

***Hymn #32** "I Sing the Mighty Power of God" Ellacombe

***Invitation to Confess** Dennis Blake

***Prayer of Confession**

God who delivers and redeems,
You say we are "light" and "salt,"
called to shine love in the shadows,
called to bring life and flavor to those
who've grown bland or spoiled.
But we've failed to live into your promise of new life.
We've been afraid to enter darkened corners
to help the poor and downtrodden.
We've sought ease and comfort
while ignoring the needs of the poor, the sick, the refugee.

Forgive our narrow perspective of your grace,
thinking only of our own salvation.
Forgive us for not living for living for others,
for not risking ourselves for others' sake.

Call us into new life,
a life that is lived carrying the promise of your love
to the whole world.

- silent reflection and confession -

***Assurance of Grace**

Leader: The grace of God in Jesus Christ not only forgives us of our sins,
but frees us from our selfishness.
People: We rejoice in the new life that is ours! Praise God!

***Response to Grace** Machu-Pichu

GTG:585

***Passing of the Peace** Ted Custer

Leader: God makes peace within us. Let us claim it.
People: God makes peace between us. Let us share it.
Leader: Let us greet another with the peace of Jesus Christ.
Peace be with you.
People: And also with you.

- All are invited to share the "peace" of Christ with one another -
- Children are invited to come forward -

Children's Message (10:00)

- Children through Grade 5 are invited to the Education Wing -

Proclaim God's Word

Prayer for Illumination Chris Walbert

Scripture Reading

Genesis 1: 1-4 (Pew Bible p. 1, O.T.)
Leader: Holy Wisdom, Holy Word;
People: Thanks be to God!

Scripture Reading Elder Chuck LaBerge

Matthew 5: 13-16 (Pew Bible p. 4, N.T.)
Leader: For the Word of God in Scripture,
For the Word of God among us,
For the Word of God within us,
People: Thanks be to God!

Sermon "Christian Thermodynamics S = k log W"

Respond in Thanks & Faith

***Hymn #727** (10:00) "Will You Let Me Be Your Servant" The Servant Song

***Affirmation of Faith** Eb Nuttle

In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve.

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 to live as one community. But we rebel against God. Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation. Like a mother who won't forsake her nursing child, like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home, God is faithful still.

With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Glory to the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

from A Brief Statement of Faith (adapted)

Testimony Bob Williams

Call to Commitment Alain Labrique
Offertory Come, Thou Fount arr. Bob Krogstad

***Doxology** Old Hundredth

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

***Prayer of Dedication**

Leader: Great God, you give us strength in our weakness, hope in our pain, and peace in our fear.
People: We give thanks for your grace upon grace, and accept the call to be your light in the darkness, your voice in the wilderness, your hope for the hopeless. Amen.

***Hymn #761** "Called as Partners in Christ's Service" Beecher

***Benediction**

Postlude Toccata Brevis Daniel Gawthrop (b. 1949)

*Worshippers are invited to stand as able.
**Large print bulletins with hymns and hearing assistance devices are available; please ask a deacon (with a red nametag) for assistance.

The Towson Presbyterian Church

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Our Mission:

Towson Presbyterian Church is an inclusive community of faith growing as disciples of Christ

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TPC is a PC(USA) *Earth Care Congregation*;
TPC is a member of the *Covenant Network* (striving for a fully inclusive church).

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Please Pray for: Bob Adams, Davis Barkley (Roxanne Maffitt Harvey's grandson), Barbara Beard (Leslie Strawhand's sister), Jasen Carter, Barbara Davis, Elsie DeGarmo Smith, Betsy Griffin, Jackson Herbert, Chrissie Kahan, Julie Mertus, and Michael Strawhand (Leslie's son). *Names remain on prayer list for four weeks, unless otherwise requested.*

Flowers in the sanctuary are given by William Beale and Susan Beale Perry in memory of their parents.

Today at TPC

Assisting in Worship today are: Beth Bugg, Mike Just, Pat Keller, Barbara MacFadyen, Viraj Mehta, Ro Nicolosi, Patty O'Brien and Susan Shockley.

