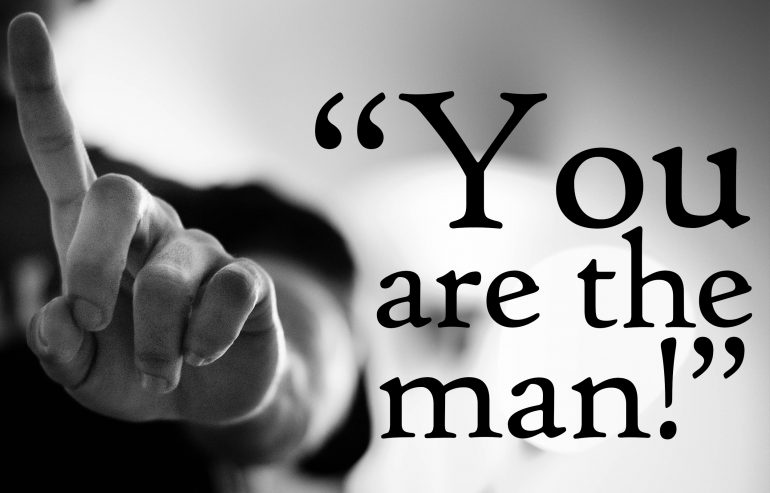
**The Inter-Faith Chapel**

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

**3680 South Leisure World Blvd.**

**Silver Spring, Maryland 20906**



**August 19, 2018**

**Thirteenth Sunday After Pentecost**

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

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

**SILENT MEDITATION**

*Forgiveness does not mean the cancellation of all consequences of wrongdoing. It means the refusal on God’s part to let our guilty past affect His relationship with us.*

Author unknown

**WORDS OF WELCOME Dr. Ramonia L. Lee**

**LIGHTING THE PEACE CANDLE**

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

**PRELUDE *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*  Paul O. Manz**

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

**CALL TO WORSHIP Rev. Diane Hugger**

*Leader: In the presence of God,*

**PEOPLE: We are filled with hope,**

*Leader: We are overwhelmed by love,*

**PEOPLE: We sense a holy mystery.**

*Leader: In the presence of our holy God,*

**PEOPLE: We know our sins,**

*Leader: We fall on our knees.*

**PEOPLE: We are made new.**

*Leader: In the presence of the living Christ,*

**PEOPLE: We stand in awe,**

*Leader: We sing for joy!*

**PEOPLE: And worship our God. Amen**

** HYMN *O For A Thousand Tongues to Sing***

**INVOCATION**

Those who are able are invited to stand

*Music used by permission, CCLI #1683224*

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION UNISON**

**Forgive us our sins, O Lord. Forgive us the sins of our youth and the sins of our old age, the sins of our souls and the sins of our bodies, our secret and whispering sins, the sins we have done to please ourselves and the sins we have done to please others. Forgive those sins which we know and the sins we don’t know. Forgive them, Lord: forgive them all in your great goodness, through Jesus the Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

**WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

** AN AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

*Leader: Let us stand and unite in an Affirmation of Faith. Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is the one true church, apostolic and universal, whose holy faith we now declare:*

**ALL: We believe in God, our Creator, maker of a universal community still in process; God, who created precious resources to provide for all; God, who created us to be connected as companions with God, the Earth, and people of every race, class, generation, sexual orientation, gender, and ability.**

**We believe in Jesus Christ, Gods Son, our Savior, who was ridiculed, tortured and executed for the sins of humankind.  He rose from the dead, overthrew the dominance of evil and injustice for our sake, and he continues to judge and liberate the hatred, ignorance, and arrogance of all human beings.  We believe the way of Jesus is our way; our way of light, and our way of life.**

**We believe in the Spirit of God, our Advocate, whose blaze comforts with divine presence and challenges human hearts to burn for righteousness.  We see the power of God in our lives and throughout the world.  We trust that Gods work, through our actions, can bring peace.  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.**

**OLD TESTAMENT READING II Samuel 11: 26 - 12:13a OT 355**

**Reader: Pat McConnell**

**ANTHEM *Balm in Gilead* Arranged by Christopher Ruck**

**Jack Colvis and Carl Yaffe, soloists**

**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.**

**SECOND OLD TESTAMENT READING Psalm 51: 1-12 OT 640**

**HYMN *Just As I Am, Without One Plea***

**SERMON “Forgiven” Dr. Ramonia L. Lee**

**INVITATION TO OFFERING**

**OFFERTORY *Panis Angelicus (O Lord, Most Holy)* Cesar Franck**

**Jack Colvis and Carl Yaffe, soloists**

**The angel’s bread becomes the bread of all. The heavenly bread ends all symbols.**

**Oh, miraculous thing! The body of the Lord will nourish the poor and humble servant.**

**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**

** PASSING OF THE PEACE**

** CLOSING HYMN *What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine***

** RESPONSIVE BENEDICTION**

*Leader: The steadfast love of God goes with you.*

*The redeeming power of Christ sustains you.*

**PEOPLE: We have been forgiven and renewed.**

**We face another week with confidence.**

*Leader: Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, and forgiving.*

*Live in love as Christ demonstrated God’s love.*

**PEOPLE: We want to share the gifts of God with others.**

**We seek to build up the body of Christ.**

*Leader: We have been taught to live as God’s children.*

*Let us go and be free to be who we are. Go in peace. Amen.*

**PEOPLE: Amen.**

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

**“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 *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah* Paul O. Manz**

