

The Chevy Chase Presbyterian Church

September 3, 2023 – 10:00 a.m.

The Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost



Moses And The Burning Bush, Byzantine Mosaic, St. Catherine's Monastery, Mt. Sinai

**Whoever you are, from wherever you come,
you are welcome here.**

*The Chevy Chase Presbyterian Church seeks to be a congregation where God is the center of our lives;
we celebrate children and youth and equip them with faith to meet life's challenges;
we work for justice in local and global communities.*

We Gather Together

The Prelude

We Now Implore the Holy Ghost

Dieterich Buxtehude (1637-1707)

The Greeting

The Rev. Molly Blythe Teichert

*Those who are able are invited to stand. **Bold indicates congregational response.**

Please use a connection card found in the pew to write your prayer concern and hand it to an usher or put it in the zoom chat and it will be included in the Joys and Concerns later in the service

***Call to Worship**

Ruling Elder Tom Lutte

We give you thanks, O God, with all our hearts

for your faithful love is forever.

We sing to you with all our strength

for your goodness is for all creation.

We trust in you with all our might

for your saving grace continues from age to age.

***Hymn 65**

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

Cwm Rhondda

***Call to Confession and Corporate Prayer of Confession**

God of turning and returning,

we would rather tend our flocks in peace,

than confront the powers that oppress your people;

we would rather keep silent in the face of suffering,

than speak your truth for all to hear;

we would rather stoke the fires of indignation,

than taste the healing waters of forgiveness.

Forgive us for setting our minds on human things

rather than on things of your kingdom.

Call to us from the burning fires of your heart.

Set us ablaze with the power of your love.

***The Assurance of Pardon**

Hear the good news:

God loves us and delivers us from trouble,

even trouble of our own making.

Grace is fresh each day.

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

***The Peace**

Since God has forgiven us in Christ,

Let us forgive one another.

The peace of our risen Lord Jesus Christ be with you!

And also with you!

We invite you to exchange signs of peace and reconciliation with one another.

***The People's Response**

Hymn 14 Dix

*For the beauty of the earth, for the glory of the skies,
For the love which from our birth over and around us lies;
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.*

Time with Children

The Rev. Keith Thompson

Gathering Song

Hymn 14 Dix

*For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child,
Friends on earth and friends above, for all gentle thoughts and mild:
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.*

We Share Community Joys and Concerns

Joys and Concerns

*Please come to the microphone to share your prayer request, or write it on the connection card found in the pew,
or in the chat box on zoom.*

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

... We ask these things in the name of the one who teaches us to pray together saying, **Our Father and Mother, 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.**

We Hear the Word

Prayer for Illumination

Come as Light, O God, and enlighten our darkness. Come as Truth, O Christ, and give us wisdom.
Come as Love, O Spirit, and shape our lives. Come to us, Holy One, so that we may learn to follow you in all our ways. Amen.

Old Testament Reading

Exodus 3:1-10
The Word of the Lord
Thanks Be to God.

Pew Bible OT pg.50

Sermon

God Hears Our Cries

The Rev. Molly Blythe Teichert

We Respond to God's Word

*Affirmation of Faith

We believe:

The God who appeared to Moses in a burning bush,
continues to appear to us in flames of fire,
offering us the chance of personal transformation and renewal.
The God of our ancestors, the God of Abraham and Sarah,
the God of Isaac and Rebekah, Jacob and Leah and Rachel,
who led the Hebrew people from bondage to freedom,
continues to lead us today, redeeming those who suffer injustice and oppression.
God calls us to engage our world with the transforming power of Christ
and empowers us with a faith that perseveres,
to overcoming evil with good, and abiding in steadfast love.

Offering Ourselves and Our Gifts to God

Music at the Offertory

Let Us Break Bread Together

Raymond Haan (b. 1938)

*The People's Response

Hymn 14 Dix

*For thyself, best gift divine to the world so freely given;
For that great, great love of thine, peace on earth and joy in heaven:
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.*

*Prayer of Dedication

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

Invitation to the Lord's Table

The Great Thanksgiving

The Words of Institution and the Breaking of the Bread

The Communion of the People

Music at Communion

Largo from Concerto in D Minor

Antonio Vivaldi (1678-1741)

Prayer After Communion

*Hymn 69

I, the Lord of Sea and Sky

Here I Am, Lord

*Charge and Benediction

*Postlude

Allegro from Trumpet Concerto in D

Giuseppe Torelli (1658-1709)

Leaders in worship include The Rev. Molly Blythe Teichert, Sr. Pastor; The Rev. Keith Thompson, Acting Associate Pastor; Julie Vidrick Evans, Director of Music; Tom Lutte, Liturgist. **The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God. For future flower dedications, please contact John Cox at johnwcox13@gmail.com or donate on the church's website. Flower donations are \$75.**

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 or just want to check in with us,

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WEEKLY CALENDAR		
September 3 – September 10, 2023		
Sunday, September 3	9:00 – 12:00 10:00 – 11:00 11:00 – 12:15 11:00 – 12:00	Nursery Childcare — Room 108 Worship — Sanctuary and Zoom at https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83179114222?pwd=UnhZUUpSb2VPdmkwR3NyQ2kzNmN5Zz09 Coffee Hour — Chadsey Hall Faith Trek — CCPC Conference Room
Monday, September 4	All Day	CCPC Closed in Observance of Labor Day
Tuesday, September 5	9:00 – 12:00 12:30 – 2:30	TAP Open — Office and Waiting Room Needlework Group — CCPC Library
Friday, September 8	7:45 – 8:45	Men's Spirituality Group — Chadsey Hall
Sunday, September 10	9:00 – 12:00 10:00 – 11:00 11:00 – 12:15 11:00 – 12:00 11:30 – 12:30 1:00 – 2:30	Nursery Childcare — Room 108 Worship — Sanctuary and Zoom at https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83179114222?pwd=UnhZUUpSb2VPdmkwR3NyQ2kzNmN5Zz09 Coffee Hour — Chadsey Hall Faith Trek — CCPC Conference Room Sunday School Teacher Training — Firesides ESL Classes — Rooms 104, 122, 130

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