Sunday, June 17	Gifts of Men
8:30 a.m.	Early Worship Service - Chapel
9:00 a.m.	Car Wash - POSTPONED
10:00 a.m.	Worship Service - Sanctuary
11:15 a.m.	Fellowship - Thompson Hall
12:00 p.m.	SCL - Thompson Hall

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All God's People

Upcoming Worship Schedule:

June 24 – First service: Traditional 8:30 a.m. service in Chapel.
Second Service: 11:00 a.m. worship at BeeTree Preserve
A cookout and fellowship will follow!
Summer Worship || July 1 - Sept. 2: || TPC will celebrate one Sunday morning service in the sanctuary at 9:30 a.m.

Schedule to note: Stephen Harouff is on Study leave June 18 -23.

June is TPC's month for Assistance Center of Towson Churches (ACTC): TPC is collecting baked beans, cereal, canned fruit (or in plastic jars), and soup. ACTC also requests deodorant and sun lotion. Please leave the donation in the red box in the Thompson Hall hallway.

HS Bell Ringers from New Jersey – Host Homes Needed || June 30-1 || On Sunday, July 1, the Ringers-On-the-Green, a choir of 16 advanced high school bell ringers from The Presbyterian Church in Morristown, NJ, will be ringing during our 9:30 a.m. service. To accommodate their stay with us, we are providing host homes for their teens and adults on Saturday, June 30. If you can provide space for 2-6 people on Saturday and a light simple breakfast on Sunday, please contact Pastor Joel at jstrom@towsonpres.org.

Children and Youth

Car Wash || POSTPONED until July.

Camp BeeTree

Calling All Camp BeeTree CITs & Volunteers: Sunday, July 1st there will be an Orientation for ALL CITs and Volunteers at 11:00 am in the Library! It will be less than an hour. Please stop at Thompson Hall for coffee and we'll start promptly at 11 am!

Small Groups

The Wired Word will not meet today or June 24, but will meet throughout July after the 10:00 a.m. service downstairs in the Conference Room.

TPC This Week

Tuesday, June 19
10:30 a.m. Staff Meeting – Library
6:30 p.m. Mission Outreach –Library
Wednesday, June 20
7:00 p.m. Finance – Library
Thursday, June 21
9:00 a.m. TPC Men's Breakfast – Towson Diner
7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts – Youth Room
C.F.M. – Library
Sunday, June 24
8:30 a.m. BeeTree Sunday
Early Worship Service – Chapel
11:00 a.m. Worship Service – BeeTree Preserve
12:00 p.m. SCL – Thompson Hall
2:00 p.m. MS Mission Trip Departure

Congratulations, High School Graduates:

Garrett Bugg – Loyola Blakefield; will be attending Salisbury University

Caroline Brune – Towson High School; will attend University of MD

Drew Evans – Towson High School; will attend Virginia Tech to study Nano Sciences

Ivy Stricker – Carver Center; will attend California College of the Arts

Georgia Darwin – Towson High School; will attend Parson School of Design

Caroline Miller – Towson High School; will attend Towson University - 5 year Bachelors/Master's program to become a Child Life Specialist

*Loving Lord, we praise you for these graduates!
We ask for your abiding Spirit to continue leading them in the years ahead.
Help them to develop and use their gifts wisely,
and to walk into the future with faith, hope, and great love. Amen.*



The Service of the Lord's Day



Gifts of Men

11th Sunday in Ordinary Time

June 17, 2018

8:30 & 10:00 a.m.

Assemble in God's Name

We joyfully welcome you to worship this morning!
All are invited to use the Prayer and Prelude as a time of silent preparation.

Prayer of Reflection

by Katherine Hawker

God of the salt
God of the light
God of anger
God of laughter
God of parables and riddles
God of story and proclamation
God of comfort
God of peace
come now
be now
here now.
Amen.

Prelude

Intermezzo Op. 118, No. 2

Johannes Brahms (1833-1897)

Welcome

Rev. Carter

High School Graduates Recognition

Call to Worship

Mark Chisamore

Leader: Come and worship, all you who love and serve the Lord:
outsiders and insiders,
old-timers and new-comers,
the young, old, and the in-between.

People: Come as you are,
for this is God's house,
a house of prayer for all people,
and God welcomes each one who comes.

Leader: Come, let us love one another with the love born of God
as we worship the ever-creating, ever-redeeming God of all.