

But the fruit of the Spirit is  
Love, Joy,  
Peace, Patience,  
Goodness, Faithfulness,  
Gentleness & Self-control

GALATIANS 5:22-23

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# Come, Worship the Lord, Our God

June 30, 2019

10:00am

3rd Sunday after Pentecost

We Welcome Rev. Dr. Amaury Tañón-Santos

We Celebrate the Baptism of Avery James Dreibelbis

## DRAWN INTO GOD'S PRESENCE

**Welcome and Greeting**

*(Please complete Prayer Concerns)*

### Gathering Prayer:

Gracious God, draw near to us with compassion, touch us with healing, and speak to us with love, so that we may arise and live to spread the good news of your saving power; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### Prelude

### Call to Worship

God, who rules the universe, calls us;

**Christ, who took up his cross, calls us;**

Holy Spirit, who frees us body and soul, calls us.

**Let us faithfully answer by worshiping the triune God.**

**\*Opening Song of Praise:** "Baptized in Water"

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(Prayer Concerns Collected)

### Psalm 77:1-2, 11-20

<sup>1</sup> I cry aloud to God, aloud that God may hear me.

<sup>2</sup> **In the day of my trouble I seek the Lord,  
in the night my hand is stretched out continually;  
my soul refuses to be comforted.**

<sup>11</sup> I will call to mind the deeds of the Lord;  
I will remember your wonders of old.

<sup>12</sup> **I will meditate on all your works,  
and muse on your mighty deeds.**

<sup>13</sup> Your way, O God, is holy. What god is great like our God?

- 14 **You are the God who works wonders,  
you have declared your power among the peoples.**
- 15 You redeemed with your strength your people,  
the descendants of Jacob and Joseph.
- 16 **The waters saw you, O God; when the waters saw you,  
they were afraid; the very deeps trembled.**
- 17 The clouds poured out water; the skies thundered;  
your arrows flashed on every side.
- 18 **The crash of your thunder was in the whirlwind;  
your lightnings lit up the world; the earth trembled and shook.**
- 19 Your way was through the sea, your path through the great waters;  
yet your footprints were unseen.
- 20 **You led your people like a flock  
by the hand of Moses and Aaron.**

## AWARE OF GOD'S PRESENCE

### **\*Call to Confession**

Trust in the One who made us and redeemed us. Let us confess our sin.

### **\*Prayer of Confession**

Unison

**Gentle God, hear our sins and have mercy on us. Forgive us the words we have said which have given pain, and the words we have left unsaid which might have given hope. Forgive us the actions we have taken which have harmed friend or stranger, and the things undone which could have made a difference. Forgive us the thoughts which poison ourselves and humiliate others, and the thoughtlessness which ignores caring and worship. Gentle God, have mercy on us and give us peace. Amen.** *Today's Prayer of Confession is from An Improbable Gift of Blessing*

### **\*Time of Silent Confession**

### **\*Declaration of Forgiveness**

Unison

**We know our home is in you, O God, and we thank you for hearing and forgiving our sin.**

**\* Gloria:** "Halle Halle Halle" (refrain only)

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## The Baptism of Avery James Dreibelbis

### \*Affirmation of Faith:

Unison

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

### Thanksgiving Over the Water

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

### \*Passing of Peace

Since God has forgiven us in Jesus Christ, let us forgive one another. The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

**And also with you.**

**Our Faithful Response:** "Lord You Have Come to the Lakeshore"

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## LISTENING IN GOD'S PRESENCE

### Prayer for Illumination

### Scripture Lessons:

**Galatians 5:1, 13-25**

<sup>1</sup>For freedom Christ has set us free. Stand firm, therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery.

<sup>13</sup>For you were called to freedom, brothers and sisters; only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for self-indulgence, but through love become slaves to one another.

<sup>14</sup>For the whole law is summed up in a single commandment, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." <sup>15</sup>If, however, you bite and devour one another, take care that you are not consumed by one another.

<sup>16</sup>Live by the Spirit, I say, and do not gratify the desires of the flesh. <sup>17</sup>For what the flesh desires is opposed to the Spirit, and what the Spirit desires is opposed to the flesh; for these are opposed to each other, to prevent you from doing what you want. <sup>18</sup>But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not subject to the law. <sup>19</sup>Now the works of the flesh are obvious: fornication, impurity, licentiousness, <sup>20</sup>idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousy, anger, quarrels, dissensions, factions, <sup>21</sup>envy, drunkenness, carousing, and things like these. I am warning you, as I warned you before: those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.

<sup>22</sup>By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, <sup>23</sup>gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against such things. <sup>24</sup>And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. <sup>25</sup>If we live by the Spirit, let us also be guided by the Spirit.

**Sermon:** "Encouraged by the Single Fruit of the Spirit"  
**Rev. Dr. Amaury Tañón-Santos**

## **RESPONDING IN GOD'S PRESENCE**

### **Invitation to the Offering:**

Friends, let us love not only in our words but also in our deeds through the tithes and offerings that we give today.

