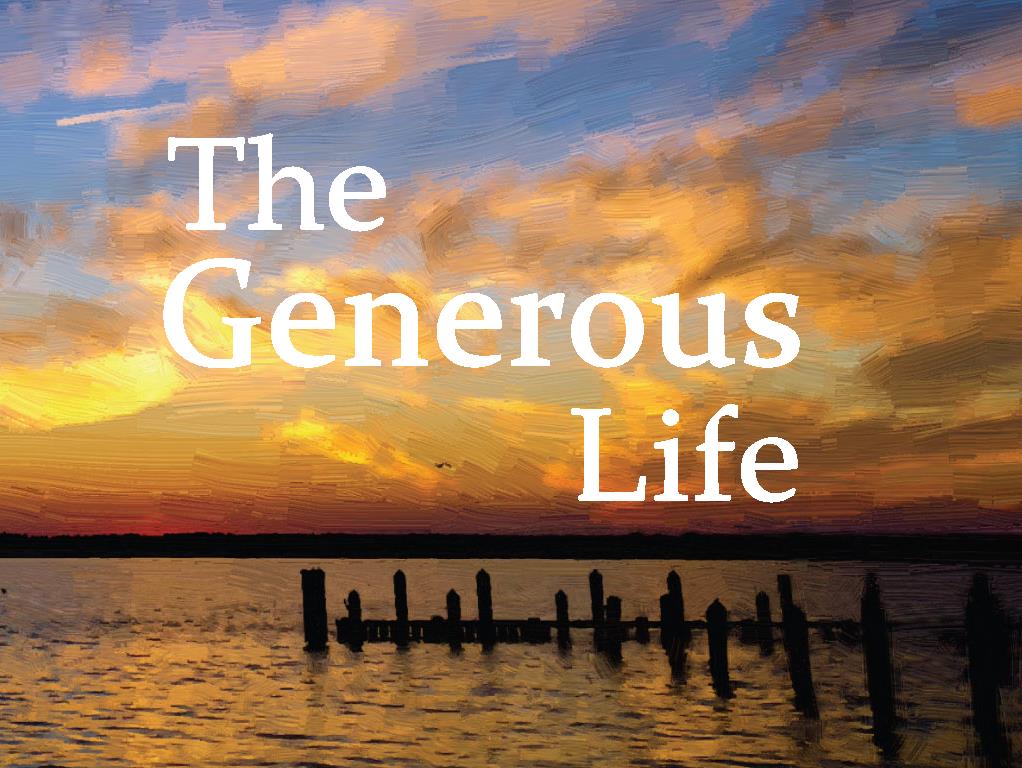
**The Inter-Faith Chapel**

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

3680 South Leisure World Blvd.

Silver Spring, Maryland 20906



**September 2, 2018**

**Fifteenth Sunday After Pentecost**

**with Holy Communion**

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

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

**SILENT MEDITATION**

*“There is a terrible fight going on inside of me between two wolves,” said an old man to his son. “One wolf is bad; he is anger and ego. The other wolf is good; he is love and generosity. The same fight is going on inside you.”*

*The son thought about it for a minute and then asked, “Which wolf will win?”*

*The old man replied simply, “The one you feed.”* - Native American Proverb

**WORDS OF WELCOME Dr. Woodie Rea**

**LIGHTING THE PEACE CANDLE**

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

**PRELUDE** ***Prelude for a Feast Day* Alexander Guilmant**

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

**CALL TO WORSHIP Dr. Ramonia Lee**

*Leader*: *Give thanks to the Lord!*

**PEOPLE:** **We will sing of God’s goodness and generosity!**

*Leader:* *Remember all the wonderful things that God has done.*

**PEOPLE:** **Let our words, our thoughts, and our actions reflect our thanksgiving.**

*Leader*: *Every generous act of giving is a tribute to God’s love for us.*

**PEOPLE:** **Let us be people of generous and abundant gifts for others.**

*Leader*: *Come, let us celebrate God’s unlimited generosity and unending love.*

**PEOPLE:** **Let us open our spirits to receive God’s blessings for our lives.**

**ALL: Praise the Lord!**

**Let us worship God.**

**INVOCATION**

** HYMN *I Sing the Mighty Power of God***

** All who are able, please stand.**

*Music used by permission, CCLI #1683224*

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION UNISON**

**O God, we confess that we often act out of our own self-interest; putting our needs and desires ahead of the needs of others. Forgive us, and teach us to be generous with our whole-hearted love. We confess that we often hoard our resources rather than sharing them freely with others in need. Forgive us, and teach us to live with generosity and compassion. We confess that we find it difficult to love our enemies or to pray for their well-being. Forgive us, and teach us to be generous towards even those who irritate or offend us. Through Christ we pray. Amen.**

**WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

** AFFIRMATION OF FAITH The Apostles Creed**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy universal church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the dead and life everlasting. 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.**

**SERVICE OF CELEBRATION AND DEDICATION**

** Acknowledgements and Appreciations**

** Litany of Dedication (L: Leader / P: People)**

L:In appreciation for all who have freely given their time, talent, and treasure so

that this project might be accomplished.

