
Gathering those who fear they are not enough,
so we may experience grace, wholeness, and renewal as God's beloved.



Love One Another – Laura James

Preparing Our Hearts for Worship

We believe

- *that Christ's work of reconciliation is made manifest in the church as the community of believers who have been reconciled with God and with one another;*
- *that unity is, therefore, both a gift and an obligation for the church of Jesus Christ; that through the working of God's Spirit it is a binding force, yet simultaneously a reality which must be earnestly pursued and sought: one which the people of God must continually be built up to attain;*
- *that this unity must become visible so that the world may believe that separation, enmity and hatred between people and groups is sin which Christ has already conquered, and accordingly that anything which threatens this unity may have no place in the church and must be resisted;*
- *that this unity of the people of God must be manifested and be active in a variety of ways;*
- *in that we love one another;*
- *that we experience, practice and pursue community with one another;*
- *that we are obligated to give ourselves willingly and joyfully to be of benefit and blessing to one another;*

– Confession of Belhar

Prelude

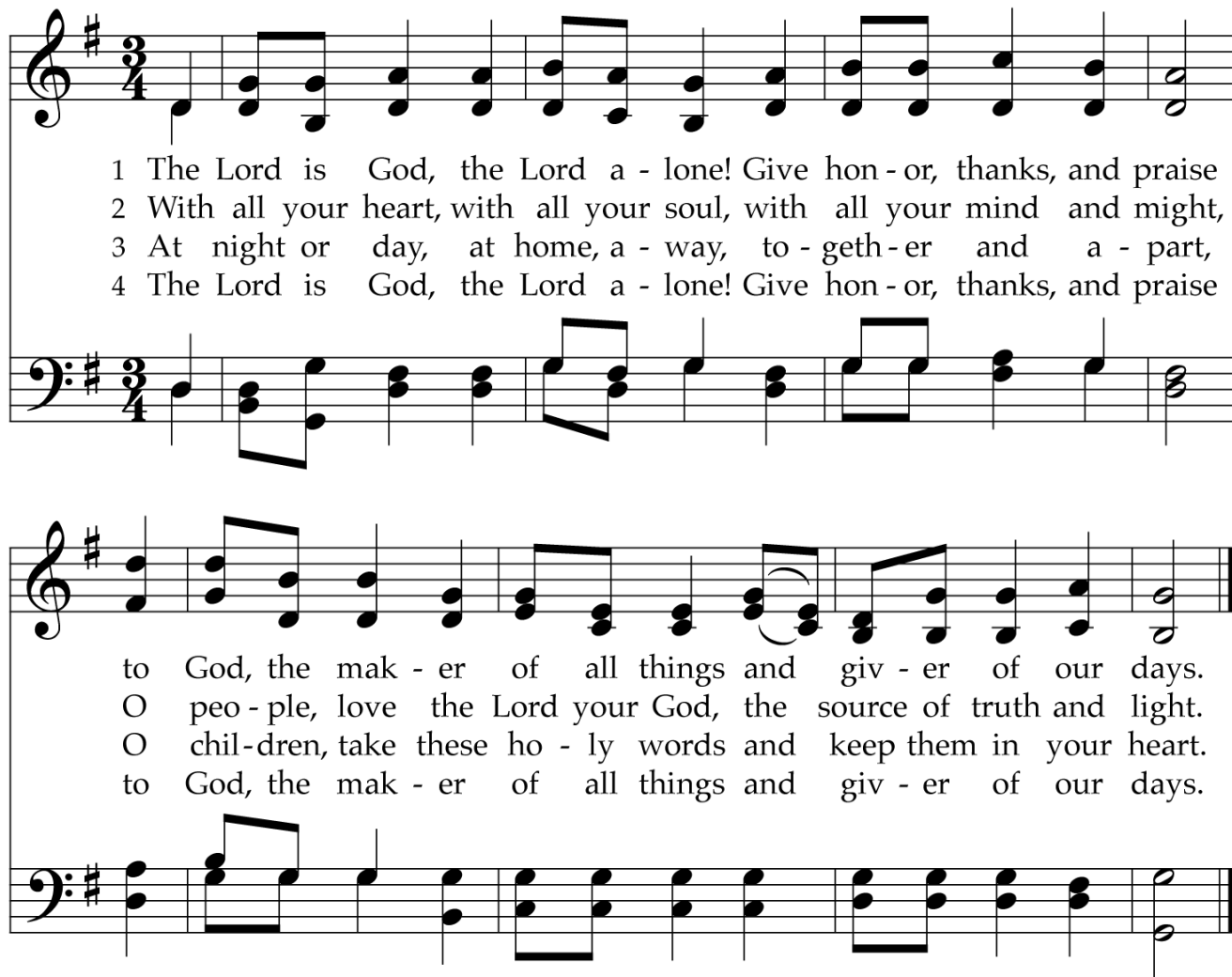
It Is Well With My Soul

arr. Marilyn Ham (contemporary)

Welcome

* Song for All

The Lord Is God (vv. 1, 3)



1 The Lord is God, the Lord a-lone! Give hon-or, thanks, and praise
2 With all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind and might,
3 At night or day, at home, a-way, to-geth-er and a-part,
4 The Lord is God, the Lord a-lone! Give hon-or, thanks, and praise

to God, the mak-er of all things and giv-er of our days.
O peo-ple, love the Lord your God, the source of truth and light.