### **Offertory:**

**\*Praising God's Goodness – Doxology**

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**\*Prayer of Dedication:**

Unison

**O God, bless these gifts that we have given as expressions of our love for you and our neighbors, that they may bring closer to fulfillment your reign of peace and love; through Jesus Christ, our Sovereign. Amen.**

## **ABIDING IN GOD'S PRESENCE IN THE WORLD**

**\*Hymn of Sending:** "The Lord Now Sends Us Forth" *(sing twice)*

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**\*Benediction:**

**\*Postlude:**

\* Those who are able, please stand

**WORSHIP AIDS:**

**Large Print Bulletins, Hymnals & Hearing Devices** – available from ushers. **Children's Sanctuary** - at the rear of the church

**Baby Changing Tables** - in both rest rooms of Church School Building.

**Deacon's Prayer Chain** - To activate Prayer Chain call Judy in the church office @ 692-1319.

**New Prayer Concerns or Joys**

1. Doris DeCillis and family in death of Pat
2. Father Mike from St. Francis having biopsy
- 3.

**Prayer Concerns or Joys Last Week:** Ken Zimmer and Sue Schuur

**Continuing Prayers:** Scott Greenawalt, Tim, Pat & Bob Erisman, Kris Yettra, Ruth Gebera, Judy Geerkin, Paul Card, Nadia, Joey, Doris Carlson, Bonnie Bringhurst, Marlene Tyrrell, Deal Kowsky, Bentley, Drew, Peggy Hess, Kyle Donovan, Ken Zimmer, Sue Schurr, Shirley Hagle, and Weber Family.

**Prayers and caring for our homebound:** Marge Klinger; Georgia Anson; Fay Tag; Doris Carlson; Alice Weber; Bob Palfi; Lillian Simon; Joy Welch; Wilma Bender; Margaret McBride; and Sue Strasser

*Because God's love is for all - everyone is always welcome.*

*We pray that God may bless you with peace, inspiration, and strength. We are a community, seeking to learn what it means to follow Jesus. No matter what you may be going through, no matter where you may be on your faith journey – you are most welcome here! If you would like more information, please call Judy in the church office @ 692-1319*

**LITURGIST:** Lynette Ryan

**GREETER:**

**USHERS:** Team 1

**STEPHEN MINISTERS:** are always available to provide confidential support in times of need. Simply call Janet Haacker @ 694-4290.

**REMINDER:** Please call Pastor Leslie @ 490-0420 or Judy in the office @ 692-1319 if you or a loved one are ill, hospitalized or in need of a visit.

**The flowers on the Communion Table are to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Tom Geerkin given by his loving family who misses him so very, very much.**

We received a message from Tom DeCillis that his father, Pat, passed away peacefully on June 23<sup>rd</sup>, at Parkview Rehab in Paducah, KY, surrounded by Doris and their three sons. If you care to send condolence cards to Doris, her address is 116 N. 16<sup>th</sup> Street, Paducah, KY 42001.

**Reminder: Church Parking Lot** – Please, if you are able to walk, we would appreciate if you would park on the surrounding streets near the church and leave the spaces in our parking lot for our folks who need them most. Thanks very much.

**Respite Training for Volunteers: Wednesday, July 10-4:30pm-7:30pm**

The Alzheimer's Association will be presenting a training session for volunteers who would like to be a part of our Memory Lane Respite Program. Memory Lane is a program that our church has been offering to people with dementia for almost a year. We currently have nine guests who attend regularly and have three more on our waiting list. The program has grown in such a short time and we are looking for volunteers to assist in a variety of ways. You do not have to be available every month, but the training is mandatory. Anyone who has been a part of this program knows how worthwhile and rewarding it is. Won't you consider becoming a volunteer? For those volunteers who have already been trained, this may be a time for you to have a refresher course. Please RSVP to the church office by July 3 at 716-692-1319.

**Wednesday, July 17 - Service of Healing and Blessing**

A service devoted to healing and wholeness is held the third Wednesday of every month at 6:30pm. This is a "come as you are" service, includes communion, is open and welcoming to all who seek wholeness for lives, Presbyterian or otherwise. Please join us in the sanctuary.

**Mark your calendar for the Presbyterian Women's Annual Summer Luncheon – Wednesday, August 7 at 12pm.** The Hide-A-Way Restaurant on Division and Rumboldt in N. Tonawanda. The cost is \$20.00 and payment is due by check no later than July 17. Bring an item for the Silent Auction. Proceeds to benefit the Twin Cities Community Outreach. For more information, see Laura Marohn. Sign-up sheet is in the Narthex.

July 2019						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>30</b> Worship 10a	<b>1</b> AA 9a TOPS 6:30p	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> Office Closed  AA 9a Yoga 6:30p Hardcore 30 Fitness 6:30p	<b>5</b> UFO 7p	<b>6</b>
<b>7</b> Worship 10a	<b>8</b> AA 9a TOPS 6:30p	<b>9</b> Mission & Outreach Team 7p	<b>10</b> Respite Training 4:30p-7:30p Parlor	<b>11</b> AA 9a Yoga 6:30p Hardcore 30 Fitness 6:30p	<b>12</b> UFO 7p	<b>13</b>
<b>14</b> Worship 10a Outdoors	<b>15</b> AA 9a TOPS 6:30p	<b>16</b> Memory Lane 10:30a-2:30p	<b>17</b> Healing Service 6:30p	<b>18</b> AA 9a Yoga 6:30p Hardcore 30 Fitness 6:30p	<b>19</b> UFO 7p	<b>20</b>
<b>21</b> Worship 10a Hunger Sunday	<b>22</b> AA 9a TOPS 6:30p	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> AA 9a Yoga 6:30p Hardcore 30 Fitness 6:30p	<b>26</b> UFO 7p	<b>27</b>
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