**P: We the members of this congregation, with glad and grateful hearts,**

**celebrate and dedicate these new furnishings to the glory of God.**

L: We dedicate these new furnishings as we engage our surroundings, to enhance

our experience of God’s presence through silence and preaching, in song and

poetry, in sharing and prayer.

**P: May we always seek God’s presence and look for beauty in the world.**

L: We consecrate these new furnishings, not as simple elements of carpeting, cloth, and wood, but as means towards creating an oasis, a sanctuary of respite and peace for the mind and spirit.

**P: May we too be instruments of God’s peace and grace through our lives.**

L: We celebrate this newly renovated sanctuary. May it always be for us, and for our

wider community, a house of prayer for all people, a resource for enhancing our

life of faith and shared spiritual journey.

**P: May all who exit this sanctuary be blessed with more love, hope, faith, focus,**

**and serenity than when they entered.**

**Bless this Chapel and all who use it, today and always. Amen.**

** Prayer of Blessing**

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

**Chancel Choir**

**SCRIPTURE READING James 1: 17-27 NT 278**

**SERMON “The Generous Life” Dr. Woodie Rea**

**INVITATION TO THE OFFERING**

**OFFERTORY *Songs Abound* Katherine K. Davis *C*hancel 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**

**COMMUNION HYMN  *Come, Behold! The Feast of Heaven***

**INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION**

**COMMUNION PRAYER UNISON**

**Christ Jesus, we celebrate your presence and praise you for your generosity found in this memorial of your love. May we drink deeply of the Living Water. May we eat fully of the Bread of Life. Through this meal, may we experience the abundant and generous life laid out before us. Hear us, O God, as we continue our prayer…**

**THE LORD’S PRAYER SUNG BY ALL**

**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 debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory forever. Amen.**

**THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

**SHARING THE BREAD AND CUP**

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION UNISON**

**Almighty God, we give you thanks that you have refreshed us at your table through the experience of the real presence of Christ and through the sustenance of this holy meal. And now, strengthen our faith in you, increase our generosity towards one another, and send us forth into the world empowered as one body by one Spirit, one communion, and one glorious hope for the future. Amen.**

** PASSING THE PEACE**

** HYMN *For the Beauty of the Earth***

** BENEDICTION**

** 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  *Finale (Organ Symphony #1)* Louis Vierne**

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

**PARTING THOUGHT**

*The world is hard. Our losses real.  
Our grief tangible. Our fear palpable.*

*Generous God, quiet our spirits with peace.*

*The world is heavy. Our anxiety growing.  
Our confusion large. Our responsibilities great.*

*Generous God, slow our impulsive actions.*

*The world is mystery. Our faith prevails.   
Our hope kindling. Our love blossoming.*

*Generous God, quicken our desire to be generous.*

(based on James 1:17-27, written by Katherine Hawker)

**HOLY COMMUNION** is provided two different ways at The Inter-Faith Chapel. You are invited to participate in the form most familiar and comfortable to you.



**COMMUNION is served in the PEWS** on the

LEFT SIDE of the sanctuary facing the cross.

Wafers and individual ***grape juice*** cups will be passed

in trays among the congregation.

**COMMUNION is served by INTINCTION** on the

RIGHT SIDE of the sanctuary facing the cross.

Communicants will come forward down the center aisle

and receive a wafer to dip in the chalice of ***wine***.

**GLUTEN-FREE COMMUNION** is available from the minister at the altar table, or in the pew upon request.

**COMMUNION STEWARDS**

**9:00 AM Clydis Kellough and Millie Spencer**

**11:00 AM George and Ginger Samara**

**COMMUNION ASSISTANTS**

**9:00 AM** **Ira Karunaratna**

**11:00 AM Randi Virts**

**CHOIR COMMUNION SERVERS**

**Maureen Harris and Jerry Page**

**SERVING COMMUNION IN THE PEWS**

**9:00 AM Tronette Anochie, Margaret Ellis**

**Claudette Warner-Milne, Vivian Williams**

**11:00 AM Louise Langley, Eun Joo Robinson**

**Karen Robinson, Melvin Robinson**

**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 Carolyn Barnett in memory of her husband**

**Dr. Bob Barnett on his September 10 burial at Arlington**

**National Cemetery**

**FLOWER MAKERS Ann Burke and Marlys Moholt**

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

**Cloteele Damsky, Ralph Sheaffer, Lois Smith**

**USHERS 11:00 AM John Moens, Head Usher**

**Arlene Kaiser, Marlys Moholt, Cheryl Watts**

**GREETERS 9:00 AM Regina Crutchfield**

**11:00 AM Eoline McCrone**

**Delivery of Altar Flowers on Tuesday, September 3**

**Beryl Adams Lois Smith**

**Presence on Sunday, August 26**

**9:00 AM 78  11:00 AM 135  Total 213**

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| **August 26 Offering**  **$3,099** | **Weekly Budget Need**  **\*$8,173** |
| **Year to Date Offering**  **$258,942** | **Year to Date Budget Need**  **\*$277,882** |

\*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.

