

Ark and Dove Presbyterian Church, USA



Seventeenth Sunday After Pentecost *Single Service*

September 27, 2020 10:00 a.m.

PRAYER FOR THE DAY

*O God, when you went out before your people,
when you marched through the wilderness,
the earth quaked, the heavens poured down rain
at the presence of God, the God of Sinai,
at the presence of God, the God of Israel.
Rain in abundance, O God, you showered abroad;
you restored your heritage when it languished;
your flock found a dwelling in it;
in your goodness, O God, you provided for the needy.*

-Psalm 68:7-10

PRELUDE

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

- William Runyan, arr. L Schackley

THE PRESENTATION OF SCRIPTURE

INVOCATION

Gracious God, you satisfy the hungry and satiate the thirsty. You supply our need. In this worship hour, may we find ourselves nourished, satisfied, and encouraged to walk even in the wilderness. Amen.

HYMN NO. 108

Of the Father's Love Begotten

- Divinum Mysterium

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

We find ourselves, O God, in uncharted territory. We wander as in the wilderness. We waver. Under our current conditions, we complain and quarrel. We fend for ourselves, rather than find a way for all. The interests of others remain secondary to our own. We believe ourselves to be better than others. In this wilderness, we have drifted and divided. Now, in this worship silence, graciously guide us along a path that leads forward.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

RESPONSE

10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)

- Jonas Myrin & Matt Redman

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

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

MINUTE FOR CONNECTIONS

- Julie Devers

THE OFFERING

MUSICAL OFFERING

I Believe

- Mark Miller

Maren McGillivray-Stubbs, treble

DEDICATION OF OUR TITHES, OFFERINGS, ELECTRONIC AND ONLINE GIVING

RESPONSE NO. 609

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

(congregation may stand)

- Lasst uns Erfreuen

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING

HEBREW SCRIPTURE READING

Exodus 17:1-7

EPISTLE READING

Philippians 2:1-15

RESPONSE

Leader: The Word of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“With Us in the Wilderness”

- Jon Nelson

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

CONGREGATIONAL SINGING

Here in Your Presence

- Jon Egan

THE CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

CLOSING MUSIC

Gavottes I & II from Cello Suite 6

- J.S. Bach

IMAGE Sinai Wilderness

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WEEKLY LESSONS AND ACTIVITIES *LOGOS begins this week; check your email Tuesday!* LOGOS is Ark and Dove's midweek intergenerational experience for children and youth up to 8th grade. It is a time for all ages to come together to learn about God and grow in their relationships. Unlike previous years, we will not be meeting in the church building. Instead, each week will have a different family-centered activity to do either at home or outside at church. There will be crafts, games, bible study, and opportunities for worship and mission. If you'd like to get on the weekly emailing list, please contact Amy Goldberg at amygoldberg.2010@gmail.com. If you're interested in volunteering, please contact Jen Roman at jroman8414@gmail.com.

ADULT CYBER EDUCATION OPPORTUNITY FROM THE DISCIPLESHIP MINISTRY With so much of our personal and professional business conducted online, it is more important than ever to maximize our awareness of personal safety and security risks associated with using the internet. Please join us for the two remaining 3-part Online Computer Safety class on September 29 and October 6 at 8PM via ZOOM. The following topics will be discussed:

- September 29, SOCIAL MEDIA SECURITY: What are the threats and what can you do to protect your personal data from being shared without your permission?
- October 6, HACKING METHODOLOGY: A higher level technical presentation of how a hacker can infiltrate a home router and information on how to protect your home network.

Please contact Tricia Gray (tricia.gray@yahoo.com) with any questions.

WHITE TOO LONG! *White Christian America Needs a Moral Awakening* is the headline of *The Atlantic* article by Robert P. Jones. In his new book, *White Too Long: The Legacy of White Supremacy in American Christianity*, Jones describes how white supremacist ideology and white Christian theology have been and continue to be interwoven in ways that uphold white supremacy. He calls us to examine our faith with a moral lens that can help us work toward a "right relationship with our fellow citizens, with ourselves, and even with God." Whether you read the article or the book, or don't do either, you are invited to bring your open mind and open heart to our next book group zoom meeting on **Wednesday, September 30th at 7pm**. To sign up, please email Jon Nelson (jnelson@arkanddove.org) or Kim Champagne (kim.champagne@gmail.com).

RACISM 101 The Antiracism and Social Equity Team of Ark and Dove invites you to attend our ZOOM forum on RACISM 101, **Sunday, October 4 from 3-4:30 pm**. We will begin by helping you understand the social construct of race, what racism is and how it impacts racial groups differently in our country. Then we will move into a demonstration of relational conversations about race. This forum is for those who see themselves as beginners, as well as those who want a refresher. What questions do you have? What do you want to know more about? Please complete [this form](#), so we can send you the ZOOM link and find out more about what you want to know. Any questions, please contact Lori Kronser at Lkronser16@gmail.com. As our banners say: "Join Us in the Conversation."