O chil-dren, take these ho-ly words and keep them in your heart.
to God, the mak-er of all things and giv-er of our days.

This hymn paraphrases the *Shema* (Deuteronomy 6:4–9), an ancient and central affirmation of Jewish monotheistic faith that observant Jews still recite twice a day. Jesus knew it well and called it the first and great commandment (Matthew 22:38/Mark 12:28–29/Luke 10:26–28).

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MUSIC: Carl Gottlieb Gläser, 1828; arr. Lowell Mason, 1839

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Opening Prayer

** Please stand in body or spirit*

Scripture

Philippians 2:1-8

If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, ²make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. ³Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. ⁴Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. ⁵Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, ⁶ who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, ⁷but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, ⁸he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death – even death on a cross.

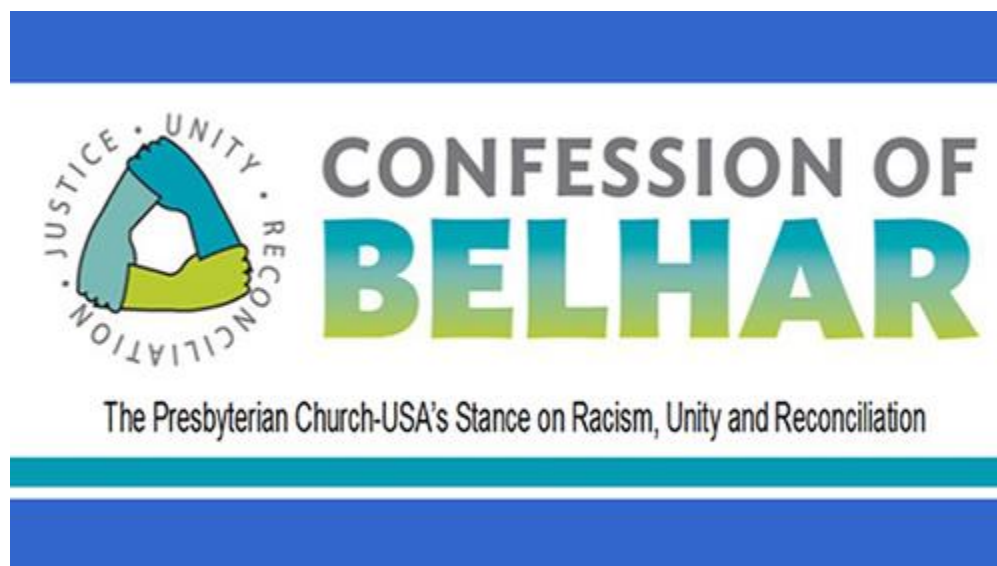
ONE: The Word of the Lord.

ALL: **Thanks be to God.**

Reflection

James Sledge

This is the final sermon reflecting on themes from the Confession of Belhar, written in South Africa when apartheid was official policy of the white controlled government and the white, Dutch Reformed Church. Belhar offered a theological challenge to apartheid from Christians of color in the Dutch Reformed Mission Church. Belhar named division based on race as sin, and called Christians and the Church to ministries of reconciliation, justice, and unity. The Presbyterian Church (USA), a part of the Reformed theological family, added Belhar to our Book of Confessions in 2016.



