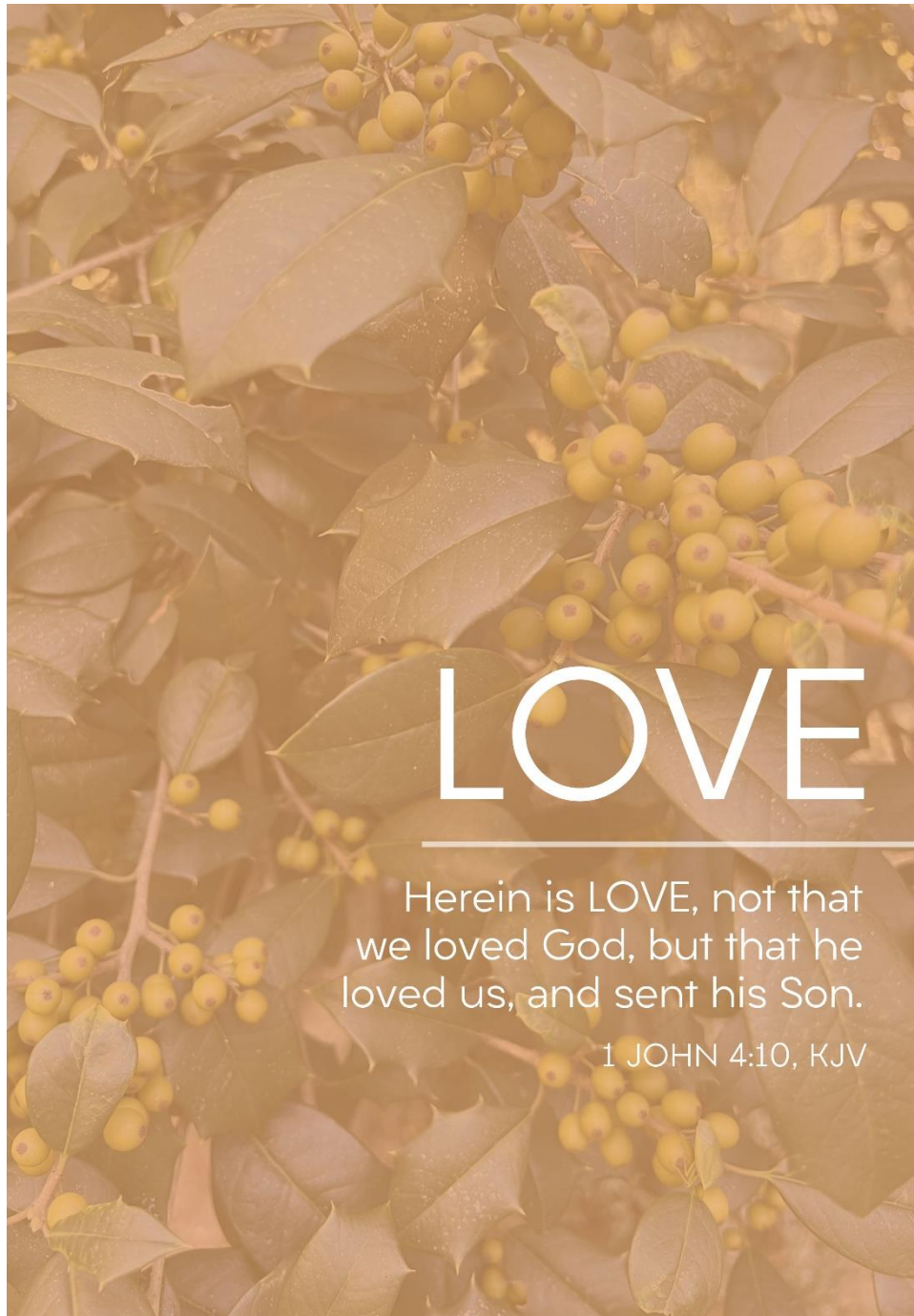

Marple Presbyterian Church

SUNDAY, APRIL 28, 2024



Herein is LOVE, not that
we loved God, but that he
loved us, and sent his Son.

