**The Inter-Faith Chapel**

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

**3680 South Leisure World Blvd.**

**Silver Spring, Maryland 20906**



**August 18, 2019**

**Tenth 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**

*Faith is the strength by which a shattered world shall emerge into the light.*- Helen Keller

**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 *When Morning Gilds the Skies* Arranged by Robert Hobby**

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

**CALL TO WORSHIP Rev. Diane Hugger**

*Leader: O God, You have come to us throughout the ages.*

**PEOPLE: You are the God of Sarah and Abraham, the God of all people and our God.**

*Leader: You have walked with those of faith along dusty roads and grassy hillsides.*

**PEOPLE: You have traveled across lakes and mighty oceans.**

*Leader: Wherever we are, You are there as Guardian and Guide.*

**PEOPLE: You call us forth into the unknown to meet the needs of humankind.**

*Leader: You call us from the comfort of the known and challenge us to experience new attitudes, new understandings and new ventures.*

**PEOPLE: You call us from the present to the future.**

*Leader: And You remind us that there is nowhere that we will go where you have not already been, nowhere we will go where you are not there with us.*

**PEOPLE: Fill us today, O God, with the faith we need to accomplish Your works. Free us to love, worship, and serve You fully and faithfully. Amen.**

**INVOCATION**

**✝** You may stand. M*usic used by permission, CCLI #1683224*

**✝ HYMN *When Morning Gilds the Skies***

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION UNISON**

**God of the faithful, you call your people to feats of strength, courage and risk, to act according to their faith. You call us to walk seemingly impossible paths, as faithful pilgrims crossing through the sea to dry land, yet we remain stuck in the muddy waters of what we can accomplish on our own.**

**You call us to move, trust in your providence, as faithful wanderers moving toward the promised land, yet we are rooted in what is familiar, trusting only what we can see. You call us to open ourselves to what is different and new, as faithful people welcoming strangers in their land, yet we are shy, preferring what we already know and understand.**

**God, teach us to live by faith, acting according to the reality of hope, and trusting in your promises. We pray in the name of the pioneer of our faith, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

**WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

**✝ AN AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

*Leader: Let us stand and affirm what we believe as people of faith.*

**ALL: We believe that we are the light of the world. We believe we should let our light shine before others, so that they may see our good works and give glory to our Father in heaven.**

**We believe that our love should be genuine. We believe that we should hate what is evil, and that we should hold fast to what is good.**

**We believe that if we live by the Spirit, we should also be guided by the Spirit.**

**We believe in the church, the Body of Christ that is active in the world today to bring reconciliation and justice, and to announce the good news of God’s love and forgiveness.**

**We believe we should not become conceited, compete against one another, or envy one another.**

**We believe that we should clothe ourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness and patience.**

**We believe that we are called to live lives that are self-controlled, upright and godly, while we wait for the blessed hope and the manifestation of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus the Christ. 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 Hebrews 11:29 - 12:2 NT 274**

**9:00 am Maggi Lindley 11:00 John Moens**

**ANTHEM *Walk Together Children* Arranged by Moses Hogan**

**Bill Pailen, soloist**

**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 *Lord, I Want to Be a Christian***

**SERMON “Why Faith Matters” Dr. Ramonia L. Lee**

**INVITATION TO OFFERING**

**OFFERTORY *The Gospel of Grace* Arranged by Mark Hayes**

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**✝ 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  *I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light***

**✝ RESPONSIVE BENEDICTION**

*Leader: Go into the world, searching out God’s path.*

**PEOPLE: We go, knowing that God is always with us.**

*Leader: Go with the courage to speak God’s challenging word.*

**PEOPLE: We go humbly, pointing to God’s presence in our lives.**

*Leader: Go into the world, as bearers of God’s blessing.*

**PEOPLE: May we be a blessing to all our world. 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 *Toccata*  Rene Becker**

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

**A PARTING THOUGHT**

*Being a Christian is less about cautiously avoiding sin than about courageously and actively doing God's will. -* Dietrich Bonhoeffer