Receiving of Gifts and Song for All

Will You Let Me Be Your Servant (vv. 1, 3)

1, 6 Will you let me be your ser - vant, let me
 2 We are pil - grims on a jour - ney; we're to -
 3 I will hold the Christ - light for you in the
 4 I will weep when you are weep - ing; when you
 5 When we sing to God in heav - en, we shall

be as Christ to you? Pray that I may have the
 geth - er on the road. We are here to help each
 night - time of your fear. I will hold my hand out
 laugh I'll laugh with you. I will share your joy and
 find such har - mo - ny, born of all we've known to -

grace to let you be my ser - vant too.
 oth - er walk the mile and bear the load.
 to you, speak the peace you long to hear.
 sor - row till we've seen this jour - ney through.
 geth - er of Christ's love and ag - o - ny.
 (repeat stanza 1)

The opening and closing stanza expresses the essence of this folk-style song about the mutuality of servant ministry: those who serve must also be willing to be served. This is what Christ intended when he commanded the disciples to “wash one another’s feet” (John 13:14).

Prayers of the People

from Julie Kasten

The Prayers of the People are offered on behalf of and with the congregation, usually by an elder currently serving on Session (governing council). Following each petition we will sing:

All
Come, O Ho - ly Spir - it, come;
Come, al - might - y Spir - it, come;
Come, come, come.

TEXT: Nigerian song; English trans. I-to Loh, 1986
MUSIC: Nigerian melody, taught by Samuel Solanke; transcr. I-to Loh, 1986
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Please keep in your prayers...

Sam Beatty and family on the death of Sam's father, Hayden Beatty, on July 9
Clint Peters, brother of Chuck Anderson, in hospice care at home in Texas
Avery Burns, at home recovering from hip surgery after a fall
Bob Moore, in hospice care
Those who have lost jobs because of the coronavirus pandemic
Staff and residents of elder care facilities everywhere
First responders, health care providers, caregivers, essential employees, and all who
are putting their lives at risk during the coronavirus pandemic

Continued prayers for...

Doug Ammons, Kris Barth, Brenda Buchly, Chuck and Marty Campbell, Judy
Cornier, Soledad Cuzzi, Sgt. John R. Goldsmith, Steve Graff, Mike Hugo, Linda
Issaacson, Doug Jonas, Becca Leland, Nora Long, Nancy Lundien, Ruth Mileham,
Cheryl Naderman, Ruth Nowjack-Raymer, Cort Peret, Stanley Rusher, James
Steele, Cathy Stewart, Lawson Swift, Doris Webb, Doris Williams, Charles Wirth,
Christa Young

Prayer requests can be sent to Pastors James and Diane at prayers@fallschurchpresby.org

Communion of the People

Invitation to the Table, Prayer of Thanksgiving, and the Lord's Prayer

ALL: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

Communion Song

I Come with Joy (v. 1)



1 I come with joy, a child of God, for - giv - en, loved, and
2 I come with Chris-tians far and near to find, as all are
3 As Christ breaks bread and bids us share, each proud di - vi - sion
4 The Spir - it of the ris - en Christ, un - seen, but ev - er
5 To - geth - er met, to - geth - er bound by all that God has



free, the life of Je - sus to re - call, in
fed, the new com - mu - ni - ty of love in
ends. The love that made us, makes us one, and
near, is in such friend - ship bet - ter known, a -
done, we'll go with joy, to give the world the



love laid down for me, in love laid down for me.
Christ's com-mu - nion bread, in Christ's com-mu - nion bread.
strang - ers now are friends, and strang - ers now are friends.
live a - mong us here, a - live a - mong us here.
love that makes us one, the love that makes us one.

