

# INTER-FAITH CHAPEL WORSHIP SERVICE

Sunday January 28, 2024

#### SILENT MEDITATION

Loving God, whose arms can surround us in care, embrace us today.

God of peace, whose spirit of peace can quiet our anxiety, reassure us today.

Healing God, whose touch can heal the broken places of life, touch us today.

Ever present God, who is with us through all the moments of life, be with us today.

- Joyce Rupp in "Out of the Ordinary"

**PRELUDE** 

Shall We Gather At the River

Powel1

Dr. Holly Oberle, Director of Music

WORDS OF WELCOME

Dr. Woodie Rea

LIGHTING THE PEACE CANDLE

**INTROIT** 

I Am a Child of God

Farah Kidwai

#### **CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader:

God comes into our world that is filled with chaos and darkness.

ALL:

God enters our lives that are filled with hurt and uncertainties.

Leader:

God knocks down the walls of hatred and division.

ALL:

God embraces the wounded and broken.

Leader:

We come to worship today, believing in the power of God.

**ALL:** 

We come to worship today, feeling the presence of God.

God is the one who makes all things new. Praise be to God, now and forever more!

#### INVOCATION

† You may stand in body or in spirit.

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#### **CALL TO CONFESSION**

George Samara

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

UNISON

You know who we are, O God. We are the ones who live in doubt and fear. We are the ones who wrestle with unhealthy habits and addictions. You know who we are, O God, and in the silence of our hearts we name the parts of our lives and our world that we believe are too broken to ever be made whole. We know who you are, O Christ. You are the one who silences demons and casts out evil spirits. You are the one who creates new life out of utter chaos. Cast out our demons, Lord. We know who you are, O God; forgive us when we act otherwise. Amen.

#### WORDS OF ASSURANCE

#### **†** AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

You, O God, are great and supreme.

You create our world and give us life.

Your purpose overarches everything we do.

You have always been with us and you are our God.

You, O God, are infinitely powerful.

Your will prevails beyond all measure.

You have revealed and proved your love for us in Jesus Christ.

You, O Christ, lived with the fullness of authority.

You suffered and died, but had power over death and darkness.

You live again and are with us now.

You, O God, are revealed in the might of the Holy Spirit.

You empower us to be your gospel in the world.

You heal and reconcile, yesterday, today, and for days to come.

You are our sovereign God and we worship you.

- Iona Abbey Worship Book

## **†** 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.

# All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name



WORDS: Edward Perronet, 1779; alt. by John Rippon, 1787 MUSIC: James Ellor, 1838

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DIADEM

#### PASTORAL PRAYER / LORD'S PRAYER

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.

**ANTHEM** 

Do Lord!

Artman

Chancel Choir

**SERMON** 

"Dealing with Demons"

Dr. Woodie Rea

Mark 1: 21-28

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

**OFFERTORY** 

Because You Are God's Chosen Ones

Farah Kidwai

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!

- **†** PRAYER OF DEDICATION
- **†** CLOSING HYMN

My Hope is Built

- **†** BENEDICTION
- **†** BENEDICTION 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

I Love Thee, My Lord

Wagner

Dr. Holly Oberle, Director of Music





MUSIC: William B. Bradbury, 1863

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### WELCOME

We are delighted that you are with us today in worship! The Inter-Faith Chapel is committed to providing "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 on this journey.

#### **GREETINGS TO VISITORS**

We extend a special welcome to our visitors and hope that you will return to be with us again soon. Please sign the *Visitor Register* in the Narthex that we might have a record of your attendance. At the same time, please receive an Inter-Faith Chapel coffee mug as our small gift and pick up a copy of our *Courier* newsletter that you might be informed of upcoming events in our faith community. We hope that you will return to be with us again soon.

#### NEW MEMBER / AFFILIATE REGISTER

If you are interested in joining The Inter-Faith Chapel, or would like more information about this vibrant faith community, please let us know by signing the *Member / Affiliate Register* (located in the Narthex on the desk next to the coat room). We will be in touch with you to joyfully welcome you into the full fellowship of this congregation.

#### INTER-FAITH CHAPEL FILM FESTIVAL

We are hosting our annual Inter-Faith Film Festival, this year showcasing a selection of animated feature films by Pixar. Each film has a clear message teaching us something about ourselves, and how we connect with each other. Join us **tomorrow**, **Monday January 29**<sup>TH</sup> at 1:00 PM to watch the film, *Finding Dory*, the story of a blue tang fish with short-term memory loss. A full description of the film is in the January *Courier*.

#### **OFFERING ENVELOPES**

Please stop by the table in the Narthex to pick up your 2024 offering envelopes. There are various ways to give to The IFC (online credit card, direct deposit, bank check, etc.) but if you give by traditional check or cash, consider using the envelope system to help keep personal giving records more accurate. Call Bonnie for more information.

#### HEART HEALTH WORKSHOP

You are invited to a heart healthy brunch, followed by a healthy heart workshop on **Saturday, February 10<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 noon.** Our featured speaker is the renowned cardiologist, Dr. Patricia Davidson, of MedStar Washington Hospital Center. Dr. Davidson will present certain risk factors associated with heart disease and how it can be prevented through lifestyle choices and regular wellness visits. This event is free of charge and we anticipate it filling early so reserve your place by calling The Chapel office at 301-598-5312 by February 4<sup>th</sup>.

#### SOUPER BOWL OF CARING

On **Sunday, February 11**, you are invited to bring cans of soup or a monetary offering to benefit the food ministry of the Colesville Council of Community Congregations. (C-4). Checks should be payable to The Inter-Faith Chapel with a designation for the Souper Bowl. On Super Bowl Sunday, help a local food ministry be the real winner!

#### LENTEN BIBLE STUDY

Our Lenten Bible study will be held on Tuesdays at 1:30 PM in the Fellowship Hall, from **February 13 – March 19** and will be led by Dr. Lee. The book is *Entering the Passion of Jesus: A Beginner's Guide to Holy Week*. Register by calling 301-598-5312 no later than February 6. Indicate if you want to purchase a book through The Chapel for a cost of \$13.00. More details are in the January *Courier*.

#### LENTEN CENTERING PRAYER

Lenten Centering Prayer sessions will be held on the seven Wednesdays of Lent, **February 14 – March 27**, from 6:00 PM – 7:00 PM in Fellowship Hall. Centering prayer invites us to intentional silence in which we let go of the inner noise of our mind's wandering thoughts. Register by calling 301-598-5312 or emailing facilitator Bertie Knisely at <u>bertiek@moravian.edu</u>.

#### ASH WEDNESDAY

Our <u>Ash Wednesday service</u> will be held on **Wednesday, February 14 at 12 noon.** An organ prelude by Dr. Holly Oberle will begin at 11:45 AM. Please consider arriving early to fully appreciate this time of meditation. <u>Drive through ashes</u> will be available from 1:30 pm - 2:30 PM under the Portico for those who cannot attend the service.

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CHAPEL OFFICE HOURS
9:00 AM − 3:00 PM Monday − Friday

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Rev. Dr. Ramonia Lee, Minister of Congregational Life
Rev. Dr. Robert Perry, Minister Emeritus
Dr. Holly Oberle, Director of Music
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