PEACE AND GLOBAL WITNESS This month we continue collecting [Peace and Global Witness Offering](#). This offering will be used to support ACT as we support peace in Anne Arundel County. The 2020 Peace and Global Witness Offering encourages the church to cast off anxiety and fear, discord and division and embrace God's mission for peace to those around the corner. Shaping a foundation for peace starts with honest conversations and shared experiences. When we share, we carry each other's burdens, advocate for one another, and share each other's hopes. Faith groups around Anne Arundel County have come together to share what is important to residents of Anne Arundel County. The Peace and Global Witness Offering unites our church with other faith groups and partnerships as we reach out to people who long for peace and reconciliation. Blessed are the peacemakers. [Please give generously](#), as we promote peace in Anne Arundel County. You may donate [online](#), by text (text amount followed by **peace** to 410-983-3481), or by check. Thank You, Cheryl Schafer, Mission Elder, cscas@verizon.net.

OUTDOOR MOVIE NIGHT AT ARK AND DOVE! Saturday, October 17, 7pm. (Rain date will be Friday, October 30.) Bring your chairs, blankets, and face masks. The movie will be appropriate for ALL ages. Please save the date! More details to come. Nicole Howe, nicolehowe123@gmail.com

SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP Sunday Fellowship after the live-stream church service continues! Via a ZOOM meeting, of course. If you'd like to join in for some light conversation and have a chance to see some familiar faces, simply send an email to fellowship@arkanddove.org to request an invitation. We will then send you a link to the Zoom meeting. **You only need to do this one time, and you can use the same link each week.** The meetings begin around 11:15 each Sunday. It will be great to "see" you! Nicole Howe, nicolehowe123@gmail.com.

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

FALL OFFERINGS

CONFLICTED: Exploring Conflict and How it Might Help Us Today We are embroiled in conflict. As a nation, we are at odds with others and our own. As citizens, we are polarized. As a Church, we differ from one another. As families, we fight. In this pandemic, international and national conflicts have increased. During this racial reckoning, divisions have widened. How do we handle these conflicts?

Join us for the last three courses addressing biblical and contemporary conflicts from the international to the interpersonal. Each week, we will study certain conflicts to see how we might deal with the ones we face today.

- Week Three: Local Conflicts (Resource Disputes and Tax-Collectors)
- Week Four: Church Conflicts (Inclusive Christianity and Gentile Christians)
- Week Five: Interpersonal Conflicts (Political Arguments and Family Disputes)

This class will be co-led by Katie Nilsen Johnson (who recently earned a Masters in Peace and Conflict Studies), Grant Johnson, and Pastor Jon. We meet on **Tuesdays at 7:30pm, through October 13th**. *All are welcome, even if you can't attend all the sessions!* Please contact Pastor Jon for a Zoom link (jnelson@arkanddove.org).

CAMPFIRE QUARRELS Join us around a campfire on church grounds the second Wednesday of the month for a healthy conversation over the controversies of our times. Bring a chair, non-alcoholic beverage, and s'more supplies (if you like), bug repellent, the intention to social distance, and we will enjoy each other's company as we create faithful responses to the conflicts of our time. We will meet from 7-8:30 pm.

- October 9: Cancel Culture (Friday!)
- November 11: Presidential Support/Opposition
- December 9: Capitalism and its Alternatives

Please RSVP with Pastor Jon (jnelson@arkanddove.org) as we have limited space to maintain social distancing around the fire.

BEING GRATEFUL IN DIFFICULT TIMES Coming in October! *We all know the joy of a surprise gift, good news, or a great achievement -- all of those things eliciting feelings of gratitude. But these days, full of grief, worry, and uncertainty did not easily nurture a sense of thanks. Indeed, they seem to be gnawing away our hearts and our hopes.*

So what of gratitude now? When we don't feel grateful? In a 6-part course based on her recent book, Grateful, Diana Butler Bass takes us into a journey to understand what gratitude is, how it can strengthen us as individuals and in community, and the surprising ways in which it subverts hopelessness and injustice. In addition to lectures and mini-practice sessions, Diana will be joined by other writers in conversation about how giving thanks has made a difference in their own lives.

Join us for this course wherein, we will watch brief videos and have discussion over the content. Purchasing Bass' "Grateful", will be helpful but not necessary. Class size is limited to 25. Please contact Kim Champagne to sign up (kim.champagne@gmail.com)

LECTIONARY BIBLE STUDY Every Wednesday at 10 am, we gather online for fellowship, Bible study on the upcoming Sunday scriptures, and prayer. This has been and continues to be a great way to deepen friendships and faith. Please join us, there is no commitment or homework. Contact Pastor Jon for the Zoom invitation (jnelson@arkanddove.org).

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: Don Ziegler

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