1 JOHN 4:10, KJV

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Welcome

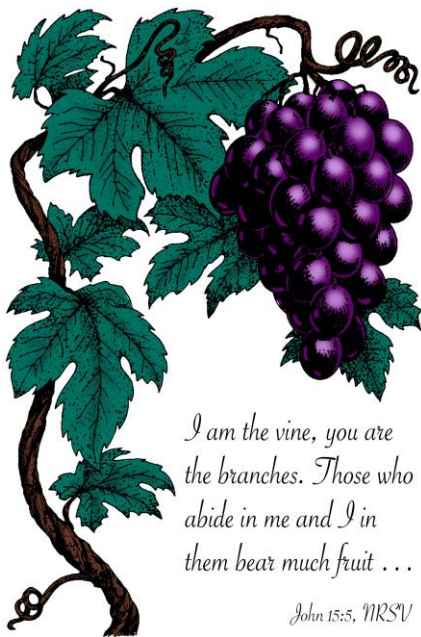
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Today

LITURGIST: Linda Pursley

HEAD USHER: Tom Trumbetas



*I am the vine, you are
the branches. Those who
abide in me and I in
them bear much fruit . . .*

John 15:5, NRSV

New Here?

Welcome to Marple Presbyterian Church! We're so glad you came to worship with us and want to do all we can to help you feel at home.

- All visitors are encouraged to take the information brochure in the pew and place the visitor's section in the offering plate.
- Children are welcome in the service! Children's bulletins are available from the ushers.
- Nursery care is also available for children thru age 3. The nursery is located directly underneath the sanctuary.
- Assistive Listening Units are also available – please see any usher.

RESOURCES

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For more contact info, please contact the church office.

Service for the Lord's Day

10:30am

Prelude | Susan B. Greene

Welcome and Announcements | Rev. Pam McShane

***Call to Worship**

Leader: Like spring breaking through winter's power,

People: God's resurrecting power breaks into our lives in surprising ways.

Leader: Like the vine that supports blossoms and fruit,

People: God's Word upholds the church in strength.

Leader: Let us worship God who makes all things new.

People: We will praise God who brings growth and renewal to all life.

***Opening Hymn** | *We Gather Together* | *Insert*

Opening Prayer (unison)

Holy God, Creator of all things;
you are our hope and the source of all wisdom.

Jesus Christ, our Risen Lord,
you are the vine and we are the branches.

Your love is our strength.

Your energy is our joy.

Holy Spirit, you nourish our faith so that we can bear fruit in many different ways.

We gather to offer our worship and praise you as

Holy God, Loving Son and Holy Spirit, ever Three and ever One.

Choir Anthem | *Behold the Lamb* arr. Lloyd Larson

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (unison)

God of all hope and joy, we confess
that we continue to live in fear.
You make us branches of your vine,
but we fail to abide in you.
You extend your promise to all,
yet we seek to cut off and exclude.
Forgive us, God of grace.
Sanctify us in your perfect love,
the love that casts out all fear,
so that we may truly love one another;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Musical response for personal confession and reflection.

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: In the waters of our baptism, we are reminded of the good news.

People: **Jesus died for me. Jesus forgives me. Jesus loves me and Jesus is good to me.**

Congregational Response **Gloria Patri* | #579

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Passing of the Peace

Leader: Hear the teaching of Christ: A new command I give you, that you love one another as I have loved you. The peace of Christ be with you all.

People: **And also with you.**

Time with the Children

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory

Congregational Response **Doxology* | #592

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.

Praise Him, all creatures here below;

Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Prayer of Dedication (unison)

Generous God, we bless you for your gift of life renewed through Christ's love.
Bless the gifts we offer so they renew hope in the world you love, in the name of
your greatest gift, Jesus Christ, our Risen Lord. Amen.

