**The Inter-Faith Chapel**

**“A House of Prayer for All People”**

**3680 South Leisure World Blvd.**

**Silver Spring, Maryland 20906**

**April 29, 2018**

**Fifth Sunday of Easter**

 **9:00 AM Worship Service 11:00 AM**

***As you enter to worship, please remember to silence your cell phones.* **

**SILENT MEDITATION**

 *God loves each of us as if there was only one of us to love.*  - Saint Augustine

**WORDS OF WELCOME Dr. Woodie Rea**

**LIGHTING THE PEACE CANDLE**

**We light this candle as a symbol of our ongoing commitment to *peace* in our world.**

**PRELUDE  *Scherzo for Eastertide* Eugene Gigout**

**Kevin M. Clemens, Director of Music**

**CALL TO WORSHIP Elizabeth Brooks-Evans**

*Leader: God abides in us through the Spirit of love.*

**PEOPLE: We gather to testify to this love being present with us.**

*Leader: In the victories and celebrations of life, God is with us.*

**PEOPLE: We praise you O Lord, for the joys and blessings of life.**

*Leader: In the challenges and changes of everyday living, God is with us.*

**PEOPLE: Hear our cries, O Lord, and quiet our spirits.**

*Leader: In all of life’s decisions, God abides in us.*

**PEOPLE: We thank you O Lord, for being our guide and stay.**

*Leader: God calls us to love one another.*

**PEOPLE: Let us love not only in word or speech, but also in action.**

**ALL: Let us worship God together in unity and love.**

** HYMN *God, Bless Your Church with Strength!***

**INVOCATION**

** All who are able, please stand.**

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**CALL TO CONFESSION**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSSION UNISON**

**O Lord, we confess that we don’t always love as we could or should. We get** **caught up in our own problems and distractions instead of putting faith in you. We say the words but don’t always mean them. We sometimes find it easier to be irritated than to reach out in love. Remind us of the source of true love and, through our actions, let us be ambassadors of your love whether it’s easy or hard, noticed or unnoticed. You have loved us no matter what; help us to do the same. Amen.**

**WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

** AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

**We believe that God calls us to a ministry of love.**

**Beloved, let us love one another.**

**We believe that we are called to love our friends and our neighbors.**

**Love is from God.**

**We believe that we are called to love the one who hurts our feelings.**

**Everyone who loves, is born of God.**

**We believe that we are called to love the one who is cruel or selfish.**

**Everyone who loves, knows God.**

**We hold true to:**

**How deeply God has loved us,**

**How sacrificially God has loved us,**

**How completely God has loved us,**

**How restoratively God has loved us,**

**How generously God has loved us,**

**How extravagantly God has loved us.**

**We affirm our desire to love, as God has loved us. Amen.**

** GLORIA PATRI**

 **Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;**

**As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be;**

**World without end. Amen. Amen.**

**SCRIPTURE READING John 15: 1-8 NT 133**

**ANTHEM *All the Earth Sing Forth* W. A. Mozart/Hal Hopson**

 **Chancel Choir**

**MORNING PRAYER**

**LORD’S PRAYER UNISON**

**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.**

**SCRIPTURE READING 1 John 4: 7-21 NT 292**

**HYMN *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling***

**SERMON “Radical Love” Dr. Woodie Rea**

**INVITATION TO THE OFFERING**

**OFFERTORY  *Make A Joyful Noise* John A. Behnke**

**Chancel Choir**

**DOXOLOGY (Tune: Lasst Uns Erfreuen)**

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;**

**Praise God, all creatures here below;**

**Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**Praise God, the source of all our gifts!**

**Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!**

**Praise Spirit, Holy Spirit!**

**Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

** PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

** CLOSING HYMN *How Firm A Foundation***

** BENEDICTION**

*Leader: Go now, and love one another,
Because love is from God.*

**PEOPLE: And everyone who loves, knows God,**

 **And is born of God.**

**ALL: As far as our love flows,**

**As far as our love grows,**

**As far as our love goes,**

**We are with God,**

**For God is love. Amen.**

** CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE Tune: Ar Hyd Y Nos**

 **Text: Jaroslav Vajda**

**“Go, my children, with my blessing, never alone.**

**Waking, sleeping, I am with you, you are my own.**

**In my love’s baptismal river I have made you mine forever.**

**Go, my children, with my blessing, you are my own.”**

**POSTLUDE  *Sortie pour Eastertide* Denis Bedard**

**Kevin M. Clemens, Director of Music**

**PARTING THOUGHT**

*Love is my spiritual will. Within love is the power infinite. I give fear, doubt, and hatred no place in my life. My love overflows and there is no room for anything else. My love is God’s smile of satisfaction.*  - Sr. Joan Chittister, O.S.B.

