**The Inter-Faith Chapel**

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

**3680 South Leisure World Blvd.**

**Silver Spring, Maryland 20906**



**October 28, 2018**

**Twenty Third Sunday after Pentecost**

**Reformation Sunday**

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

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

**SILENT MEDITATION**

*O Jesus Christ, teacher and healer,
you heard the cry of the blind beggar
when others would have silenced him.
Teach us to be persistent in prayer
and give us courage to ask plainly
what we need from you,
that we might respond in your name
by the power of the Spirit
through the ministry entrusted to us
for the sake of the gospel. Amen.*

**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 *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God* Friedrich Wilhelm Marpurg**

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

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

*Leader: Welcome today to a service of re-formation.*

**PEOPLE: Change is our constant companion.**

**What does God have in store for us?**

*Leader: God seeks to form our lives anew, as lives of love and service.*

**PEOPLE: We are ready to hear God’s word and do God’s will.**

*Leader: Open your eyes, your ears, your hearts to God’s awesome love.*

**PEOPLE:**  **Come, O Lord, and transform our lives. Amen.**

 **INVOCATION**

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

Those who are able are invited to stand

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**CALL TO CONFESSION**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION UNISON**

**We think that we want to be healed of our blindness, gracious God, but actually we have become so comfortable in our darkness that we fear the light. It is as though we are living in a cave, and rather than take a risk to face the light, we prefer to face the dark wall. Give us courage to take risks which will result in not only our own transformation, but the transformation of others. Forgive our stubborn insistence on living in darkness. Take our hands and lead us to the light. Help us to be ready for your reformation. Amen.**

**WORDS OF ASSURANCE UNISON**

** AN AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

*Leader: Let us stand and affirm our faith.*

**PEOPLE: We believe in God the Creator, who created and is creating everything: the universe, the world, and us; each of us, unique, individual and beloved of God.**

 **We believe in God the Christ, who saved and is saving everything: the universe, the world, the plants and animals, and us: each of us, unique, individual and beloved of the Christ.**

 **We believe in God the Holy Spirit, who guided and is guiding everything: the universe, the world, the plants and animals, and us; each of us, unique, individual and beloved of the Spirit.**

 **We believe that this one God in three persons, is present among us, working directly in our lives and the lives of all who are born into this world, striving to bring us back into harmony with all creation and with God: forgiving, healing, touching everyone, and welcoming all who willingly receive God’s freely offered gift of love and grace and eternal life. 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 Mark 10:46-52 NT 57**

**Readers: Elizabeth Brooks-Evans, Maureen Harris and Patricia McConnell**

**ANTHEM *God Is My Strong Salvation* Austin Lovelace**

**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.**

**HYMN  *Be Thou My Vision***

**SERMON “What Do You Want From Me?”**  **Dr. Ramonia L. Lee**

**INVITATION TO OFFERING**

**OFFERTORY *Lord, I Lift Your Name on High* Rick Founds/Arr. D. Wagner**

 **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**

** PASSING OF THE PEACE**

# **CLOSING HYMN *A Mighty Fortress***

** RESPONSIVE BENEDICTION**

*Leader: Let us go to be God's blessings in the world.*
**PEOPLE: With our lips and with our hearts, we will offer hope to all.**

*Leader: Let us go to be the ears and heart of Jesus.*
**PEOPLE: Listening to the cries of our sisters and brothers,**

**drawing them into the refuge of grace.**

*Leader: Let us go with our arms full of the Spirit's gifts.*
**PEOPLE: Welcoming every one, every moment of our lives.**

*Leader: 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 *Choral Paraphrase on “Ein Feste Burg”*  Homer Whitford**

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

**A PARTING THOUGHT**

*You have often heard, my beloved, what is meant by “faith.” It is not simply a knowledge of Christ, nor a mere assent to the truth of His Word, but an earnest confidence in our hearts that what He did for the world was done actually for us, for our salvation. -* Martin Luther

**SERMON NOTES**

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What key words or thoughts are central to this sermon?

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**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 Robert and Sally Lagas in honor of their**

 **51st wedding anniversary**

**FLOWER MAKERS Linda Hamilton and Kimi Sugimura**

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

 **Clydis Kellough, Pat McConnell, Naomi Rogers**

**USHERS 11:00 AM Marilyn Sebastian, Head Usher**

 **Jill Glixon, Marlys Moholt, Fredreika Smith**

**GREETERS 9:00 AM Martha Vaughan**

 **11:00 AM Ira Karunaratna**

 **Delivery of Altar Flowers on Monday, October 29**

 **Beryl Adams  Heidi Bender**

 **Presence on Sunday, October 21**

 **9:00 AM 84  11:00 AM 134 Total 218**

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| **October 21 Offering** **$4,783** | **Weekly Budget Need****\*$8,173** |
| **Year to Date Offering** **$314,763** | **Year to Date Budget Need** **\*$343,266** |

\*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.

