

Pennington Presbyterian Church
Worship at Kunkel Park
June 2, 2019

GATHERING MUSIC

As the music begins, please quiet yourself in anticipation of the worship of God.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. David Hallgren

The Grace of our Lord be with you.

And also with you.

PRELUDE

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Anna Hallgren

Choir: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia...

Let everyone who is thirsty, come.

Let everyone who hears say, "Come".

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia...

Let everyone who is thirsty come.

Let anyone who wishes take the water of life as a gift

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia...

Come to the tree of life, the Alpha and the Omega.

We are here to worship God together!

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia...

*HYMN

"Come into God's Presence"

Attached

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*unison*)

Rev. Nancy Mikoski

God of creation, you call us to your living water. You replenish the earth and renew your creation. But often when you call, we remain rooted where we are. We pursue comfort and the known. We serve ourselves above our neighbors. We do not turn to you. Forgive us for our failings, shield us from what we deserve and guide us toward a whole life together in you. (*silent confession*) Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

*HYMN

"I've Got Peace Like a River"

Attached

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (*unison*)

Holy God, we hear your voice in the quiet meadow and in the roar of thunder. Let us hear your word today in this scripture, by your Holy Spirit. Amen.

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON

Psalm 97

TIME WITH CHILDREN

*HYMN

"We Are One in the Spirit"

Attached

GOSPEL LESSON

John 17:20-26

SERMON

"But I Know You"

Rev. David Hallgren

CALL FOR OFFERING AND MOMENT OF FRIENDSHIP

OFFERTORY

“Thy Mercy My God”

McCracken/Stocker

Gloria Deo

*THE DOXOLOGY

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise God all creatures here below.
Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION (*unison*)

Loving and present God, you bring joy out of sorrow and hope out of desolation. Use us and these gifts to be your messengers of love to the world. Amen.

SHARING JOYS AND CONCERNS

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

INVITATION

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

One: The Lord be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: **We lift them to the Lord**

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

The prayer continues...

THE LORD’S PRAYER

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

RECEIVING THE BREAD AND THE CUP BY INTINCTION

COMMUNION MUSIC

COMMUNION PRAYER

*HYMN

“Send Me, Jesus”

Attached

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

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Worship notes: *congregation is invited to stand - **Bold** is to be said by congregation

About Worship and Communion Today:

This morning we will celebrate communion by intinction. You will be invited to come down the center aisle, take bread and dip it into the cup and then partake. Gluten-free bread will be at the center station. Regular bread will be at the stations on either side of the aisle. Please return to your seats from the sides. If for any reason you prefer to be served at your seat, please indicate this by raising your hand at the end of communion and a team of elders will happily come to serve you.

Worship Leaders:

Rev. Nancy Mikoski, Rev. David Hallgren, Megan Coiley, Don Dolan, Phil McMillan, and Anna Hallgren

SCHEDULE:

June 2 - SUNDAY - 5:00 pm - SNC and High School Youth Groups' End of Year BBQ and Water Night - Meet in the church courtyard and wear clothes that can get wet and bring a towel. Bring a dessert to share.

June 3 - MONDAY - 6:00 pm - PPC Softball vs. Yardbird Racing @ Moody Field (<https://sites.google.com/site/1977mesl/field-directions?authuser=0>)

June 3 - MONDAY - 10:30 am - Parish Callers meet

June 3 - MONDAY - 7:00 pm - Personnel Committee meets

June 4 - TUESDAY - 6:30 pm - Joint Deacon and Session Dinner

June 4 - TUESDAY - 7:30 pm - Deacons meet and Session meets

June 5 - WEDNESDAY - 7:00 pm - Session meets

June 6 - THURSDAY - 8:00 pm - Adult Choir rehearses at Pennington School

June 9 - SUNDAY - 10:15 am - Pentecost - Confirmation Sunday - Communion. Please wear red!

June 9 - SUNDAY - 2:00 pm - Memorial Service for Dorothy Allison

VOLUNTEER CHILD CARE HELPERS NEEDED STARTING IN JUNE AND CONTINUING THROUGHOUT THE SUMMER - We will need each Sunday an adult (18 years or older) to help Nicole in child care in Room 102. Please consider helping out. Contact Carol Meyer at caroljordanmeyer@gmail.com or 609-658-8227.