**SERMON NOTES** **Date: August 18, 2019**

Scripture Passage:  **Hebrews 11:29 - 12:2**

Title of Sermon: *“Why Faith Matters”* Preacher: Dr. Ramonia Lee

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 Ruth Doherty memory of her**

**Aunt “Pete” Hill on the anniversary of her August 12**

**Birthday.**

**USHERS 9:00 AM Clydis Kellough, Head Usher**

**Yolanda Hunt, Naomi Rogers, Sue Williams**

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

**Judy Duarte, Louise Langley, Vivian Williams**

**GREETER 9:00 AM Jill Glixon**

**11:00 AM Loraine Rieks**

**FLOWER MAKERS Anne Dobbs and Aggie Eastham**

**Delivery of Altar Flowers on Monday, August 19**

**Beryl Adams Bertie Knisely**

**Presence on Sunday, August 11**

**9:00 AM 110  11:00 AM 112 Total 222**

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| **August 11 Offering**  **$6,871** | **Weekly Offering Budget**  **$8,173** |
| **Year to Date Offering**  **$276,220** | **Year to Date**  **Offering Budget**  **$261,536** |

***ANNOUNCEMENTS & OPPORTUNITIES***

**GREETING TO VISITORS** We are so glad you chose to spend your morning with us, and hope you will feel comfortable and at home here. We invite you to sign our *Visitor Register* located in the narthex and to pick up an Inter-Faith Chapel coffee mug as our small gift. Please make your presence known to one of our pastors and 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, 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.

**COFFEE HOUR** During summer season, we invite you to linger longer or come early to enjoy a time of coffee and fellowship. Coffee and light snacks will be served between the two Sunday morning services. All are welcome to join us in Fellowship Hall!

**FARMER’S MARKET** The Red Wiggler Farm will offer fresh produce in The Chapel parking lot on **Thursdays in August** **from 9 am until 11 am** or when they sell out of produce. Red Wiggler Farm is one of the missions supported by the Inter-Faith Chapel.

**CHOIR REHEARSALS**  The Chancel Choir will resume rehearsals on **Thursday**, **August 29, at 7:00 p.m.** in the Fellowship Hall. The Women’s Chorus will resume rehearsals on Wednesday, September 4, at 10:00 am in the Fellowship Hall. The Inter-Faith Ringers will resume rehearsals on Tuesday, September 10 at 1:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall. The Men’s Chorale will resume rehearsals on Tuesday, October 29 at 10:00 am in the Fellowship Hall.

**GOSPEL CHOIR** Dr. Phillip Woods is organizing a Gospel Choir to sing on the fifth Sundays, beginning on **Sunday, September 29.** If you are interested in joining this choir, please call 301-598-5312. The choir will rehearse at 6:30 pm on Tuesdays: September 10, September 17, and September 24.

**DAY TRIP TO ANNAPOLIS** The Inter-Faith Fellowship invites all on a day trip to Annapolis on **Tuesday, September 17.** The group will gather at The Chapel at 8:15 am to carpool and volunteer drivers will be needed. Extensive walking will be required. The first activity will be a guided tour of the State House which will be followed by lunch. In the afternoon, the group will enjoy a 40 minute boat tour of the harbor and Naval Academy. Your RSVP and payment of $17 per person for the boat tour are due no later than Monday, September 9. You may RSVP by calling 301-598-5312 or going to the Announcements section of the home page at [www.inter-faithchapel.org](http://www.inter-faithchapel.org).

**WEEKLY CALENDAR**

**Monday, August 19 2:00 PM Sandwich Makers**

**Tuesday, August 20 12:00 PM Staff Meeting**

**Wednesday, August 21 3:00 PM Alzheimer’s Support Group**

**Thursday, August 22 9:00 AM Farmers’ Market**

**9:30 AM Finance Committee**

**Friday, August 23 10:00 AM Knitting**

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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***

***Bonnie Bonner, Administrator***

***Joy Dufour, Administrative Assistant***

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