Worship Together Service

October 3, 2021 - 2:30 pm

Cultivating a Society that
Places Faith in God
Nurture Hope
Dispenses Charity and
Is Noted for Fidelity

St. Peter’s Episcopal Church
22 N. Union St., Smyrna, DE 19977
Welcome: State President, Jim Correll

Opening Hymn: For the Beauty of the Earth

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5. For each perfect gift of thine
   Unto us so freely given,
Graces, human and divine,
   Flowers of the earth and buds of heaven,
Call to Worship: State V.P., DJ Kiessling

Leader: Come together as the body to worship God
People: It is in Jesus’ name that we gather
Leader: It is through Jesus’ love that you are forgiven
People: In Jesus name we give glory to God Almighty
Leader: It is right that we give God all the praise
People: Praise be to God for his gift of Jesus Christ

Opening Prayer

Grant to us, Lord, we pray, the spirit to think and do always those things that are right, that we, who cannot exist without you, may by you be enabled to live according to your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Responsive Reading: Leader: State Executive Committee - KC, Paul Buckley

Rejoice in the Lord always; *
   Again I will say, Rejoice.

Let your gentleness be known to everyone. *
   The Lord is near.

Do not worry about anything, *
   But in everything by prayer

And supplication with thanksgiving *
   Let your requests be made known to God.

And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, *
   Will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Finally, beloved, whatever is true, *
   Whatever is honorable, whatever is just,
Whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, *
   Whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence
And if there is anything worthy of praise, *
   Think about these things.
Keep on doing the things that you have learned *
    And received and heard and seen in me,

And the God of peace *
    Will be with you. Amen.

**Greet One Another** with a Sign of Peace

**First Reading**: Reader: Lecturer, Smyrna #21, *Paige Boise*

*Family Webs* by Kelly Roper

Family ties are like spider webs.  
They are delicate, yet so strong,  
And if they are broken or destroyed,  
They can be woven again.

And like a spider web,  
Those intricate lines stretch out  
Between all the family's members,  
Creating a connection that can still be  
Felt even if not immediately seen.

The best thing about this "family web,"  
Is that it's sticky enough to hold  
Everyone together and help them feel  
They have a place where they are loved.

**Hymn**: *Let There Be Peace on Earth*

(Let It Begin With Me)

(Slowly  C   Am    Dm7    G7   C    F    Em    C6)

Let there be peace on earth And let it begin with

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Let there be peace on earth, The peace that was meant to be.
With God as our Creator.
Father, Brothers all are we. We're a family.
Let me walk with my brother, In perfect harmony.
walk with each other, In perfect harmony.
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Let peace begin with me, Let this be the moment

now.___ With every step I take, Let this be my solemn vow:___ To take each moment and live each

moment In peace eternally._____ Let

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Second Reading:

Reader: President, Centre #11, Michael Lynch

1 Corinthians 13:1-13 – The Gift of Love

1If I speak in the tongues of mortals and of angels, but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. 2And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. 3If I give away all my possessions, and if I hand over my body so that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing.

4Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; 6it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. 7It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

8Love never ends. But as for prophecies, they will come to an end; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will come to an end. 9For we know only in part, and we prophesy only in part; 10but when the complete comes, the partial will come to an end. 11When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child; when I became an adult, I put an end to childish ways. 12For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then we will see face to face. Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known. 13And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love.

Reader: The Word of the Lord. Response: Thanks be to God.

Homily: Mother DJ Kiessling

Special Music: Here I am Lord by Dan Schutte, SJ

A Litany of Thanksgiving: Leader: State V.P.
Let us give thanks to God our Father for all God’s gifts so freely bestowed upon us.

For the beauty and wonder of your creation, in earth and sky and sea,

   We thank you, Lord.

For favorable weather, temperate rains, and fruitful seasons, that there may be food and drink for all your creatures,

   We thank you, Lord.

For your blessing upon the lands and waters, and all who work upon them to bring forth food and all things needful for your people,

   We thank you, Lord.

For all who care for the earth, the water, and the air, that the riches of your creation may abound from age to age,

   We thank you, Lord.

For minds to think, and hearts to love, and hands to serve,

   We thank you, Lord.

For health and strength to work, and leisure to rest and play,

   We thank you, Lord.

For the brave and courageous, who are patient in suffering and faithful in adversity,

   We thank you, Lord.

For all valiant seekers after truth, liberty, and justice,

   We thank you, Lord.

Above all, we give you thanks for your great mercies and promises given to us in Christ Jesus our Lord and Light;

   To him be praise and glory, with you, O Father, and the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.

Closing Hymn: Jesu, Jesu Fill Us With Your Love   (Chereponi [Jesu, Jesu])

   Chorus

   Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love, show us how to serve the neighbors we have from you.
Welcome! Thank you for worshipping with us today. We pray that you have received many blessings from the message and music today.

Please join us for fellowship and a delightful Potluck dinner in the Parish Hall hosted by the Kent County Pomona Grange following our service.

Special thanks to:

Bonnie Forgacs, Music Minister, for sharing her musical talents with us.

St. Peter’s Episcopal Church for the use of their facilities.

Kent County Pomona Grange for hosting us today.

All those who participated in the service and who brought a covered dish to share.