TEXT: Brian Wren, 1968; rev. 1993
MUSIC: American folk melody; arr. Austin C. Lovelace, 1977
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DOVE OF PEACE
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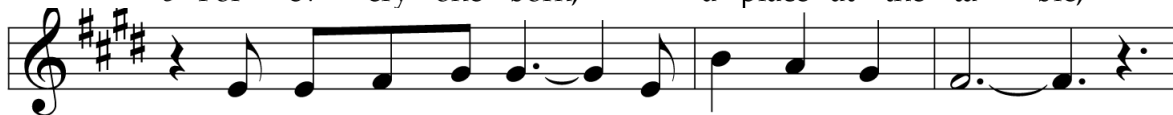
Post-Communion Prayer

* Song for All

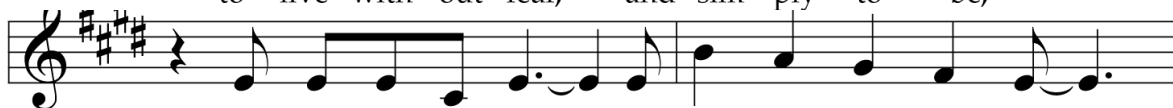
For Everyone Born (vv. 1, 5)



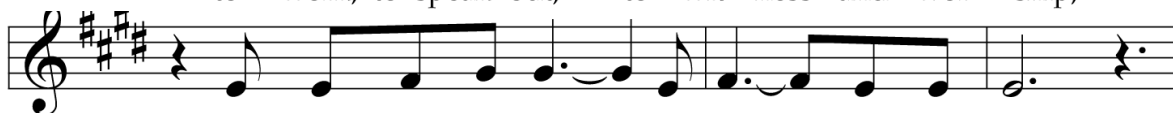
1 For ev - ery - one born, a place at the ta - ble,
2 For wom - an and man, a place at the ta - ble,
3 For young and for old, a place at the ta - ble,
4 For just and un - just, a place at the ta - ble,
5 For ev - ery - one born, a place at the ta - ble,



for ev - ery - one born, clean wa - ter and bread,
re - vis - ing the roles, de - cid - ing the share,
a voice to be heard, a part in the song,
a - bus - er, a - bused, with need to for - give,
to live with - out fear, and sim - ply to be,



a shel - ter, a space, a safe place for grow - ing,
with wis - dom and grace, di - vid - ing the pow - er,
the hands of a child in hands that are wrin - kled,
in an - ger, in hurt, a mind - set of mer - cy,
to work, to speak out, to wit - ness and wor - ship,



for ev - ery - one born, a star o - ver - head,
for wom - an and man, a sys - tem that's fair,
for young and for old, the right to be - long,
for just and un - just, a new way to live,
for ev - ery - one born, the right to be free,



and God will de-light when we are cre - a - tors of jus - tice and



joy, com - pas - sion and peace: yes,



God will de-light when we are cre - a - tors of jus - tice,



jus-tice and joy!

The Peace

ONE: The peace of Christ be with you.

ALL: **And also with you.**

**Go now in peace, go now in peace, may the love of God surround you,
everywhere, everywhere, you may go.**

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Supporting us in Worship

Audio/Video Diane Maloney

Music Lisa Bloy, piano; Andrew Jonas, tenor;
David Schoonover, baritone

Flowers The flowers today are given to the glory of God by Margaret and
Mike Volpe in memory of loved ones.

A Warm Welcome

Thank you for joining us in worship this morning. We welcome all to our live-stream community, and hope that you will join us in song and prayer from the safety of your own homes. If you would like to learn more about our family of faith, please [visit our church website](#).

Falls Church Presbyterian belongs to the Covenant Network of Presbyterians, “working for the unity of the church, furthering the inclusion of LGBTQ persons, seeking understanding and reconciliation, and joining with others seeking a still more just and inclusive church.”

The Rev. James Sledge, Pastor
The Rev. Dr. Diane Walton Hendricks, Pastor for Spiritual Growth
Diane Maloney, Director of Children, Youth, and Family Ministry
The Rev. Megan Klose, Parish Associate
The Rev. Rusty Lynn, Hon. Ret., Parish Associate
David Schoonover, Music Coordinator
Dr. Lisa Bloy, Organist

ONLINE WORSHIP AND MEETINGS

Worship Service – Sundays at 9:30 a.m. Join us for online worship at www.fallschurchpresby.org/livestream or on our [FCPC Facebook page](#).

Tuesday Morning Prayer – Tuesdays at 8:45 a.m. Led by Diane Walton Hendricks.
[Zoom Meeting ID: 104 294 101](#)

Saturday Bible Study Group – Saturdays at 8:00 a.m. Led by Tom Koger.
[Zoom Meeting ID: 972 0316 4309](#)

Summer Worship at 9:30 a.m. Join us for online worship in Fellowship Hall this Sunday. **Please note:** Even though Northern Virginia has now entered Phase Three of the governor's plan to reopen Virginia, FCPC will remain closed to in-person activities until clear guidelines are in place and approved by Session.