**Welcome To The Inter-Faith Chapel**

**We are committed to being “*A House of Prayer for All People*.”**

**We are seeking to share the Love of God through caring, outreach, study, and worship. We invite you to share with us in this journey.**

**We are delighted you are here today, and hope you will return soon and often!**

**Believing in God whose love and grace are accessible to all,**

**we strive to make our worship service accessible to all.**

**For V isually I mpaired Large Print Bibles are available**

**For H earing I mpaired Sound Enhancement Headphones**

**For P hysically I mpaired Wheelchair Accessible Seating**

**Automated Doors are available at front and side entrances**

**If you need help with any of these aids, please ask an usher for assistance.**

**ALTAR FLOWERS Dedicated by Cloteele Damsky and Oliver Jenkins in**

 **memory of their father Edelbert M. Jenkins**

**FLOWER MAKERS Patty Elton and Regina Lash**

**USHERS 9:00 AM Larry Traynham, Head Usher**

 **Clydis Kellough, Lola Neill, Ralph Sheaffer**

**USHERS 11:00 AM Judy Duarte, Head Usher**

 **Roman Czujko, Louise Langley, John Moens**

**GREETERS 9:00 AM Anna Pappas**

 **11:00 AM Shannon Gripper**

**Delivery of Altar Flowers on Monday, April 30**

**Beryl Adams Anna Pappas**

**Presence on Sunday, April 22**

**9:00 AM 88  11:00 AM 135  Total 223**

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| **April 22 Offering** **$6,723** | **Weekly Budget Need** **\*$8,173** |
| **Year to Date Offering** **$126,720** | **Year to Date Budget Need** **$130,768** |

\*This amount represents offerings received and pledge budget only and does not reflect approved withdrawal of $11,698 per month from the endowment fund needed to meet overall 2018 budget.

***ANNOUNCEMENTS & OPPORTUNITIES***

**GREETING TO VISITORS** We extend a special welcome to you and hope that you will return to be with us again soon. We would appreciate having a record of your attendance today. Please sign the *Visitor Register* located in the narthex and be sure to pick up an Inter-Faith Chapel coffee mug as our small gift. Also, please make your presence known to one of our pastors, we would enjoy being in conversation with you. Thank you for coming!

**NEW MEMBER / AFFILIATE REGISTER** If you are interested in joining The Inter-Faith Chapel, please let us know by signing the *Member / Affiliate Register* located near the coat room in the narthex. We will be in touch with you to joyfully welcome you into the full fellowship of this congregation.

**BOOKS FOR KIDS** The Committee for the Homeless and Working Poor is sponsoring their annual *Books for Kids* drive to benefit the children of Georgian Forest Elementary School. New and gently used books may be dropped off in the Narthex from **May 1 – May 15**. You may also make a donation by writing a check to The Inter-Faith Chapel with the notation *Books for Kids* in the memo line and all funds will be distributed to the school.

**NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER**  The Meditation Chapel, next to the coat closet, will be open on **Thursday, May 3** from 7:00 am – 3:00 pm for personal prayer. All are invited to make use of this sacred space to come and pray for our nation and its leaders.

**BEDDING COLLECTION** The Missions Committee is sponsoring a bedding drive for A Wider Circle on **Monday, May 7 and Tuesday, May 8** between 10:00 am and 2:00 pm. Needs include bed sheet sets of any case, pillow cases, blankets, spreads, coverlets, towels and washcloths. All items need to be in good condition with no stains or tears. Drop-offs can be made at the portico in front of The Chapel.

**HOLY LAND TOUR IN MAY 2019** Dr. Lee is planning a group trip to the Holy Land, leaving on May 24, 2019 for a ten day trip to many Biblical sites. The trip will require extensive walking and the cost is $3,448 per person. If you would like more information, you are invited to attend an information session on **Tuesday, May 15** at 10:00 am. Please RSVP by calling 301-598-5312 by May 9.

**CAPITAL WIND SYMPHONY** Please join us for the **Sunday, May 20** Inter-Faith Concert featuring the Capital Wind Symphony, over 50 brass, woodwind and percussion instrumentalists. Invite your friends, family and neighbors to attend the 3:00 pm concert. A reception will follow and a free will offering will be taken to support the concert series. Tickets are not required.

***ON THE TOWN* AT THE OLNEY THEATRE** The Born 1942 and After group invites all to attend *On The Town* at the Olney Theatre on **Wednesday, July 18** at 2:00 pm. Please see the May *Courier* available in the Narthex or go to [www.inter-faithchapel.org](http://www.inter-faithchapel.org) for more information. RSVP and payment are due no later than Monday, June 25.

**In Memoriam**

**Frank Hall**

**April 18, 2018**

**CHAPEL CALENDAR**

**Monday, April 30 1:00 PM Sermon on the Mount Bible Study**

 **2:00 PM Sandwich Makers**

**Tuesday, May 1 12:00 PM Staff Meeting**

**Wednesday, May 2 10:00 AM Women’s Chorus**

 **3:00 PM Alzheimer’s Support**

**Thursday, May 3 7:00 AM – Meditation Chapel open for**

 **3:00 PM National Day of Prayer**

 **10:00 AM Christian Education**

 **7:00 PM Chancel Choir**

**Friday, May 4 7:30 PM JRLW Shabbat**

**Saturday, May 5 9:15 AM Trip to the Bible Museum**

 **(for those who have registered)**

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**CHAPEL OFFICE HOURS**

**9:00 AM - 3:00 PM  Monday – Friday**

**301-598-5312**

***Rev. Dr. Woodie Rea, Senior Minister***

***Rev. Dr. Ramonia Lee, Minister of Congregational Life***

***Kevin M. Clemens, Director of Music***

***Linda Faith, Administrator/Facilities Manager***

***Bonnie Bonner, Administrative Secretary***

***Steve Buck, Gary Carpenter, Video Technicians and Sextons***