

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

COLLEGE PARK BAPTIST CHURCH

23 June 2019

Mosaic

10:30 AM

GATHER

Meditation of Preparation

*The quality of mercy is not strain'd,
It droppeth as the gentle rain from heaven
Upon the place beneath: it is twice blest;
It blesseth him that gives and him that takes:
'Tis mightiest in the mightiest: it becomes
The throned monarch better than his crown;
His sceptre shows the force of temporal power,
The attribute to awe and majesty,
Wherein doth sit the dread and fear of kings;
But mercy is above this sceptred sway;
It is enthroned in the hearts of kings,
It is an attribute to God himself;
And earthly power doth then show likest God's
When mercy seasons justice.*

William Shakespeare, *The Merchant of Venice*

I have always found that mercy bears richer fruits than strict justice.

Abraham Lincoln

Lighting of the Candles

Welcome and Announcements

Lin Story-Bunce

GRACE

Prelude

★ Call to Worship

Loving God, too often we play hide and seek with you. We know you are always ready to receive us but we are not as ready to open ourselves to your abiding presence.

Ready or not, God, here we come, bounding into your presence enlivened by your own spirit rushing energy through all our veins.

Ready or not, here we come, knowing all too well we are the ones who hide ourselves from you.

You are the seeking one, you are the God who finds our lost hearts.

Ready or not, here we come, some of us struggling to quiet ourselves, some of us trying to get excited.

Stir in us all a spirit of expectation and a love of surprises.

Gather us together: your children, one and all- ready to laugh, ready to cry, ready to sing, ready to love and be loved.

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★ Prayer of Thanksgiving

★ Response

Come, O Holy Spirit, Come WA EMIMIMO
Wa Wa Wa Emimimo
Sing 3 times: English/Yoruba/English

English: Come, O Ho - ly Spi - rit, come; Come, al - might - y Spir - it,
Yoruba: Wa wa wa E - mi - mi - mo; Wa wa wa A - lag - ba -

come; ra;
Come, wa - o,
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★ Prayer for the World & Unison Response

Eternal Spirit, Earth-maker, Pain-bearer, Life-giver, Source of all that is and that shall be, Father and Mother of us all, Loving God, in whom is heaven: The hallowing of your name echoes through the universe; The way of your justice be followed by the peoples of the world; Your heavenly will be done by all created beings; Your commonwealth of peace and freedom sustain our hope and come on earth. With the bread we need for today, feed us. In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us. In times of temptation and test, strengthen us. From trial too great to endure, spare us. From the grip of all that is evil, free us. For you reign in the glory of the power that is love, now and forever. Amen.

New Zealand version of **The Lord's Prayer**

★ Glory to God #475 *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing* NETTLETON

GROW

New Testament Reading Hosea 2.19-20; 6.1-6, Matthew 9.9-13, 12.6-13
The Message (MSG)

For the word of God in scripture,
for the word of God among us,
for the word of God within us,
Thanks be to God.

Special Music *Holy Spirit\Set a Fire* written by Brian Torwalt,
Stephanie Harvey Katie Torwalt, and Will Reagan

Children's Sermon Mandy Luck

Children ages 3 through 4th grade are invited to come to the front for the children's sermon. Afterwards, children aged 3 may go to the toddlers' room; children ages 4 through 1st grade may leave for children's worship (room 110); 2nd graders & older may return to their seats.

Sermon *The Oddness of Mercy* Michael Usey

Moment of Silence

The world will give you that once in awhile, a brief timeout; the boxing bell rings and you go to your corner, where somebody dabs mercy on your beat-up life.
Sue Monk Kidd, *The Secret Life of Bees*

Sermon Talkback Michael Usey

GIVE

★ Glory to God #435 *There's a Wideness in God's Mercy* IN BABILONE

★ Offertory Prayer
You cannot conceive, nor can I, of the appalling strangeness of the mercy of God.
Graham Greene, *Brighton Rock*

Offertory *To God Be The Glory* DOANE
Tom Hardin & David Soyars

★ Response *Doxology 27* LASST UNS ERFREUEN
Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God all creatures here below; O praise God! Alleluia!
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;
Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost.
O praise God, O praise God! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

★ Recognition of New Members
In response to your decision, we pledge ourselves to be the family of God for you in this place. We offer you our love, our care, our kinship and our hopes. We hope to learn from you, give to you and receive from you, by God's grace.
Thank God you are here!

GO

★ Benediction Michael Usey

★ Response *Called to Become* Mclvor

There's a work that God be-gan in you, and the Spir - it's break - ing through With the
strength to con - quer ev - 'ry storm and the love to be trans - formed In the
jus - tice and the u - ni - ty of the Christ who sets us free, We'll live in - to
all that we are called to be - come.

* Postlude

Depart in Peace

Night is a time of rigor, but also of mercy. There are truths which one can see only when it's dark.