Hymnals available for home use. Contact the [church office](#) and we will arrange a time during office hours for contactless pickup.

Gathering Groups round two. The next round of Gathering Groups will encourage participants to read *White Fragility* by Robin DiAngelo. These groups will also share life stories and conversation. Fill out this simple [survey](#) to help us prepare for this new opportunity. Groups will begin the week of July 19 and run through the week of August 23. **Please sign up by Sunday evening, July 12.**

Welcome Table, July 15. Sign up [here](#) for a volunteer spot. Please note, anyone not signed up to help cannot be allowed inside. If you would like to support Welcome Table financially, you can donate to FCPC's Hunger Ministries program at our secure [online giving link](#).

Silent Witness Against Racial Injustice, July 17. Members of Falls Church faith communities and neighborhoods will join together on Friday, July 17, from 5-6 p.m. along Broad Street in silent witness to highlight racial injustice and elevate Black voices. In May we witnessed George Floyd's death in Minneapolis and were reminded of disparities in policing in our nation. Closer to home, the Arlington Coalition of Black Pastors recently stated that we must work to ensure that "African Americans, and all persons of color, are fully valued, and our humanity honored, by our leaders and fellow citizens alike. This means having both the freedom from abuse and discrimination and the protection of life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness that is afforded to all others." Rain or shine, bring your sign. Wear a mask and stand 6-10 feet apart from each other. We will stand silently to work toward racial reconciliation. Questions? Contact [Nancy Butt Packard](#).

Drop & Dash a big success! On behalf of Mercy Ministry, many thanks to the more than 60 of you who Dropped and Dashed food and supplies over the July 4th weekend! We collected over 1000 items, which were delivered to Knox Presbyterian Food Pantry. Your generosity is greatly appreciated! Stay tuned for another donation event later this summer.

Youth Week 2020: Love Your Neighbor! Youth, families, and their neighbors are invited to participate in a week of fun activities, July 27-31. Pick up a box full of supplies in the FCPC parking lot on July 26. Each day of Youth Week will start out with a devotional followed by a challenge of the day. The challenge might mean baking some cookies for your neighbors or maybe writing some encouraging messages on the sidewalk in chalk. Each challenge will call us to service and lead us deeper into loving our neighbors. In the evenings we will gather on Zoom, share our stories from the day, and play a game. The cost for the whole week, including your box of supplies, is \$20. [Sign up here](#) to participate. Questions? Email [Diane Maloney](#).

Escape 2020 Update. During the Covid-19 shutdown, the Escape planning team has been in regular contact with Shrine Mont, which has just announced it will open on June 19, with special protocols to keep guests and staff safe. For now, we are holding onto our reservation for Escape Weekend, November 6-8. So keep it on your calendars. Dining restrictions effective on June 19 would not suit a group like ours. If the Covid-19 situation improves enough for Shrine Mont to ease those restrictions, and if we feel comfortable gathering together, we will reassess and decide whether to Escape in 2020 or defer until 2021.

God sightings. You are invited to share a photo that captures a time or place where you have experienced God. Photos submitted by noon each Wednesday will be considered for use at the opening of our virtual worship service. Email images to [Diane Walton Hendricks](#).

Crossing Paths is a daily email designed to be a way to stay connected to each other, our community, and God. Crossing Paths are simple reflections shared by the FCPC community, available by email and on our Facebook page, Instagram, and Twitter. If you would like to share a prayer, poem, or scripture passage to be included in Crossing Paths, email [Diane Walton Hendricks](#).

Family Table at Home is a weekly resource offering a scripture passage, discussion questions, suggestions on ways to get creative, and a prayer. If you would like to receive the [Family Table at Home](#) email, contact [Diane Maloney](#).

Pastoral care during social distancing. If you or your loved one is in need of pastoral care, [James Sledge](#) and [Diane Walton Hendricks](#) are both available. And if you are at-risk from COVID-19, please let the pastors or [deacons](#) know if we can offer you support with specific tasks such as grocery shopping, picking up prescriptions, or other things that might put you at risk.