



Sacrificial Grace – Makoto Fujimura

**FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
WORSHIP SERVICE**

10:00 AM JUNE 17, 2018

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

Gathering Chime

Prelude

Aria

Handel

Welcome and Announcements

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

*Call to Worship

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

One: Small as a mustard seed and lofty as a cedar:

All: The kingdom of God is growing.

One: While we sleep and rise night and day:

All: The kingdom of God is growing.

One: The low are brought high; the high are brought low:

**All: The kingdom of God is growing
and in its branches there's room enough for all!**

*Hymn

For the Fruit of All Creation

No. 36

*Call to Confession

*Prayer of Confession

**All: Gracious God, we so often miss your kingdom at work among us. Captivated by power and prestige, we overlook the mustard seeds you have planted all around.
Forgive us for failing to notice where and how you are at work.
Forgive us when we work against your plans and purposes: fostering divisions when you have called us to a ministry of reconciliation;
beset by apathy when the world has such deep needs;
building walls to keep people out when your branches offer generous nests.
Help us to grow in faithfulness, we pray,
so that we might reach our fullest height of faith.
In Christ's name we pray.**

Silent Confession

***Hymn** *Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying* No. 469

***Lord, listen to your children praying.
Lord, send your Spirit in this place.
Lord, listen to your children praying.
Send us love; send us power; send us grace.***

***Assurance of Pardon**

***Response** *We Are Forgiven* No. 447

***We are forgiven. We are forgiven.
Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.
We are forgiven. We are forgiven.
Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.***

***Sharing the Peace of Christ**

One: May the peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you,

All: and also with you.

One: Let us share that peace with one another.

Prayer for Illumination

Epistle Reading: *2 Corinthians 5:6-10, 14-17* NT, p. 181

One: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading: *Mark 4:26-34* NT, pp. 38, 39

Sermon: *Wild, Tender, Tough* Mitzi Leshner-Thomas

***Affirmation of Faith** (*From: A Declaration of Faith 1977*)

**The people of God have often misused God's promises
as excuses for doing nothing about present evils.
But in Christ the new world has already broken in
and the old can no longer be tolerated.**

**We know our efforts cannot bring in God's kingdom.
But hope plunges us into the struggle
for victories over evil that are possible now
in the world, the church, and our individual lives.**

**Hope gives us courage and energy
to contend against all opposition,
however invincible it may seem,
for the new world and the new humanity
that are surely coming.**

**Jesus is Lord!
He has been Lord from the beginning.
He will be Lord at the end.
Even now he is Lord.**

***Hymn**

What Is the World Like

No. 771

Time with Our Children

Offering of Tithes and Gifts

Offertory

I Hear God's Music

Besig/Price

*In the stillness of the morning when the sun begins to rise;
in the robin's song at daybreak as it echoes through the sky;
in the whisper of the trees swaying gently in the breeze,
I hear music, I hear God's music.*

*In the rhythm of the raindrops as they fall upon the ground;
in the rolling of the thunder when the storm clouds gather round;
in the mighty ocean's roar, beating hard against the shore,
I hear music, I hear God's music.*

*Alleluia! I can feel my heart rejoice. Alleluia! You can hear it in my
voice. With adoration, in celebration, I will share God's music
with my song.*

*You hear the beauty of God's melody around you,
and find it fills your life with joy and calms your soul.
Let its harmony and rhythm set your spirit free,
and the song within your heart will start to grow.*

*In the power of the Scriptures that we share within this place;
in the quiet prayers we offer as we seek our Savior's grace;
in the joyful hymns we raise giving thanks and singing praise,
we hear music. We hear God's music.*

*Alleluia! We can feel our hearts rejoice. Alleluia! Let us sing in one
strong voice. With adoration, in celebration, we will share God's
music, God's glorious music. Hear God's music in our song.*

***Doxology** *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* No. 607

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

***Prayer of Dedication**

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer Hymnal, p. 35

***Hymn** *Faith Begins by Letting Go* No. 684

***Benediction**

***Response** *We Will Go Out with Joy* No. 539

*We will go out with joy in the Spirit; we will go out with God.
We will go out with joy in the Spirit; we will go out with God.
Alleluia! We will go out with joy.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
We will go out with joy in the Spirit; we will go out with God.*

***Postlude** *Postlude in G Major* Handel

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.
Today's Officer of the Day: Jim Tompkins

Today's Service Participants

Ministers: Rev. Mitzi Lesher-Thomas, Rev. Lori Pistor

Director of Music: Ed Yasick

Choir: Open Choir

Acolyte: Matalie Bohm

Lay Reader: Tom Stuart

Bus Driver: Wayne Honeycutt

Sound: Chip Carew

Ushers: Tom Bolick, Al Hardie, Ellen Govert, and Jim Tompkins

Counters: Jane Dunbar and Rowena Morrison



*The flowers in the Sanctuary
are given to the glory of God,
and in memory of Jim Hobbs, a great dad.
Happy Father's Day to Craig, Mike, and all the dads
and granddads at Cary Presbyterian Church.*

Announcements and Opportunities

FFF SOS!