Isaac Bashevis Singer, *Telbele And Her Demon*

College Park Baptist Church fully welcomes and affirms all persons without distinction regarding race, ethnicity, national origin, class, sexual orientation, gender identity, or any other human category.

The Liturgist for today is Ed Drew.

The Deacon Greeter today is Andrea Turner.

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* Please stand as you are able.



THE 13 VALUES OF OUR CHURCH

- Worship the Living God corporately and privately.
- Enjoy fellowship with a community of faith.
- Provide quality Christian education for all ages.
- Support varied missions activities both here and abroad.
- Encourage creativity.
- Honor the integrity of the family, in all its various forms.
- Value an inclusiveness of all who confess Jesus is Lord.
- Use excellent music to praise and enjoy God.
- Promote radical stewardship of all talents.
- Plan for the future so the Church will flourish.
- Respect the diversity of our members.
- Be faithful to historic Baptist beliefs and Christian history.
- Encourage a deep Christian curiosity and spiritual openness.

Sunday Announcements



Creation. Care. Consideration.
 Carpool Challenge!
 Organize a carpool to commute to work or Wednesday book study this week. On your ride, enjoy catching up with friends and consider together the ways that making this a weekly or daily habit would benefit both your mental health and the environment.

Summer Special Music

If you would like to sing or play for special music in either or both Sunday services this Summer, please see Christian and/or email christianmcivor@gmail.com.

Youth Activities

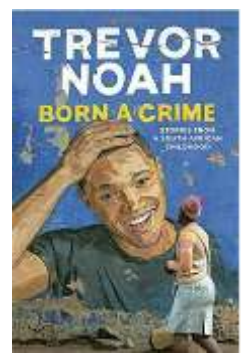
Sunday evening youth activities are on hold for the summer and will return on September 8th. Youth can sign up for the Summer Mission Trip using the following link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/409094fa9a728a02-20171>.

Summer Book Read—Wednesday Evenings @ 6 pm

This summer we will read *Born a Crime* by Trevor Noah. Our meetings will be Wednesday evenings, 6-8 pm, at the Usey's home (111 West Keeling, 27410). Books are available in the back of Forest Chapel and in the foyer of the parking lot entrance. All are welcome! Please bring a snack to share.

Reading Schedule:

- June 26—chaps 4-6
- July 3—No Meeting
- July 10—chaps 7-9
- July 17—chaps 10-12
- July 24—chaps 13-15
- July 31—chaps 16-18



Greensboro Grasshopper Baseball Game (July 4)

We have 50 available tickets at \$10 a piece for the Greensboro Grasshoppers 4th of July game. If you are interested, contact Lin Story-Bunce or James Blay in order to reserve or purchase your ticket.

Next Sunday, June 30th
 5th Sunday Combined Service
 10:30 am
 Reception to Follow

This Morning I Pray for My Enemies

by Joy Harjo, first Native American poet Laureate

And whom do I call my enemy?

An enemy must be worthy of engagement.

I turn in the direction of the sun and keep walking.

It's the heart that asks the question, not my furious mind.

The heart is the smaller cousin of the sun.

It sees and knows everything.

It hears the gnashing even as it hears the blessing.

The door to the mind should only open from the heart.

An enemy who gets in, risks the danger of becoming a friend.

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Tai Chi

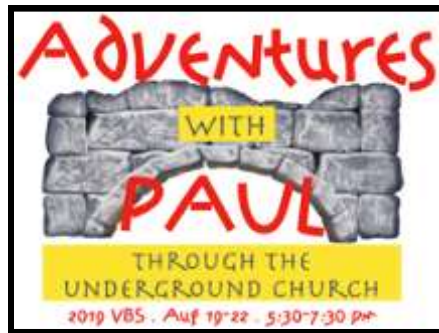
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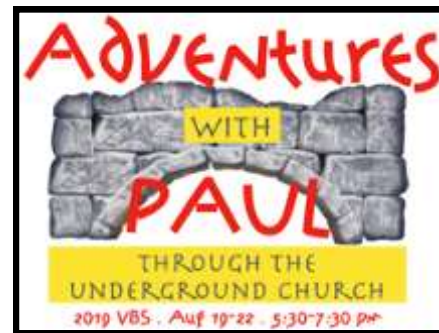
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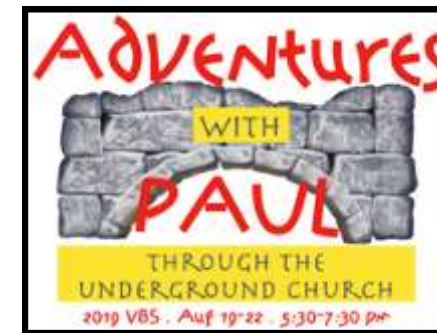
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