

# WORSHIP NOTES

Today is Youth Sunday, when members of the 2018 Confirmation Class lead the congregation in worship. Since September, these students have met together after church for lunch, discussion, Bible Study, singing and fun. They have been preparing today’s service since the beginning of the month. Each year, in an important part of Confirmation, confirmands are asked to describe their understanding of God, faith and the church in a Statement of Faith. While many of them approach such an assignment with understandable trepidation, each of them expressed a joy and fulfillment in articulating where they stood in their faith journey. Here are a few excerpts from Statements of Faith from this year’s class.

## *On the Understanding of God*

I am not quite sure how to describe God from my perspective. Some adjectives that come to mind when I think about God are angelic, leader, and savior. I believe God is a who opposed to a what... Even I have blamed God before for bad things that have happened to me, but I constantly ask myself the question, “What would happen if this world was perfect?” There would be nothing for anybody to fix. — *Addison E. Nelson*

I think of God as both a Who and a What. God is in everything, which explains how he can hear every prayer and see who is being kind. God is not just looking down on us from the heavens, God is looking from our level too and judging accordingly. To get a full image, one has to look at a scenario from multiple positions, but God can view everything everywhere at once... I do not believe God takes a particular form, but he is a part of everything. He is not a particular part, such as an ear, but he is inside us mentally, physically, and emotionally. — *Willis G. Ryckman V*

## *On Jesus*

Something I appreciate learning about Jesus this year, is how he loved everybody regardless of their place in life, the poor and the sick to the rich and powerful. He came to earth not a ruler or king and did not want to be treated that way. He just wanted to help others and was willing to sacrifice anything for us, and pay for our sins. He was humble and allowed them to crucify him which was a painful death for him that he did to save us. — *Warner A. Young*

## *On The Holy Spirit*

I felt closest to God when, this Easter, I was sitting outside Central Park on a park bench lined against the exterior of the park. As I sat on the bench and listened to music, I decided it felt like an appropriate time to talk to God, and so began to pray. When I started to conclude my prayer, I noticed that the buildings in front of me were illuminated with golden light that was pouring all over the park and buildings. In this light I saw the beauty of God and felt very in touch with the Holy Spirit. — *Campbell C. Arnone*

I feel the Holy Spirit when I see someone I love, when I hear of someone doing something good in the news, or when I see something beautiful in nature. I feel closest to God when I am doing what I love, because I am fully immersed and surrounded by what I love, and it loves me back. — *Caroline C. Pickering*

## MINISTERS

The Rev. Dr. Kimberly L. Clayton, *Transitional Senior Minister*

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Amanda Page Smith, *Director of Children’s Music Ministries*

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## SESSION

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— THE ORDER OF SERVICE FOR —

# Fifth Sunday of Easter Youth Sunday

— ELEVEN O’CLOCK —

**WELCOME** The moments before worship are a transition from “getting here” to “being here.” Since it usually takes a few minutes to quiet one’s mind, and to become open to the Spirit, it is most appropriate to give one’s friends a silent wave of the hand, a nod of the head, or a friendly smile in lieu of initiating a conversation.

**AFTER THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN**, in order not to disrupt the worship service, latecomers will be seated by the ushers only at times when the congregation is standing, either during the Congregational Response following the assurance of forgiveness or during the second hymn.

**VISITORS**, please know how welcome you are. Please sign the Friendship Book when it passes you during the service of worship and identify yourself with a name tag to be found in the book. You are also cordially invited to attend Coffee Hour following worship.

**IN THE ORDER OF WORSHIP** that follows, an asterisk invites all to stand; items in bold type face indicate that the congregation participates in word or song.

<b>LECTIONARY SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE DAY</b>	
Acts 8:26-40	Psalm 22:25-31
1 John 4:7-21	John 15:1-8

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**THE FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY** are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of  
Mr. and Mrs. Bruce H. Wittmer by their family.



**NEXT SUNDAY’S PREACHER** is the Rev. Dr. Kimberly L. Clayton.

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# THE GATHERING

## PRELUDE

*Albert Pieczonka (1828-1912)*  
“Tarantella in A minor”  
Griffin LaGrange Johnson, *piano*

## WELCOME AND INVITATION

*Henry P. W. Ley*

## MINUTE FOR HISTORY

*Campbell R. Abelow*

## CHORAL INTROIT

*Randy Scruggs (b. 1953)*  
“Sanctuary”

## \* CALL TO WORSHIP *(Isaiah 40:28-31 paraphrase)*

*Christina S. J. Tutino*

Leader: The Lord is the everlasting God.

**All: The creator of the ends of the earth.**

Leader: He does not faint or grow weary.

**All: His understanding is unsearchable.**

Leader: He gives power to the faint and strengthens the powerless.