Food, Friends and Fun begins in less than a week, on June 20 [at Cary Presbyterian on Wednesdays this summer from 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., and other churches Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday].

IMPORTANT: A half-hour mandatory training for all FFF volunteers will be held at CPC on Sunday, June 17 at 11:15 a.m. (after 10:00 a.m. worship) or at Greenwood Forest Baptist at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, June 20.

Please sign up today. Sign-ups for all the volunteer positions are active – at church or through SignUpGenius at this link:

<https://tinyurl.com/yb9xffqn>. Please check the sign-ups to see details. See Medora Hix or sign up.

Keep the sign-ups coming! This week we still need:

- Helper in recreation
- A second adult in grades 1&2

Next week, June 27, we still need:

- BUS DRIVER!
- Recreation leader

July 11, we still need:

- Leader for 5th and 6th grade group
- Helper for 5th – 6th
- Leader for Science

More will be posted later. Thank you!

Vacation Bible School begins today, June 17

Rolling River Rampage: Experience the Ride of a Lifetime with God! VBS dates are June 17 – 21.

Sunday, June 17, we'll begin with a craft session (4:00 p.m.), potluck supper (5:00 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.

2018 Appalachia Service Project Fundraising

For 28 years, Cary Presbyterian Church has partnered with Appalachia Service Project. This year, 35 CPC volunteers will work in Kentucky from July 8-14. Your donations of cash and snacks are of great help to us each year.

Funds may be contributed at this link. <https://tinyurl.com/ya8dkrvz> (Wait for the pop-up screen.) Volunteers and others may share this link with family and friends to assist us with fund raising. (Any prepackaged snack donations may be placed in the hall outside the church office until July 7.)

It's time to register for the Not-on-Sunday-Sunday School playgroup for children ages 3 - 7 and their parents. The playgroup meets on Thursday mornings at 9:45 a.m. to noon on July 12, 19, 26 and August 2. There will be a story, a snack, playtime and conversation: feel free to stay for a brown bag lunch afterwards.

Email Meredith Bullis at meredithmarie2001@yahoo.com (or text her, number on sheet in the narthex).

It's Back: Computer Bible Camp for children in grades 2 through 6. Camp sessions will be held on July 23, 24 and 26 from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Computer Camp will use the fun *Bongo Loves the Bible* software and more. Camp will have activities, video, games, and a snack. **Sign-ups are in the narthex at the VBS station. Registration closes July 8. Free!**

THIS WEEK AT CARY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday, June 17 Father's Day	8:45 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 11:15 a.m. 4:00 p.m. 5:00 p.m. 5:45 p.m.	Adult 1 Sunday School (only Sunday School class to meet until Sept. 9) All Together Worship Service After Worship Coffee Fellowship Food, Friends, Fun Training VBS Craft Session VBS Potluck Summer Vacation Bible School
Monday, June 18	9:45 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 5:45 p.m. 6:30 p.m.	Pastoral Care Team (Office) Staff Meeting (Office) Vacation Bible School Personnel and Administration Team (209)
Tuesday, June 19	10:30 a.m. 5:45 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Connections Group (P) Vacation Bible School Boy Scout Troop 232 (100/103/105) Strength, Hope, and Healing (L) Budget and Finance Committee (106)
Wednesday, June 20	9:00 a.m. 5:45 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Food, Friends, and Fun Vacation Bible School Pop Up Bible Study / Summer (L) Transition Team (P) CPC Youth Ice Cream Fellowship at FRESH ASP Ice Cream Evening (Youth Area)
Thursday, June 21	12:00 p.m. 4:00 p.m. 5:45 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 8:00 p.m.	CPC Staff/Deacon Lunch at Glenaire McNeil and Graybeal Wedding (Sanctuary) Vacation Bible School Stephen Ministry (100/102/106) Generosity Team (P)
Friday, June 22	9:00 a.m.	Centering Prayer Group (P)
Saturday, June 23	No Activities Scheduled	
Sunday, June 24	8:45 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 11:30 a.m.	Adult 1 Sunday School (only Sunday School class to meet until Sept. 9) All Together Worship Service After Worship Coffee Fellowship Youth Area Cleanup

Open Choir Opportunity

Director of Music Ed Yasick extends an invitation to the entire congregation to join open choir opportunities today, June 17 and next Sunday June 24. We will sing familiar anthems that can easily be learned before the services. We would love to fill the choir loft. Please plan to meet in the choir room 20 minutes before the 10:00 a.m. services. Come and make a joyful noise unto the Lord!