



# THE Church AT LITCHFIELD PARK



*A house of prayer for all people,  
aspiring to be as inclusive as the love of God.*

# WE HAVE GATHERED AS A FAMILY OF FAITH

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 13, 2020

9:30 a.m.



**PRELUDE** “A Mighty Fortress Is Our God” by Martin Luther, arr. by Mark Hayes

## WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PRAYER

### ✦ **CALL TO WORSHIP** (Psalm 24:1-4)

**L:** The earth is the LORD’s and all that is in it, the world, and those who live in it;

**P: For he has founded it on the seas, and established it on the rivers.**

**L:** Who shall ascend the hill of the LORD? And who shall stand in his holy place?

**P: Those who have clean hands and pure hearts, who do not lift up their souls to what is false, and do not swear deceitfully.**

✦ **HYMN** “Just a Closer Walk with Thee” Hymn 564, vs 1–2 by Anonymous

“Majesty”

by Jack Hayford

### **PRAYER OF THE CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY** (In Unison)

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Forgive us for those times your heart is saddened by our selfish desires. Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may love you and worship you perfectly, through the beauty of this world, and the service of our lives. Amen.

### **SCRIPTURE READING**

Genesis 2:4b-7, 15-17; 3:1-8

This is the account of the heavens and the earth when they were created, when the Lord God made the earth and the heavens. Now no shrub had yet appeared on the earth and no plant had yet sprung up, for the Lord God had not sent rain on the earth and there was no one to work the ground, but streams came up from the earth and watered the whole surface of the ground. Then the Lord God formed a man from the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living being.

The Lord God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and take care of it. And the Lord God commanded the man, “You are free to eat from any tree in the garden; but you must not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, for when you eat from it you will certainly die.”

Now the serpent was more crafty than any of the wild animals the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, “Did God really say, ‘You must not eat from any tree in the garden?’” The woman said to the serpent, “We may eat fruit from the trees in the

garden, but God did say, ‘You must not eat fruit from the tree that is in the middle of the garden, and you must not touch it, or you will die.’” “You will not certainly die,” the serpent said to the woman. “For God knows that when you eat from it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.” When the woman saw that the fruit of the tree was good for food and pleasing to the eye, and also desirable for gaining wisdom, she took some and ate it. She also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it. Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they realized they were naked; so they sewed fig leaves together and made coverings for themselves. Then the man and his wife heard the sound of the Lord God as he was walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and they hid from the Lord God among the trees of the garden.

L: The Word of the Lord.

P: **Thanks be to God.**

## **SERMON**

“Pleasing to the Eye”

Rev. Lynne Kammeraad

## **PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

## **MUSICAL OFFERING**

“It Is Well”

by Albert L. Peace, arr. by Dick Wall

Many people are aware of the story behind the words of today's hand bell solo, but may not know of the irony of the situations that gave us this great hymn. After losing his four daughters at sea and seeking to comfort his wife and himself, Horatio Spafford wrote the words of this hymn. Shortly after writing the music for the hymn, Philip Bliss and his wife were killed in a train wreck and their children were left behind. Little did these two men know that out of these two tragic situations, their hymn would give so much comfort and hope to others in the years to come.

Marilyn Chandler, Handbell/chimes

## **BENEDICTION**

The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make His face shine upon you;  
And give you peace;  
And give you peace;  
And give you peace forever.

## **✠POSTLUDE**

“O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go”

by Albert L. Peace  
Arr. by Mark Hayes

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Music Director & Pianist:

Jill Tabata

Vocalist & Bell Master:

Marilyn Chandler

Ushers: Rob Gimbl, Greg & Marcy Clement, Rick & Lee Miller, Pam Justice, Diane Piehl, and David Knight

Greeters: Nancy Sriver, Sheila Porter, and Ron & Joan Smith

## **ONLINE PRAYER GATHERING**

If you would like to participate in our weekly online prayer gathering this **Tuesday, September 15, at 12:00 p.m.** please contact the church office at 623-935-3411 to get the information. It does require having a zoom account (<https://zoom.us/signup>), which is free, and a device with a camera and microphone (i.e. cell phone, tablet or computer).

