

Ark and Dove Presbyterian Church, USA



Sixth Sunday of Easter

Single Service

May 9, 2021 10:00 a.m.

PRAYER FOR THE DAY

You are not the God we would have chosen
had we done the choosing,
but we are your people
and you have chosen us in freedom.

We pray for the great gift of freedom
that we may be free toward you
as you are in your world.

Give us that gift of freedom
that we may move in new places
in obedience and in gratitude.

Thank you for Jesus
who embodied your freedom for all of us. Amen.

-Walter Brueggemann

PRELUDE

Valseana

- Sergio Assad

THE PRESENTATION OF SCRIPTURE

INVOCATION (Ephesians 1:3-6)

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
who has blessed us in Christ
with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places
just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world
to be holy and blameless before him in love.

God destined us for adoption as children through Jesus Christ,
according to the good pleasure of his will,
to the praise of his glorious grace that is freely bestowed on us.

HYMN NO. 435

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

- Frederick William Faber

EASTER PRAYER OF PRAISE

You have chosen us, O God, to be your people. We have not won your favor. We did not earn it. You freely chose us as your own. And you do not alter your decision. You are for us when all the world seems against us. You free us when we are ensnared. You restore us when we are diminished. You have claimed all that you have created and care for all as your own. On this day, in gratitude, we choose to be for you.

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

Christ Is Enough

- Rueben Morgan & Jonas Myrin

DEDICATION OF OUR TITHES, OFFERINGS, ELECTRONIC AND ONLINE GIVING

RESPONSE

Doxology (Amen)

- Louis Bourgeois, Phil Wickham & Thomas Ken

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING

HEBREW SCRIPTURE READING

Deuteronomy 7:6-8

GOSPEL READING

John 15:9-17

RESPONSE

Leader: The Word of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“Choosing Friends”

- Jon Nelson

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

CONGREGATIONAL SINGING

Multiplied

- Nathaniel Rinehart & William Rinehart

THE CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

CLOSING MUSIC

Doxology

- Louis Bourgeois, arr. V. Labenske

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OUTDOOR WORSHIP SERVICES Begins Sunday, May 16, 9:15 am. To [RSVP](#) for the outdoor worship services, please sign up [HERE](#). Outdoor service will begin Sunday, May 16, and will be held every other Sunday at 9:15 am. Please check the homepage of the [Ark and Dove website](#) for cancellation due to inclement weather. The website will be updated the morning of the outdoor service. Out of consideration for other attenders, masks are required. Outdoor worship services will be held May 16 and 30, June 13 and 27, July 11 and 25, and August 8 and 22.

SPRING FLOWER PLANTING Ark and Dove Facilities Ministry is looking for a few people to help plant flowers in the flower beds and spread mulch. If you would like to help, please email Autumn Vernon, Facilities Elder, facilities@arkanddove.org.

THE INTERSECTIONS CLASS In this drop-in-friendly class, we will be exploring what intersectional theology is, as well as learning about some of the traditions that can be found around us. Please RSVP Katie Nilsen Johnson (knilsenjohnson@gmail.com) for a Zoom link.

- May 13, 8pm: The Witness of Black Women Christians
What does the theology look like of the women who called out James Cone for not going far enough, for ignoring them - black women in America? Using the story of Hagar we'll look at the theology of Delores S. Williams, Wilda Gafney, and Katie Geneva Cannon.

- May 20, 8pm: The Witness of Latinx Christians
- May 27, 8pm: The Witness of Queer Christians
- June 3, 8pm: The Witness of Asian-American Christians

GLEAM PLANNING MEETING The GLEAM (God’s Love Embraces All Ministry) team will be holding its next planning meeting this **Tuesday, May 11 at 7:00 pm**. If you would like to join us or would like more information about our team and what we do contact Amanda Crose (amanda.rose.crose@gmail.com) or Amy Tardiff (Lilac.n.Spruce@gmail.com).

HEALING THROUGH GRIEF GROUP Have you lost someone during this pandemic year? Were you unable to see them, or attend their funeral or memorial service? Pastor Tim, Deacon Cathy Debus and Linnie Girdner will be co-facilitating the next Healing through Grief group this **Wednesday, May 12, 7pm**. The Healing through Grief small group is open to anyone attending Ark and Dove, and their family, who have experienced the death of a loved one, whether it is recent or a long time ago. Please contact Linnie Girdner (girdnerlinda@gmail.com) for a Zoom invitation or with any questions.

A BRIEF GUIDE TO MINISTRY WITH LGBTQIA Youth Book Discussion Please join us **Tuesday, May 18, 7:30 pm** for a Zoom discussion of the book *A Brief Guide to Ministry With LGBTQIA Youth* by Cody J. Sanders. Short and packed with information, this book provides useful advice, case studies, and ministry examples for churches that are looking to expand their youth ministry in ways that fully affirm and welcome LGBTQIA youth. Any questions, please contact Pastor Jon jnelson@arkanddove.org. To RSVP, please contact Amy Tardiff, Lilac.n.Spruce@gmail.com



SUMMER BOOK CLUB returns in May with Ta-Nehisi Coates' highly acclaimed magical realism novel "The Water Dancer." Set on a struggling tobacco plantation in Virginia, the novel follows Hiram Walker, a young mixed-race boy born into slavery, who discovers he possesses a superhuman ability when he falls into a river. We will meet on Zoom, **Tuesday, May 25, 7:30 pm**. As the summer goes on, we may be experimenting with different meeting options, so stay tuned! Contact Kim Champagne (kim.champagne@gmail.com) or Pastor Jon (jnelson@arkanddove.org) if you are interested. Here are other books we have selected so far with the meeting dates: "A Children's Bible" by Lydia Millet (June 15th), "When No One is Watching" by Alyssa Cole (July 20th), TBA (August 17th). Since we've not chosen an August book yet, we are open to your suggestions!

ANNAPOLIS RUN FOR THE LIGHT HOUSE Announcing an opportunity for mission and outreach/connections! Run for The Light House is a 1.25 mile, 5K, or half marathon race happening on Sunday, September 19, 2021 (or virtually anytime between Sept. 11-19) that will benefit The Light House in Annapolis, a public charity working to end the cycle of homelessness and poverty. Let's form an Ark and Dove team! For more details and [registration](#), please *run here*. Notify Nicole Howe (fellowship@arkanddove.org) if interested!

CRAFTING GROUP Crafting Group The next meetings for the crafting group is **Monday, May 17, 7:00 pm**. All skill levels and handcrafts welcome! Anyone interested in joining please contact Amy Tardiff at [lilac.n.spruce\(at\)gmail.com](mailto:lilac.n.spruce(at)gmail.com).

We are a Matthew 25 church and a More Light church!

Welcome! We hope you enjoyed worshipping with us! Join us again, on livestream, every Sunday at 10:00 am. Would you like a pastor to contact you? Would you like to learn more about Ark and Dove? Please send a note to admin@arkanddove.org.

Lay Reader: Kathy Miller

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