***Preparation Hymn | *Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me* | Insert**

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Lessons

1 John 4:7-16 |
John 15:1-8 |

New Testament pg. 226
New Testament pg. 103

Sermon | Connected by Love | Rev. Pam McShane

Affirmation of Faith | (from the Confession of Belhar)

All: We believe...

**that the unity of the people of God must be manifested
and become active in a variety of ways;**

Right side: in that we love one another;

Left side: that we experience, practice and pursue community with one another;

Right side: that we are obligated to give ourselves willingly and joyfully
to be of benefit and blessing to one another;

Left side: that we share one faith, have one calling,

Right side: are of one soul and one mind;

Left side: that we have one God and Father,

Right side: are filled with one Spirit,

Left side: are baptized with one baptism,

Right side: eat of one bread and drink of one cup,

Left side: confess one name,

Right side: are obedient to one Lord,

Left side: work for one cause and share one hope

Right side: together come to know the height and the breadth and the depth of the love of Christ;

Left side: together are built up to the stature of Christ, to the new humanity;

Right side: together know and bear one another's burdens...

Left side: that we suffer with one another for the sake of righteousness;

Right side: pray together

Left side: together serve God in this world;

Right side: and together fight against all which may threaten or hinder this unity.

*Please stand as you are able

Sharing Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father 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.

***Closing Hymn** | *Today, We All Are Called to Be Disciples* | *Insert*

Benediction

Postlude | Susan B. Greene



We Gather Together

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1 We gath - er to - geth - er to ask the Lord's bless - ing;
 2 Be - side us to guide us, our God with us join - ing,
 3 We all do ex - tol thee, thou lead - er tri - um - phant,

he chas - tens and has - tens his will to make known;
 or - dain - ing, main - tain - ing his king - dom di - vine;
 and pray that thou still our de - fend - er wilt be.

the wick - ed op - press - ing now cease from dis - tress - ing,
 so from the be - gin - ning the fight we were win - ning;
 Let thy con - gre - ga - tion es - cape trib - u - la - tion;

Sing prais - es to his name; he for - gets not his own.
 thou, Lord, wast at our side; all glo - ry be thine!
 thy name be ev - er praised! O Lord, make us free!

First published among songs celebrating the end of Spanish control of the Netherlands, this text's blend of patriotism and piety has made it popular at (often ecumenical) Thanksgiving Day services. The tune is named for the Viennese arranger whose male chorus popularized it.

TEXT: Attr. Adrianus Valerius, c. 1626; trans. Theodore Baker, 1894
 MUSIC: *Neder-landsch Gedenck-Clanck*, 1626; harm. Eduard Kremser, 1877

KREMSER
 12.11.12.11
 (this tune in a higher key, 612)

703 Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me

1 Je - sus, thy bound - less love to me no thought can
 2 O grant that noth - ing in my soul may dwell, but
 3 O Love, how gra - cious is thy way! All fear be -

reach, no tongue de - clare; O knit my thank - ful heart to
 thy pure love a - lone; O may thy love pos - sess me
 fore thy pres - ence flies; care, an - guish, sor - row melt a -

thee, and reign with - out a ri - val there! Thine whol - ly,
 whole, my joy, my trea - sure, and my crown! All cold - ness
 way wher - e'er thy heal - ing beams a - rise. O Je - sus,

thine a - lone, I'd live; my - self to thee en - tire - ly give.
 from my heart re - move; may ev - ery act, word, thought be love.
 noth - ing may I see, noth - ing de - sire, or seek, but thee.

John Wesley learned the original German hymn from the Moravians during his time in Savannah, Georgia, and translated all sixteen stanzas. The tune, named for a 4th-century martyr, comes out of the Roman Catholic revival movement of the mid-19th century.