**PLANNING MEETING** What 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](mailto:b.bonner@inter-faithchapel.org).

**OPPORTUNITY TO SERVE** Help AARP pack 1,000,000 meals for local seniors in need! The Summer of Service Meal Pack Challenge will be held on **Tuesday, September** **11** on the National Mall near the Smithsonian Metro station. Volunteer shifts last for ninety minutes and currently there are openings starting at 12 noon, 1:30 pm, and 3:00 pm. Online registration is required. Go to [www.mealpackchallenge.org](http://www.mealpackchallenge.org) to register. If you do not have internet access, you may call Bonnie at 301-598-5312 for assistance.

**BOOK CLUB** All are invited to a book club discussion in Fellowship Hall 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.  RSVP by Monday, September 10 by calling 301-598-5312 or going to [www.inter-faithchapel.org](http://www.inter-faithchapel.org).

**CAREGIVER COLLEGE** The Alzheimer’s Association will offer a series of three classes in our Fellowship Hall. Dementia Conversations: Driving, Doctor Visits, Legal and Financial Planning will be offered on **Thursday, September 13** at 10:30 am. Other sessions will follow in October and November. This educational event is sponsored by Arden Courts. RSVP by calling 301-847-3051 or emailing [SilverSpring@arden-courts.com](mailto:SilverSpring@arden-courts.com). You may attend one or all three.

**SHEPHERD’S TABLE CASSEROLES** Would you be able to prepare a casserole to feed the hungry at Shepherd’s Table? You may sign up in the Narthex today and pick up your disposable pan and recipe. Make a note to drop off your casserole on **Wednesday, September 19 between 1:00 – 2:00 pm.**

**FALL BIBLE STUDIES** Several Bible studies will be offered in the fall. You may consult the Courier or the Fall 2018 Christian Education booklet available in the Narthex for all the specific details. Register by calling 301-598-5312 be the listed deadline.

* *Letters to the Seven Churches* taught by Dr. Lee: a study of the letters in Revelation. Meets on Mondays at 10:30 am starting on **Monday, September 17**. Registration deadline September 9.
* *How We Got the Bible* taught by Bill Pailen**.** Meets on Thursdaysat 2:00 pmstarting on **Thursday, October 4.** Register by September 23.
* *Unafraid****:*** *Living with Courage and Hope in Uncertain Times* taught by Dr. Rea. Meets on Tuesdays at 10:30 am starting on **Tuesday, October 16**. Registration deadline is October 7.
* The women’s Bible study is continuing their discussion of *Growing Older, Growing Wiser.* All women are invited to join this group which will resume meeting on **Thursday, September 27** at 1:15 pm. Register by September 20 if you need a copy of the book.

**APPLE PICKING AND LUNCH** Our *New Wave* fellowship invites all to lunch at the Olney Ale House, followed by apple picking at Larriland Farm in Howard County. Meet at 12:00 noon on **Wednesday, September 26** in The Chapel parking lot to carpool. Register by Monday, September 24 by calling 301-598-5312 or by going to [www.inter-faithchapel.org](http://www.inter-faithchapel.org). We will need volunteers to drive. No payment in advance is necessary, bring money for your purchases. This trip involves walking on uneven ground.

**DEMENTIA PROGRAM** Learn more about various forms of dementia, symptoms and risk factors at *Everything You Wanted to Know about Dementia but Were Afraid to Ask* on **Thursday, September 27** at 10:00 am. Terry Ullman, MSW will be the presenter at this program sponsored by Brooke Grove Foundation. Register by calling 301-598-5312 no later than September 24.

**SEPTEMBER FLOWER DELIVERY** Volunteers are needed to deliver flowers to members and friends on Mondays in September and early October. Can you help serve in this important ministry? Please sign up on the clipboard in the Narthex.

**CHAPEL CALENDAR**

**Monday, September 3 Office Closed**

**Tuesday, September 4 12:00 PM Staff Meeting**

**Wednesday, September 5 10:00 AM Women’s Chorus**

**3:00 PM Alzheimer’s Support**

**Thursday, September 6 2:00 PM *New Wave* Planning Meeting**

**7:00 PM Chancel Choir**

**Friday, September 7 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***