to your pew by the side aisle.
Stephen Ministers will be praying for congregation members.
You are also encouraged to pray for one another as we share in the Feast.
Bread is gluten-free.)*

***Prayer of Thanksgiving**

***Hymn** *Built on Faith, Ever Faithful (back cover of Hymnal)*

***Benediction**

In gratitude, in deep gratitude
for this moment,
this place,
these people,
we give ourselves to you.

**Take us out
to live as changed people,
because we have been touched by the living Lord
and cannot remain the same.**

Ask much from us,
expect much from us,
enable much by us,
encourage many through us.

**So, Lord, may we live to your glory,
both as inhabitants of earth
and citizens of the commonwealth of heaven.
Amen.**

***Passing the Peace of Christ**

One: May the peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you,
All: and also with you.
One: Let us share that peace with one another.

After worship, the Officer of the Day will be available
in the Narthex with the “Ask Me” sign
to answer any questions for visitors and CPC members.

Officer of the Day: Cathy Williams (8:30); Scott Patrick (11:00)

Got Graduates?

***Is someone in your family graduating from...
...college? ...grad school? ...other?***

Please send your information to office@carypresbyterian.org so
CPC can join in the congratulations!

Visitor/New Member Meetup: Sunday, May 20, 9:45 a.m.

**Interested in becoming a member? Already plan to join?
Just have some questions about being Presbyterian?**

Join Pastor Mitzi for a casual visitor/new member meetup
Sunday, May 20 at 9:45 a.m. in the fellowship hall.
Coffee and light refreshments will be provided.

**Questions? Contact Mitzi Lesher-Thomas at the church or
at lesherthomas@carypresbyterian.org.**

Do you have a hymnal at home?

Has a red Glory to God hymnal followed you home?

We are trying to find AWOL hymnals.
If you have one, please return to the CPC office.
Thank you.

Today's Service Participants

Ministers: Rev. Lori Pistor, Rev. Mitzi Leshner-Thomas, Rev. Alan Bancroft

Music Director: Ed Yasick

Choir: Chancel Choir

Acolyte: Natalie Hancock (8:30); Bennett Keith (11:00)

Lay Reader: Dana Hancock (8:30); Peggy Viser (11:00)

Bus Driver: Russell Diggs

Sound: Sam Witherspoon (8:30); Jason Troiano (11:00)

Ushers: Sue Harley and Cathy Williams (8:30);
John Hansen, Shane Pierce, Su Johnson, and Scott Patrick (11:00)

Counters: Brian Short and Ken Wease

Wall O'Mission: Guatemala 2018 Fundraiser Ends Today!

Today is your last chance to contribute to this year's Guatemala mission fundraiser: the Wall O' Mission!

There are still envelopes left, so please use one! Envelopes for your donations are available for amounts as small as \$2 to a whopping and generous \$1000 with 60 envelopes in between.

Take the envelope down, put in the amount on the envelope (check or cash), and then repost with the *Thank You* side out. There are plenty of envelopes left, so please use one!

Credit cards can be accepted for amounts over \$50:

see Medora Hix. It's that easy. Your support also goes toward making the relationship-centered annual trip to Guatemala happen, and much more.

To all who have made a donation so far: thank you!

Softball Season is underway! Find the season schedule for CPC Gray and CPC Green at this link:

<https://tinyurl.com/ydeffb4>

(Schedule is subject to change.

Check the calendar on the CPC website and the weekly bulletin calendar listings for up to date information.)

Announcements and Opportunities

Triple F Group is planning a tour of the Duke Lemur Center on Monday, May 7 at 2:00 p.m. Cost will be \$8.00 plus tax per person, due that day. Contact Barbara Turner at j1ht@earthlink.net.

Volunteer Opportunity: Meals on Wheels Driver Needed; The third Tuesday of each month - drive a delivery route at lunch for Meals on Wheels. You will deliver 10-12 meals in the Cary area with meal pick-up at Resurrection Lutheran Church on Kildaire Farm Rd. Please contact our Meals on Wheels route delivery coordinator Caroline Sinclair at caroline.sinclair@raymondjames.com or 919-302-2207.

Future Blood Drive Co-Chairs Needed!

The Health Ministry Team needs two volunteers to co-chair our bi-annual blood drives. Responsibilities include working with the Red Cross to schedule and coordinate blood drives on a bi-annual basis. Training from current chair Sally Adams and support from the Health Ministry Team is included. If you are interested in helping, please e-mail Mandy Nester at mandy.nester@carypresbyterian.org

After Worship Coffee and Fellowship

After Worship Coffee and Fellowship needs volunteers for the weeks ahead.

We continue our intentional time for coffee and fellowship, as usual following the 11:00 a.m. service today. We need your assistance to see this continues smoothly. Thanks to the Congregational Fellowship Team (who has graciously committed to supplying coffee and snacks), helping out will be easy!

We're in need of signups for May 27 and beyond. If you can start a pot of coffee and plate a few finger foods, you can do this! (And, if you're worried that you can't, we'll have specific and easy instructions for you.)

We think this will be a two-person job, so husband and wife teams serving as hosts for the week would be perfect. (But we're not married to helpers being spouses!) Please sign up at [SignUpGenius \(https://tinyurl.com/y7bvzhb\)](https://tinyurl.com/y7bvzhb) and let us know if you would be willing to help once in awhile.

Be The Hands!

2018 Kick Off and Interest Meeting



Would you like to have a hand in planning and organizing CPC's 2nd Be the Hands Day?