**All: Come, let us worship the Lord!**

## \* PROCESSIONAL HYMN 464

*Ode to Joy*

“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”

## PRAYER OF ADORATION AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

*Folk Hymn*

*Katherine A. Thorpe, \*David Bedard, guitar*

<b>Our Father</b>	<b>Give us this day</b>	<b>But deliver us from evil</b>
<b>Who art in heaven</b>	<b>Our daily bread</b>	<b>For Thine is</b>
<b>Hallowed be Thy name</b>	<b>And forgive our debts</b>	<b>The kingdom</b>
<b>Thy kingdom come</b>	<b>And debtors</b>	<b>The Power and the Glory</b>
<b>Thy will be done</b>	<b>And lead us not</b>	<b>Forever</b>
<b>On Earth as it is in heaven</b>	<b>Into temptation</b>	<b>And ever, Amen.</b>

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

*Grace O. Cibra and Willis G. Rykman V*

**Lord, You come to us, but we do not recognize You; You call, but we do not follow; You command, but we do not obey; You bless us, but we do not thank You. Lord, You accept us, but we do not accept others; You forgive us, but we do not forgive those who wrong us; You love us, but we do not love our neighbor. Lord, You showed us how to carry out Your mission, but we still insist on our own. You identified yourself with outcasts, the needy, and the poor. You suffered and died for the sake of all, but we do not give up our comfortable lives. Please forgive us and help us, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

## KYRIE 572

*John Merbecke (c. 1510-1585)*

**Lord, have mercy upon us.**

**Christ, have mercy upon us.**

**Lord, have mercy upon us.**

## ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

*Caroline B. Heath*

## \* PASSING OF THE PEACE

*Caroline S. Lindemuth*

Leader: The Peace of Christ be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

## \* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE *(Hymn 113, verse 4)*

*Llanfair*

**Hail, the Lord of earth and heaven! Alleluia!**

**Praise to You by both be given; Alleluia!**

**Every knee to You shall bow, Alleluia!**

**Risen Christ, triumphant now, Alleluia!**

## ANTHEM

*Spiritual, arr. Sue Ellen Page (1949-2016)*

“My Lord, What a Morning”

Farah A. Haskin, Addison E. Nelson, Jonathan K. Stephenson, Caroline C. Pickering, Isabella J. Cranshaw, Katherine A. Thorpe, Amelia A. Dalvito, Campbell C. Arnone,

\*Max. M. Hill

\*Amanda P. Smith, *piano*

*Following the anthem, all children are invited to come forward and sit on the chancel steps for the Children’s Message.*

# THE WORD

## CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

Harrison D. Clyde and Parker L. Lorenz

## \* HYMN 280

*Amazing Grace*

“Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound”

## SCRIPTURE LESSON

*Miranda C. Kimm*

Colossians 3:12-17 *(Pew Bible, page 198 N.T.)*

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God!**

## SERMONS

Caroline C. Pickering

Nathaniel G. Miller

Annabel G. Pick

William D. Henderson

Campbell C. Arnone

# THE RESPONSE

## \* CONFESSION OF FAITH *(from The Confession of 1967)*

*Balin L. Gerry*

**Wise and virtuous men and women through the ages have sought the highest good in devotion to freedom, justice, peace, truth, and beauty. Yet all human virtue, when seen in the light of God’s love in Jesus Christ, is found to be infected by self - interest and hostility. All people, good and bad alike, are in the wrong before God and helpless without God’s forgiveness. Thus everyone falls under God’s judgment. No one is more subject to that judgment than those who assume that they are guiltless before God or morally superior to others.**

## PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING, INTERCESSION, AND PETITION

*Addison E. Nelson, Nicholas B. Dingle, Farah A. Haskin*

Leader: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Leader: Let us pray.

## \* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

*America*

**Not for this land alone,**

**But be God’s mercies shown from shore to shore;**

**And may the nations see that we must loving be,**

**And form one family the wide world o’er. Amen.**

## \* INVITATION TO OFFERING

*Amelia A. Dalvito*

## OFFERTORY ANTHEM

*Christoph Willibald Gluck (1714–1787)*

“Dance of the Blessed Spirits” *(from Orfeo ed Euridice)*

Caroline C. Pickering, *flute*

\*Amanda P. Smith, *piano*

## \* DOXOLOGY 592

*Old Hundredth*

**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.**

## \* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*Isabella J. Cranshaw*

# THE SENDING

## \* RECESSIONAL HYMN 525

*Here I Am, Lord*

“Here I Am, Lord”

## BENEDICTION

*Patrik H. Nugent*

## CHORAL RESPONSE

*Shenandoah, arr. Amanda P. Smith*

“Isaiah 40:31”

Farah A. Haskin, Addison E. Nelson, Caroline C. Pickering, Isabella J. Cranshaw, Katherine A. Thorpe, Amelia A. Dalvito, Campbell C. Arnone

## POSTLUDE

*harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)*

“All Creatures of our God and King”

Clifford W. Stowe, *organ*

\*David Bedard, *Music Leader for TakeOut and Day School Teacher*

\*Max M. Hill, *Seminarian*

\*Amanda P. Smith, *Director of Children’s Music Ministries*

## ANNUAL MEETINGS OF THE CONGREGATION AND CORPORATION