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

**A PARTING THOUGHT**

*A man had a particular besetting sin, and he used to confess it and God would forgive him. But no sooner had he been absolved than he would trip up and sin again. One day this happened, and he rushed back to God and said, “I’m sorry, I’ve done it again.” And God asked him: “What have you done again?” For God suffers from amnesia when it comes to our sins. God does not look at the caterpillar we are now, but at the dazzling butterfly we have in us to become.* Bishop Desmond Tutu

**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 Ruth Doherty in memory of her aunt**

**“Pete” Hill on her August 12 birthday**

**FLOWER MAKERS Aggie Eastham and Anne Matthews**

**USHERS 9:00 AM Ruth Doherty, Head Usher**

**Salome Duncan-Augustt, Maureen Harris, Naomi Rogers**

**USHERS 11:00 AM Georgiana Jones, Head Usher**

**Judy Duarte, Karen Robinson, Vivian Williams**

**GREETERS 9:00 AM Sandy Broadhurst**

**11:00 AM Gwen Raphael**

**Delivery of Altar Flowers on Monday, August 20**

**Aggie Eastham Margaret Ellis**

**Presence on Sunday, August**

**9:00 AM 73  11:00 AM 113  Total 186**

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| **August 12 Offering**  **$7,133** | **Weekly Budget Need**  **\*$8,173** |
| **Year to Date Offering**  **$249,094** | **Year to Date Budget Need**  **\*$261,536** |

\*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.

**FARMERS’ MARKET** The Red Wiggler Community Farm will once again be bringing fresh produce to the Chapel parking lot **each Thursday in August**. The market will be open from **9:00 am – 11:00 am** or until all produce is sold.

**CHANGE IN DATE FOR AUGUST MOVIE WITH A MESSAGE** The August 14 viewing of the movie *Wonder* has been **changed** to **Tuesday, August 28** at 1:00 pm, due to the renovation project in August.

**LIVE FROM THE LAWN** *New Wave* invites all to a free outdoor concert at Strathmore on **Wednesday, August 22** at 7:00 pm. Mark G. Meadows, the debonair DC jazz musician, composer and vocalist will perform pop, gospel, R & B, and jazz. No tickets are required. Please register by August 20 by calling 301-598-5312 or by going to [www.inter-faithchapel.org](http://www.inter-faithchapel.org).

**PLANNING MEETING** What fun things do you like to do? Join a group on **Thursday, September 6** at 2 pm in the Chapel library to plan events for October – January for our *New Wave* fellowship. Bring your ideas for future events. RSVP to this meeting by calling Bonnie at 301-598-5312 or emailing her at b.bonner@inter-faithchapel.org.

**BOOK CLUB** All are invited to a book club discussion on **Wednesday, September 12** at 7:00 pm. The Light Between Oceans by Margot L. Stedman is the story of a lighthouse keeper and his wife in 1918 Australia who make one devastating choice that forever changes two worlds.  If you would like us to order the book at a cost of $10 for you, RSVP by August 23. Otherwise, RSVP by Monday, September 10.  You may RSVP by calling 301-598-5312 or going to [www.inter-faithchapel.org](http://www.inter-faithchapel.org). The book is available on Amazon and may be available at local libraries.

**LUNCH AND APPLE PICKING** All are invited to join New Wave for lunch, followed by apple picking on **Wednesday, September 26**. The group will meet in The Chapel parking lot at 12 noon to carpool to the Olney Ale House for lunch.  We will then drive to Larriland Farms in Woodbine, MD, about 20 minutes north of Olney.  At the farm, you may pick your own apples or purchase apples, pumpkins and other fall treats at their farm market.  No advance payment is necessary.  Bring money for your lunch and purchases.   This trip involves walking outside on uneven ground.  RSVP by Monday, September 24 by calling 301-598-5312 or by going to www.inter-faithchapel.org.

**SANCTUARY RENOVATION** In the upcoming weeks, you will be seeing several enhancements to The Chapel sanctuary. The 40-year-old carpeting in the Narthex and Sanctuary has been replaced, and we have created two special wheelchair spaces within our seating area. Our pews will be re-upholstered, starting tomorrow. The bulk of this work should not impact Sunday morning worship services. A majority of the cost for this project is being covered through your generous gifts to our 50th Anniversary campaign, along with other additional private donations. If you would like to make a contribution toward this Chapel beautification project, please speak with Dr. Rea, or call Linda Faith at The Chapel office. Your gift will have a lasting impact on this congregation.

**SERMON NOTES**

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Date

Scripture Passages

Title of Sermon Preacher

What key words or thoughts are central to this sermon?

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**CHAPEL CALENDAR**

**Monday, August 20 2:00 PM Sandwich Makers**

**Tuesday, August 21 12:00 PM Staff Meeting**

**Wednesday, August 22 6:00 PM Meet to drive to Strathmore Live**

**from the Lawn**

**Thursday, August 23 9:00 AM - Farmers’ Market**

**11:00 AM**

**7:00 PM Chancel Choir**

**Friday, August 24 10:00 AM Knitting Group**

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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***