Please join us to share your thoughts and ideas and find out how you can be part of making this exciting day of service and fellowship happen.

We'll meet Wednesday, May 16, from 7:00 – 8:00 p.m. in the Senior High Youth room (105).

Contact Todd Crouse at crousetrc@gmail.com with any questions and to RSVP.

Faith Formation

Pop-up Bible Study!

5 Wednesdays in Eastertide: Continues May 9, 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. in the Library. We'll be studying one of the Bible passages from the Sunday lectionary readings. Each Wednesday stands alone so come when you can - no worries about missing anything. Questions? Contact Mitzi Leshner-Thomas at lesherthomas@carypresbyterian.org .

Adult Education Sunday School Classes:

Faith TODAY class will consider *What's the Least You Can Believe and Still Be a Christian*, based on the writing of Martin Thielen. Subtitled 'a guide to what matters most,' the class will explore questions surrounding our most commonly held beliefs. Leader: Mitzi Leshner-Thomas, Room 102

Bible and Beyond is studying Dr. Mickey Efir's work on Paul's letter to the Galatians, using video. Efir is dynamic and informative. Join in with Lisa and Alan Ward, leaders, in the Library.

Faith and Family is currently looking at the book *100 Things Every Child Should Know Before Confirmation: A Guide for Parents and Youth Leaders*. Books will be available to use in class. Room 100.

Adult I continues its regular Bible study and welcomes newcomers in the Parlor.

Mission:

Food, Friends, and Fun returns to Cary Presbyterian on Wednesdays this summer and other churches on Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday. Sign-ups for all the volunteer positions are active – at church or through SignUpGenius at this link:

<https://tinyurl.com/yb9xffqn>

We need at least one check-in and general help coordinator. We also need age group helpers, readers, craft leaders, recreation leaders, and kitchen help. Group leaders are most successful when they can be here regularly. In addition, we are being asked to provide bus drivers for the days we do not host FFF, Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday. Please check the sign ups to see details. Finally, would you like to work with the parents? See Medora Hix or sign up.

A half-hour mandatory training for all will be held either at the Kirk of Kildaire PC, Wednesday, May 30 at 5:30 p.m. or at CPC Tuesday, June 5 at 6 p.m. (or at Greenwood Forest Baptist at 7 p.m., date TBD). Immediately following these sessions, a training for all volunteers working directly with the children about group management will be held, lasting about an hour.

Vacation Bible School registrations start today, May 6. VBS dates will be June 17 – 21. Sunday, June 17, we'll begin with a craft session (4 p.m.), potluck supper (5 p.m.), and then on with the daily evening schedule (5:45 – 8:15 p.m.). VBS is for children age 4 through rising 5th graders. We love to have youth and adults as helpers. Please use the Volunteer Registration form.

Heads Up! This summer your Christian Faith Formation team will offer our children two daytime opportunities for fun and learning. Watch for Not-on-Sunday-Sunday School news for children age 3 – 7 (Thursdays during July) and Computer Bible Camp for children in grades 2 – 6 (July 23, 24 and 26 from 9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.)

THIS WEEK AT CARY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday, May 6	8:30 a.m. 9:45 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 12:00 p.m. 5:15 p.m. 5:45 p.m. 6:00 p.m.	Healing and Wholeness Service and Communion Sunday School Healing and Wholeness Service and Communion After Worship Coffee Fellowship SH Youth Group Meet (CPC) Bridge to Life at West Raleigh Presbyterian MS Youth Group: Cookout at Crouse Home No CA Group Meeting
Monday, May 7	9:00 a.m. 9:45 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 11:30 a.m. 6:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Preschool End of Year Luncheon Prep (FH) Pastoral Care Team (Office) Staff Meeting (Office) Preschool End of Year Luncheon (FH) Called Session Meeting/Confirmation (FH) Presbyterian Women Coordinating Team (P)
Tuesday, May 8	10:30 a.m. 5:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 9:00 p.m. 9:00 p.m.	Connections Group (P) Mary and Martha Circle (Off Campus) Boy Scout Troop 232 (101/103/105) Miriam Circle (P) Strength, Hope, and Healing (L) Softball: Crosspointe Blue vs. CPC Gray (Brooks Park/Field 8) Softball: St. Mike's Knights vs. CPC Green (Brooks Park/Field 7)
Wednesday, May 9	9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 12:00 p.m. 1:00 p.m. 2:00 p.m. 5:30 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:30 p.m.	Beginner Spanish (100) Ruth Circle (102) Intermediate Spanish and Conversation (100) Stephen Ministry Care Meeting/Luckie (P) Intermediate Destinos, Pt. 1 (100) Coping Creatively with Cancer (Off Campus) Pop-Up Bible Study (L) YAF Meeting (103) Choir Practice (Choir Room)
Thursday, May 10	9:00 a.m. 11:30 a.m. 12:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 8:00 p.m. 9:00 p.m.	Preschool 4s Mother's Day Tea Prep (FH) Preschool 4s Mother's Day Tea (FH) Health Ministry Team (209) Missions Team (L) Bob Hall Group (100) Softball: CPC Green vs. Grace Church (Brooks Park/Field 8) Summit Warriors vs. CPC Gray (Brooks Park/Field 7)
Friday, May 11	9:00 a.m.	Centering Prayer Group (P)
Saturday, May 12	No Activities Scheduled	
Sunday, May 13 Mother's Day	8:30 a.m. 9:45 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 12:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m.	Worship Service Sunday School Worship Service After Worship Coffee Fellowship SH Youth Group (SH Room) TBD No MS Youth Group Meeting