**CAPS FOR KIDS** Do you knit or crochet? The Leisure World Committee for the Homeless and Working Poor is collecting handmade knitted or crocheted winter caps for kids in need. A container is available in the Narthex of the Chapel until October 31. All sizes are needed. Please place the caps in a plastic bag and drop in the box.

**LUNCH AND A MOVIE** The Inter-Faith Fellowship invites all to go out to lunch and a matinee showing of *Indivisible* on **Wednesday, October 31**. *Indivisible* is the extraordinary true story of Army Chaplain Darren Turner. The group will gather in The Chapel parking lot to carpool to lunch and the movie in Rockville or Gaithersburg. RSVP at [www.inter-faithchapel.org](http://www.inter-faithchapel.org) or by calling Bonnie at 301-598-5312 no later than October 29. Everyone who responds will be contacted with the exact time, movie schedule and theater location.

**FLU SHOT CLINIC** The final flu shot clinic for the season will be offered in Clubhouse I on **Wednesday, October 31** from 9:00 am – 1:00 pm. Get your flu shot at a convenient location. The shot is free for Medicare participants.

**UNDERSTANDING AND RESPONDING TO DEMENTIA-RELATED BEHAVIOR** This program will be offered on **Thursday, November 8** from 10:30 – 11:30 am in our Fellowship Hall. The speaker will be Diane Vance, MA, Program and Services Manager from the Alzheimer’s Association. Please RSVP by calling 301-847-3051 or emailing SilverSpring@arden-courts.com.

**SHEPHERD’S TABLE FOOD DONATIONS: NO COOKING REQUIRED!** The Chapel will collect bagged carrots, onions, white and sweet potatoes, apples, clementines, lemons, and oranges, along with large #10 institutional cans of any variety of vegetables. You may sign-up in the kitchen today to make a donation. Drop off the items from **Sunday, November 11 – Wednesday, November 14** in the Narthex.

**T’AI CHI**  T’ai Chi may help strengthen muscles, increase flexibility, and provide gentle aerobic exercise. A class will be offered on **Wednesday, November 14** at 1:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Sign up by going to [www.inter-faithchapel.org](http://www.inter-faithchapel.org) or calling 301-598-5312 no later than Sunday, November 11.

**INTER-FAITH CHAPEL CONCERT SERIES** The Chesapeake String Quintet will perform on **Sunday, November 18** at 3:00 pm in the sanctuary. No tickets are required. An offering will be taken to support the Concert Series which is funded exclusively by donations. A reception to meet the string players will follow the concert in Fellowship Hall.

**THANKSGIVING EVE COMMUNITY SERVICE** The Inter-Faith Chapel will host the annual Thanksgiving Eve Service on **Wednesday, November 21** at 6:00 pm for the Leisure World community. The service gathers The Chapel, Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church, the Unitarian-Universalists of Leisure World and the Jewish Residents of Leisure World. Music will be provided by The Inter-Faith Ringers and a combined women’s chorus. All are invited and encouraged to bring canned foods and/or a monetary donation. All offerings will be given to Shepherd’s Table in Silver Spring.

**ADVENT BIBLE STUDY** Dr. Rea and Dr. Lee will lead the study of Max Lucado’s book, *Because of Bethlehem,* on **Tuesdays November 27 – December** **18** at 10:30 am. Because of Bethlehem, God knows what it is like to be a human. He understands, because He’s been here. Register by calling 301-598-5312 or going to [www.inter-faithchapel.org](http://www.inter-faithchapel.org) no later than November 18. Indicate if you want to order the book for $15.00 when you register.

**SERMON NOTES**

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**CHAPEL CALENDAR**

**Monday, October 29 2:00 PM Sandwich Makers**

**Tuesday, October 30 10:00 AM Men’s Chorus**

 **10:30 AM Bible Study: Unafraid**

 **12:00 PM Staff Meeting**

 **1:30 PM Handbells**

**Wednesday, October 31 10:00 AM Women’s Chorus**

 **Afternoon Lunch and Movie: *Indivisible***

**Thursday, November 1 2:00 PM Bible Study: How We Got the Bible**

 **7:00 PM Chancel Choir**

**Friday, November 2 7:30 PM JRLW Shabbat**

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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***