***The Inter-Faith Chapel***

***"A House of Prayer for All People"***

3680 South Leisure World Blvd

Silver Spring MD 20906



**September 23, 2018**

**Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

**Mission Sunday**

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

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

**SILENT MEDITATION**

 *No longer strangers, we are God’s friends.*

 *No longer separated, we are sisters and brothers in Christ.*

 *No walls between us, but windows to relationship and doors to intimacy.*

 *From here, there, and everywhere, we come to gather as one in worship.*

**WORDS OF WELCOME Dr. Woodie Rea**

**LIGHTING THE PEACE CANDLE**

**We light this candle as a symbol of our continued hope and ongoing commitment**

**towards *peace* and *justice* in our world.**

**PRELUDE  *In Thee Is Gladness* Johann Sebastian Bach**

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

**CALL TO WORSHIP Dr. Woodie Rea**

 *Leader: The church is the place where the broken gather.*

 **PEOPLE: Let us worship God who makes us whole.**

*Leader: The church is the place where those in need look for help.*

**PEOPLE: Let us worship God who provides beyond our means.**

*Leader: The church is the place where everyone is welcome.*

**PEOPLE: Let us worship God who embraces and cares for all.**

 *Leader: Let us worship God who looks at us with eyes of love.*

 **ALL: Let us reach out to others with hearts of care.**

 **Let us care for those here, there, and everywhere.**

**INVOCATION**

** HYMN *Called as Partners in Christ’s Service***

Those who are able are invited to stand

*Music used by permission, CCLI #1683224*

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION UNISON**

**O God, the circle of our caring is too often bounded on all sides by ourselves. We think it is important to help the stranger, the hungry, the homeless; but then we forget them as we fill our thoughts with our own concerns. Forgive us for our apathy and inaction. Awaken us to the pain of those in poverty and the distress of those in need. Grant to us the grace of an enlarged love for you and growing care for others. Through Christ we pray. Amen.**

**WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

** AN AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

*Leader: Let us stand as we are able and join in an affirmation of our faith.*

**ALL: We believe in God,**

**Known as Creator, Redeemer, and ever Present Spirit.**

**We believe God calls us to share the Good News, care for the sick, care for the hungry, take care of the poor, welcome the stranger, and be a community of care.**

**We believe the Spirit is still moving, still acting, still turning the world upside down with love.**

**We believe the Spirit gives us different gifts to use, all for building up the greater church as a community of care and compassion.**

**We believe the Holy Spirit continues to empower us to do new things, to risk loving, and to venture boldly into God’s world.**

**We believe in God,**

**Beyond us, with us, and within us. 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.**

**A LITANY FOR MISSIONS adapted from John Wesley's Rule**

 *Leader: Do all the good you can,*

 **PEOPLE: Offering loving care to others.**

 *Leader: By all the means you can,*

 **PEOPLE: In worship or work or play or prayer.**

 *Leader: In all the ways you can,*

 **PEOPLE: By extending ourselves beyond ourselves, by helping to provide meals, by offering financial assistance, by talking and listening, by keeping an open mind.**

 *Leader:**In all the places you can,*

 **PEOPLE: At home or at church, in our community, across the street or across the country, in our homeland or in someone else's.**

 *Leader:**At all times you can,*

 **PEOPLE: For a moment, or an hour, or a day at a time, during times of being together, as well as moments alone.**

 *Leader:**To all the people you can,*

 **PEOPLE: People of different color and cultures, creeds and orientations, Christians or Jews or Muslims, those of other faith backgrounds or those who claim no faith at all.**

 *Leader:**As long as ever you can,*

**PEOPLE: Wherever we are in life, and for the rest of your life, we are called to devote ourselves to care, justice, and missions. Amen.**

**ANTHEM *Bring Forth the Kingdom* Marty Haugen / Lee Dengler**

 **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.**

**SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 25: 34-45 NT 35**

**HYMN *For the Fruits of All Creation***

**SERMON “Who Cares?” Mr. John Mendez**

**INVITATION TO OFFERING**

**OFFERTORY *Come and Be Joyful* Antonio Vivaldi / Hal Hopson**

 **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  *Go to the World!***

** BENEDICTION**

** 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 forev**er.

**Go, my children, with my blessing, you are my own.”**

**POSTLUDE *Be Joyful in the Lord* J. S. Bach**

**Kevin Clemens, organist**

**A PARTING THOUGHT**

*We can't just want kindness in the world, we have to do it, live it...be it! Mission isn't something you just believe in, it's something you do!” -* Steve Maraboli

**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.**

**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 Jane Liang in memory of her husband**

 **Stephen on his September 21 birthday**

**FLOWER MAKERS Linda Hamilton and Kimi Sugimura**

**USHERS 9:00 AM Louis Katsouros, Head Usher**

 **Pat McConnell, Naomi Rogers, Helen Shockley**

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

 **Arlene Kaiser, Marlys Moholt, Fredreika Smith**

**GREETERS 9:00 AM Ruby Ricks**

 **11:00 AM Shannon Gripper, Jr.**

 **Delivery of Altar Flowers on Monday, September 24**

 **Anna Pappas Tyra Thompson**

***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.

**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 by 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, continuing on **Monday, September 26**. You are welcome to come if you have not registered, but it is too late to order books.
* *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.

**INTER-FAITH MEN** All men are invited to the regular gathering of the Inter-Faith Men in the Chapel Fellowship Hall on **Wednesday, September 26** at 10:00 am. This meeting will be a friendly game of **Bible Football**, a fun, non-threatening trivia competition complete with prizes! Come join us for fellowship and spiritual growth.

**APPLE PICKING AND LUNCH** Our Inter-Faith 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.

**CHRISTMAS CRAFTERS** New crafters are welcome to join this group to make items for Christmas gift bags. The next meeting is **Thursday, September 27** at 10:00 am in the Chapel library. Bring a sample of your work and an estimate of the number of items you can make.

**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. 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. The caps will be delivered to the Interfaith Clothing Center to be distributed to children in need.

**BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS SERVICE** On **Saturday, October 6** at 10:00 am, The Chapel will hold our annual Blessing of the Animals service in the Fellowship Hall to celebrate the special relationships we have with our beloved pets. All pets are invited to bring their human friends for this special service!

**CAREGIVER COLLEGE** The Alzheimer’s Association is presenting a series of programs here in Fellowship Hall to teach how to improve your life when you have to deal with dementia. The next session is *Effective Communications* on **Thursday, October 11** at 10:30 am**.** RSVP by calling Arden Courts at 301-847-3051.

**CHAPEL CALENDAR**

**Monday, September 24 10:30 AM Bible Study:**

 **Letters to the Seven Churches**

 **2:00 PM Sandwich Makers**

**Tuesday, September 25 12:00 PM Staff Meeting**

 **1:30 PM Handbells**

 **1:30 PM Outreach**

 **3:00 PM Council**

**Wednesday, September 26 10:00 AM Inter-Faith Men**

 **10:00 AM Women’s Chorus**

 **12:00 PM Meet to go to Lunch and Apple Picking**

**Thursday, September 27 10:00 AM Dementia Workshop**

 **10:00 AM Christmas Craft Group**

 **1:15 PM Women’s Bible Study**

 **7:00 PM Chancel Choir**

**Friday, September 28 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***

***Linda Faith, Administrator/Facilities Manager***

***Bonnie Bonner, Administrative Secretary***

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