FACES OF OUR FAITH
BOLD & UNTOLD STORIES

MECHANICSBURG PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
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May 30, 2021 • Trinity Sunday • 8:15 & 11am
Guest WiFi password: lmampc2d

Jonah

When I am swallowed whole by my own resentment and anger, may I remember that your grace is for everyone, including me. Amen.

"God is gracious to some very peculiar people."
~ Wallace Stevens ~

Gathering Around the Word

We gather knowing God is with us.

Prelude — *Fantasie on the Hymn "Holy, Holy, Holy"* — Piet Post
Introduction, Var. 1, Var. 2, Var. 3, and Hymn

Welcome

Introit #399 — *God Welcomes All* — THEMBA AMEN

Opening Prayer

Hymn #35 *Praise to the Lord* LOBE DEN HERREN

Proclaiming the Word

We experience the Word of God.

Prayer for Illumination

First Lesson Matthew 5:43-48

The story of God for the people of God… **Thanks be to God.**

Second Lesson Jonah

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Sermon *Faces of Our Faith*
Jonah
Reverend Kathryn Z. Johnston

Responding to the Word

We affirm our faith and commitment to the Word of God.

Offertory *Variation 4, From Fantasie on the Hymn "Holy, Holy, Holy"* Piet Post

Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer

In your mercy Lord… **hear our prayer**

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.

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***Declaration of Faith** The Apostles' Creed

The Apostle's Creed dates back to 180 AD. The word 'catholic' refers to the entire Christian church; 'quick' means living:

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Bearing & Following the Word

We declare the Word of God throughout the week.

***Charge & Benediction**

Postlude *Finale and Hymn* Piet Post

The Chancel flowers are placed to the glory of God. **The yellow rose** in the Sanctuary symbolizes the presence of the Holy Spirit in our midst.

This Morning's Participants

The Reverend Mark A. Allio & The Reverend Kathryn Z. Johnston - Pastors
Cathay Snyder, Christian Education Director
Mark McKeever, Director of Music
Katie Chase, Jan Daft, Mike Daft – Ushers (8:15)
Sue Karakantas, Tim Wonder, Amy Zullo – Ushers (11)

The Next Worship Services Will Be:

June 6—8:15 & 11am indoor (streamed online)
Celebration of Pastor Mark and Family in person at 10am
SIGN UP HERE: https://www.timetosignup.com/mpchurch/folder/9083
Or call the Church Office

June 13—8:15 & 11am indoor (streamed online)

June 20—8:15 & 11am indoor (streamed online)

June 27—8:15 & 11am indoor (streamed online)

Thank You Mark Allio!

The celebration of Pastor Mark and family will take place on June 6th in person. The presentation will be around 10am. We will be presenting the family with gifts include a Money Tree and Notes of Appreciation from YOU!

Giving Tree

Bring $ to clip onto the tree to help send Mark, Carrie, Asher, Gage, Hank, and Matthias off into their new adventure.

Notes of Appreciation

There will be a book to add your note (3x5" index card) of appreciation.

If you are unable to attend, the gifts and notes can be dropped off in the church office.
Please do not write out a check to MPC.

Church Office Hours: The church office will be open from 9-4:30, Monday thru Thursday. Please ring the bell at the front door and Angie will let you in! As we re-open for in-person activities we ask that all groups and committees please schedule their meeting times with the church office. Thank you!

How to Watch Worship: For the next few Sundays the only way to watch worship live online is by going to the "Mechanicsburg Presbyterian" page on Facebook. After those services are completed, they will be posted onto our website and YouTube. Our new livestreaming equipment is set to go in the first week of June. Thank you for your patience.

Renewing our Home, Sharing our Future

Wow. We've missed you. WELCOME BACK!

As you look around, you will see a lot of the Capital Campaign projects that have been completed during our time apart, as well as some projects that are a little more "behind the scenes" including:

THE SANCTUARY - walls and ceiling have been repaired and repainted, the pews have been repainted, the pew and chair padding have been replaced. The window treatments are new and the electric and light switches have been rewired to work better (no more flickering). New flooring has been added that runs through **Upper Fellowship Hall** and the **Gathering Area**. The Gathering Area also has new lighting and new ceiling tile.

THE BATHROOMS – the CE Wing and Gathering Area restrooms have been fully gutted and redesigned. Everything (sinks, toilets, paper towels, soap) is automated. You have to see them to believe them!

THE DOORS – Almost all exterior doors have been replaced and safety features have been added to them including keypads. A new key fob and code system has been put in place on exterior and interior doors. Three cameras have been added to allow more controlled access to secure areas.

"BEHIND THE SCENES" – the steeple had some touching up done, but after closer inspection there was no structural damage to be repaired. The HVAC has been replaced.

This is not a comprehensive list and the work continues! We are grateful to the Property & Maintenance Committee who organized quickly with their own efforts and by coordinating contractors to use our time out of the building wisely. There have been MPC cleaning crews, design teams, schedule coordinators, painters, fix-it crews, set-up teams – the list is truly endless. Thank you to EVERYONE who has helped in a hands-on way and...

THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO CONTINUES TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE CAPITAL CAMPAIGN MAKING ALL OF THIS POSSIBLE!!!

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Session:
Class of 2021 – Rich Blessing, Katie Chase, David Cox, Courtney Gray, Cindy Gorski, Lorrie Weber, Tim Wonder
Class of 2022 – Ed Boggs, Jim Honafius, Ted Foor, Nickie Shaddock, Rick Whitcomb
Class of 2023 – Patti Hinkson, Scott Rogers, Kelli Scurfield, Jenn Thomson, Phil Van Zile

Deacons:
Class of 2021 – Pat Heintzelman, Marybeth Hummel, Judy Klebe, Cathy Petko, Jan Whitcomb, Carol Winston
Class of 2022 – Laura Bricker, Sue Karakantas, Mary Love, Joanne Neimer, Keni Melphis, Tracy Shosh
Class of 2023 – Heather Barto, Jan Burrows, Jan Daft, Mike Daft, Nat League, Amy Zullo