

Ark and Dove Presbyterian Church, USA



Eighth Sunday After Pentecost

Communion and Single Service

July 26, 2020 10:00 a.m.

PRAYER FOR THE DAY (by Howard Thurman)

Open unto me—light for my darkness.

Open unto me—courage for my fear.

Open unto me—hope for my despair.

Open unto me—peace for my turmoil.

Open unto me—joy for my sorrow.

Open unto me—strength for my weakness.

Open unto me—wisdom for my confusion.

Open unto me—forgiveness for my sins.

Open unto me—tenderness for my toughness.

Open unto me—love for my hates.

Open unto me—Thy self for my self.

PRELUDE

Prelude from Prelude, Fugue & Allegro BWV 998

- J.S. Bach

THE PRESENTATION OF SCRIPTURE

INVOCATION (based on Psalm 105)

O give thanks to the LORD, call on God's name;
let us make known what God has done for us.
Sing to the LORD, sing praises to God;
let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice.
Seek the LORD, seek God's presence continually;
let us remember the promise: God is with us, for us, in us.
Praise God, from whom all good things flow.

HYMN NO. 286

Breathe on Me, Breath of God

- Edwin Hatch

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Nothing will be able to separate us from your love, O God, but we do not always live in your love. Fear hardens our hearts. Worry chastens our charity. Pessimism impedes our hope. Pride prevents our compassion. While your love endlessly flows for us, we have our limits. Too often we withhold care from those who cannot return it to us. In this worship silence, help us in our weakness. Grant us courage to love, as you have loved us.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

RESPONSE NO. 581

Glory Be to the Father

- Henry Greatorex

WELCOME, LIVE-STREAM CHECK-IN, AND JOYS AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

THE OFFERING

MUSICAL OFFERING

How Can I Keep From Singing

- Robert Lowry, arr. Robert McHugh

DEDICATION OF OUR TITHES, OFFERINGS, ELECTRONIC AND ONLINE GIVING

RESPONSE NO. 607

The Doxology

- Patrick Sise & William B. Abernathy

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING

HEBREW SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 7:11-17

EPISTLE READING

Romans 8:26-39

RESPONSE

Leader: The Word of God.
People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“Nothing, Not Anything”

- Jon Nelson

PREPARATORY INTERLUDE

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

THE MORNING PRAYER AND THE LORD’S PRAYER (p. 35, debts & debtors)

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD AND THE SHARING OF THE CUP

CONGREGATIONAL SINGING

Fierce

- Chris Quilala, Joshua Silverberg & Mia Fieldes

THE CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

A Gaelic Blessing

- John Rutter

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP You’re invited to "Sunday Fellowship" Zoom meeting after our Sunday worship livestream! It will begin at approximately 11:15 am. Since we cannot meet in person yet, and we miss our Sunday morning snack and chat time, we thought we'd see if this could be a sort of virtual substitute! Sorry, you'll have to supply your own coffee and snacks. ;) If you'd like to log onto the Zoom session for this fellowship opportunity, please contact fellowship@arkanddove.org before 11:15am Sunday mornings to receive a link to join in.

LONG-RANGE PLANNING: CHURCH SURVEY Every three to five years, Ark and Dove engages in a process of review, assessment and goal-development. This year we will be using the Church Assessment Tool (CAT) to help gauge the strength, vitality and trends at Ark and Dove. The information gathered from this assessment will be essential to planning the future of our church, and the long-range team is looking for your input to complete this work! You will receive an email, in early August, with a unique link to the CAT. (To request a paper copy, please email admin@arkanddove.org.) In completing the survey, we ask that you resist the temptation of discussing it, or your answers, with anyone else, as this may influence the candidness of the responses. All answers are strictly anonymous, so please feel free to honestly share your perceptions, opinions and experiences. How we plan our future is dependent on your involvement, so the long-range planning team looks very forward to your full participation! Questions? Please contact Chris Fox, foxychris3@gmail.com.

LOGOS SURVEY The LOGOS planning team sent out an email this week to families and volunteers about the upcoming 2020-2021 year. If you or your family is interested in participating in LOGOS (our weekly children and youth program), please fill out this brief survey by July 28th. Thank you!

JESUS AND THE DISINHERITED: A RETREAT The late Congressman John Lewis called Howard Thurman the “patron saint” of the Civil Rights Movement. Both Pastors Tim and Jon have preached

on Rev. Thurman in the past. The [Shalem Institute](#) is now providing their course on Howard Thurman for free to help people be grounded spiritually in the fight for racial justice. Contact info@shalem.org with questions. Enter the self-guided retreat day [here](#).

SUMMER BIBLE CLUB Through August 14, 2020 This summer, Ark and Dove Presbyterian Church is holding a virtual Summer Bible Club. [Registration](#) is open to K-8th grade students (grade completed). The program "On Earth As in Heaven" invites us to (re)-experience the [Lord's Prayer](#) and to see the connections between prayer and service in the world. Weekly videos starting on July 13 introduce the theme with a skit, music, and Bible story. On Thursday nights, children will meet with their age group for a live Zoom call featuring activities and conversation relating to our theme. Register today at www.ArkandDove.org. Questions? Christina Nelson, [christinajoy87\(at\)gmail.com](mailto:christinajoy87(at)gmail.com) or Linda Lewis, [lclewis022\(at\)gmail.com](mailto:lclewis022(at)gmail.com).

MIDDLE SCHOOL SUMMER BOOK CLUB As part of our Summer Bible Club, Ark and Dove Middle School youth are invited to join a discussion of the book *Stamped: Racism, Antiracism, and You* by Jason Reynolds and Ibram X. Kendi. We will meet weekly for five weeks to discuss the book from a faith perspective. Several are already in. Want to join? Please contact Pastor Jon (jonelson@arkanddove.org).

SUMMER BOOK DISCUSSION Pastor Jon and I have picked a novel for this summer's book discussion that we are certain you are going to love: James McBride's "Deacon King Kong." NPR described this novel, which is set in the south Brooklyn projects in the late 1960s, as "a narrative about flawed, poor people navigating an ugly, racist world and trying their best with the help of God, each other, or the bottle; their stories are unique, but the struggles are universal — and that makes this a novel about all of us." The Zoom discussion will take place on **Tuesday, August 4, 7pm**. Please email Kim Champagne at kim.champagne@gmail.com for the meeting code.

SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL Summer Sunday School for Elementary aged children will continue using the Holy Moly program from 9am to 9:30am on Sunday mornings. If you are interested in teaching or being the second adult on zoom, please contact Julie Devers at jbdevers@gmail.com.

FRIENDLY SENIORS TEA Thursdays at 3:00 pm on Zoom. Please contact Pastor Tim (tstern@arkanddove.org) to receive an invitation.

LIVESTREAM EQUIPMENT, SUBSCRIPTION AND SERVICES FEES The [streaming services fund](#) connects us during our most trying times through [livestream](#) and Zoom. Worship services and programs can now be viewed through [livestream](#) and Zoom when in person participation is not possible. Thank you for contributing to this crucial fund that strengthens our church home and our whole community. Please [donate online](#) or text an amount followed by **stream** to **410-983-3481**.

Welcome! We hope you enjoyed worshipping with us! Join us again, on livestream, every Sunday at 10:00 am.

Lay Reader: Adell Gaurin

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