AN URGENT MESSAGE FROM ARM IN ARM: "So many of our children face summertime hunger without free or reduced-priced school meals. With your help, Arm In Arm can provide a variety of healthy foods for low-income families who visit our food pantries throughout the summer. Please consider organizing a food drive before the school year ends, and help to ensure that no child goes hungry throughout the summer."

So here's the challenge to the PPC family: Let's keep all 4 red wagons filled to overflowing all summer long.

The regular pick up by Arm In Arm is on Tuesdays. So bring food to worship or drop off at the office nutritious, low fat, low salt, and low sugar options. In addition to fruit, vegetables, soup, dry pasta, and healthy cereals, think about adding to your shopping small jars of almond butter or peanut butter, long life cow or almond milk (e.g., Parmalat packaging), canned meats like chicken and tuna. (For general safety, please avoid glass containers.)

We'd like to help Arm In Arm build up their supply of food before school ends, so our first goal is to have all 4 wagons brimming by June 11.

Thank you for being generous with our neighbors!

WATER BOTTLE CHALLENGE UPDATE - Many thanks to all of you who participated with us in the Lenten Water Bottle Challenge! Within our congregation, we had more than 50 people take the challenge to stop using single-use plastic water bottles for the 40 days of Lent. Several other churches in our community joined us in the challenge as well! While at times fulfilling the challenge took some advanced planning, we are hoping that this practice is becoming an intentional daily practice and will make a difference in our community and the world.

Reusable Water Bottles Make Great Gifts!! We still have a couple dozen of the large grey water bottles left. They are double insulated stainless steel, which means they will keep hot drinks hot and cold drinks cold for hours. They are still only \$12 each.

Contact office@pennpres.org or drop by the church office during weekdays to pick up as many as you need while supplies last. (Exact change is appreciated.)

PRAYING FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE WORLD ONE COUNTRY AT A TIME – This week we are praying for Slovenia, a country in the southern part of central Europe and about the size of the state of New Jersey. It is surrounded by Austria and Hungary to the north, and Croatia to the east and south, and Italy on the western border. The national language is called Slovene; the capital city is Ljubljana; there are just over 2 million residents. The economy ranks 82nd in terms of size but the quality of life (taking into account standard of living, education, medicine, access to technology, freedoms, and protection of human rights) ranks 21st in the world. Slovenia is considered to have a mixed economic system where the state is heavily involved but there is a strong private sector as well. It is a member of the European Union. Information technology, auto manufacturing, and chemicals are examples of economic sectors.

Slovenia has a short southwestern coastal strip on the Adriatic Sea; most of the country is a mixture of mountains and valleys with numerous rivers. They play many sports including handball, basketball, volleyball, football (aka soccer), ice hockey, rowing, and more. The Lipizzaner horse breed originated from Lipica, on the border with northern Italy. They also have golden eagles, brown bears, marmots, chamois, and Alpine ibex. Slovenia is also the only location where the Olm is found; it is the only entirely aquatic, and cave-dwelling salamander.

Evidence of human habitation dates back to around 250,000 years ago. This region has been at the crossroads of Slavic, Germanic, and Romance languages and cultures, and was a part of the Austro-Hungarian Empire until the end of WW I. After the collapse of the Austro-Hungarian Empire in 1918, the Slovenes joined the Serbs and Croats in forming a multinational state, which changed its name to Yugoslavia in 1929. This region fell under the influence of the Soviet Union after WW II. They spearheaded the Non-Aligned Movement in 1961, and with growing dissatisfaction with majority Serb rule, Slovenia declared themselves an independent country after a brief 10-day war. Slovenia was one of the immigration routes from Syria to Europe in 2015-2016.

Some of the issues confronting Slovenia are damage to its forests by industrial pollutants, especially, chemical and metallurgical plant emissions. The Sava River (a tributary of the Danube) is polluted with domestic and industrial waste. The country is a geologically active earthquake zone. Global warming is having a deleterious effect on Slovenia; the average annual temperature increase, the changes in the seasonal precipitation patterns, and the number of hot days are well above the global average. The Triglav glacier on the highest peak in the Julian Alps of Slovenia will completely disappear in the next few years.

The country has historically been Roman Catholic (58%); however, this is in the decline and in its place many people seek post-Christian values or seek spiritual guidance through New Age or Eastern religious beliefs. There is a small Muslim population of about 2% and an equal number who practice an Orthodox religion.