## **INTERIM DIRECTOR OF ADULT EDUCATION INTRODUCTION**

As we begin to worship in our beautiful church our lives are starting to open up also. I want to introduce myself, Marge Kinney, your Interim Director of Adult Education. I come to you with 30 years of experience in ministry. I was a Pastoral Associate for over 18 years in various ministries such as Faith Sharing Groups, Bereavement, Hospital visitations and all that encompasses a church life. I am blessed to be able to bring my love of Christ to you and hopefully open your hearts and minds to a wonderful journey towards a fulfilling Christian life. Life groups will be starting soon. All protocols will be met so watch out for announcements in the bulletin. Be assured my door is always open to listen and walk with you. Many blessings to you and your families as we journey together.

## **FACIAL MASKS UPDATE & NEED**

Thank you to everyone who assisted with making facial masks. 870 masks have been made so far and donated as follows: 326 to local assisted living facilities including The Groves, Hacienda Del Rey, LaLoma and the Pathways; 80 to Phoenix Children's Hospital; 20 to the Physical Therapy Department at Abrazo Hospital; 60 to The New Life Center (they have a constant need for them); 100 to Western Sky Middle School; 100 to Litchfield Park Elementary School; 84 on hand to be delivered.

We have cut fabric for 1,130 more masks. To complete them we need ¼" flat white elastic and fusible white shape flex SF101 interfacing or funds to purchase these items. The need for facial masks in medical facilities, schools, care centers, food banks, and other organizations in our community is still great. Because the masks must meet certain specifications and be of certain material, we ask that if anyone is willing to do some sewing of facial masks to please contact Nancy Montgomery at [prayershawl@clp.church](mailto:prayershawl@clp.church) or call the church office (623) 935-3411.

## **VIRTUAL SUNDAY SCHOOL**

Have your children checked out our Virtual Sunday School? Each week our Children's Ministry team puts together three age appropriate Virtual Sunday School video lessons and crafts. You can find lessons for Pre-K, Kindergarten-2<sup>nd</sup> Grades and 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> Grades. Each lesson features our familiar Sunday School teacher volunteers and includes a Bible story, a memory verse, prayers and a printable craft for you to do at home. You can access these lessons through the church website, on Facebook, or by signing up for the Children's Ministry eNewsletter. Contact our Children's Ministry Director, Kristin McNamara, at [kmcnamara@clp.church](mailto:kmcnamara@clp.church) if you have any questions.

## **VIRTUAL FAMILY WEDNESDAY ACTIVITIES**

Our Virtual Family Wednesday Activities resume this week, **Wednesday, September 16**. The activities will vary each week but could include; videos, crafts, family meditation, family prayer, Bible stories, and much more. On the final Wednesday of each month there will be a live Zoom event for the whole family to participate in. We will end this month with a Live Zoom Family Rice Krispy Treat Making Extravaganza!!! All of these events and activities are free. See the Children's Ministry eNewsletter for more information and to sign-up to pick-up your FREE Rice Krispy Treat supplies. Pick-up will take place on Saturday, September 26 from 9 a.m. – 12 p.m. in the church parking lot. Contact our Children's Ministry Director, Kristin McNamara, at [kmcnamara@clp.church](mailto:kmcnamara@clp.church) if you have any questions.

## **ARE YOU LOOKING FOR A WAY TO SERVE FROM HOME?**

Our Children's Ministry team is looking for Virtual Sunday School teachers. Please consider serving our children from the comfort of your home and teach a pre-recorded Virtual Sunday School lesson. Lessons are filmed ahead of time using Zoom, so you will need to have access to and be familiar with Zoom. We will edit them and share on Sundays. Lesson plans are provided for you and you will need to have a current background check on file. Our children are waiting for you to tell them about God's love. Contact our Children's Ministry Director, Kristin McNamara, at [kmcnamara@clp.church](mailto:kmcnamara@clp.church) if you have any questions or to volunteer.

# **ZOOM**



Your Fellowship Team invites you to please join us for a fun filled evening on **Friday, September 25th at 6:30pm** for a Zoom scavenger hunt. If you are interested in playing, please contact the church office by phone (623-935-3411) or by email [info@clp.church](mailto:info@clp.church) so the Zoom link can be forwarded to you. We ask that you sign on just a few minutes prior to 6:30 p.m. so we can begin on time. Playing does require that you have a laptop, tablet, phone, etc. that has a camera and microphone and that you download Zoom onto that device. The rules are: Once you sign on to the Zoom meeting, your computer, phone, or other device stays in a stationary place in your home; you will be given 1 minute to find each item; return to your device with the item; earn 1 point for each item found within the 1 minute time period and 1 point for being the first to find each item. Good luck and see you soon!