757 Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples

1 To - day we all are called to be dis - ci - ples of the
 2 God made the world and at its birth or - dained our hu - man
 3 Pray jus - tice may come roll - ing down as in a might - y
 4 May we in ser - vice to our God act out the liv - ing

Lord, to help to set the cap - tive free, make
 race, to live as stew - ards of the earth, re -
 stream, with righ - teous - ness in field and town to
 word, and walk the road the saints have trod till

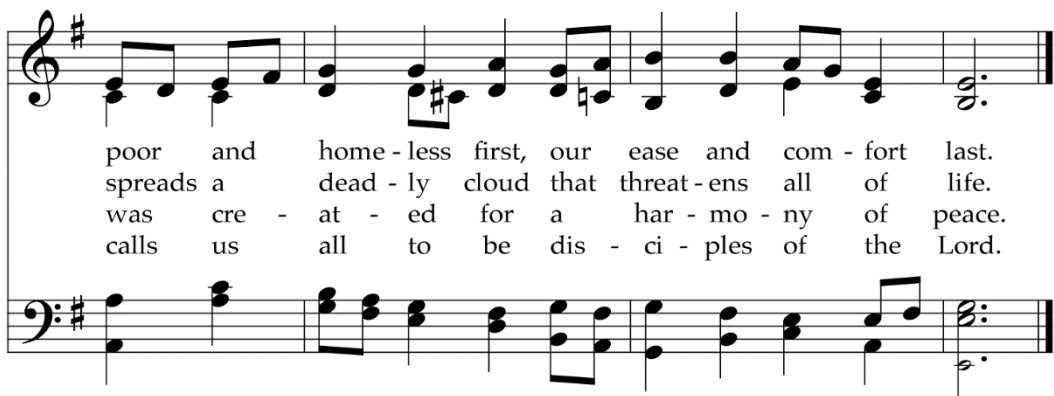
plow - share out of sword, to feed the hun - gry, quench their
 spond - ing to God's grace. But we are vain and sad - ly
 cleanse us and re - deem. For God is long - ing to re -
 all have seen and heard. As stew - ards of the earth may

This text placing stewardship in the context of faithful witness was written by a retired Presbyterian minister to be part of the 1986 stewardship campaign titled "Called to Be Disciples." The tune name recalls the Sussex village where the arranger first heard the melody.

JUSTICE AND RECONCILIATION



thirst, make love and peace our fast, to serve the
proud; we sow not peace but strife. Our dis - cord
store an earth where con - flicts cease, a world that
we give thanks in one ac - cord to God who



poor and home - less first, our ease and com - fort last.
spreads a dead - ly cloud that threat - ens all of life.
was cre - at - ed for a har - mo - ny of peace.
calls us all to be dis - ci - ples of the Lord.

This Week

MONDAY

Cub Scout Troop 151 Meeting | *Hall* 7-9 pm

TUESDAY

Thrift Shop 10am-3 pm

Joys & Concerns Chat | *Zoom* 3-4 pm

WEDNESDAY

Joys & Concerns Chat | *Zoom* 3-4 pm

Boy Scout Troop 151 Meeting | *Hall* 7-9 pm

AA Meeting | *Lower CE Bldg.* 7-8 pm

Deacon's Meeting 7:00 pm

THURSDAY

Joys & Concerns Chat | *Zoom* 3-4 pm

Adult Choir Practice | *Chapel* 7 pm

SATURDAY

Thrift Shop 10am-4 pm

SUNDAY

AA Meeting | *Lower CE Bldg.* 8-9 am

Looking Ahead

MAY 4

5k Run / Walk at Ridley Creek State Park 8 am

MAY 12

Mother's Day

MAY 27

Memorial Day

Learn More



Sunday School - MPC Sunday School is open to children ages 3 and up and runs weekly during the 10:30 am Sunday Worship Service.



Join us as we participate in the 19th annual 5k run/walk at Ridley Creek State Park on Saturday, May 4, 2024. Registration begins at 8 am and the run/walk starts at 9:30 am.

Please register for our team named Marple Presbyterian.

The QR code below will take you to the registration page.



Rev. Pam McShane will be leading worship, moderating the session and will be on call for pastoral emergencies during her time with us. She will ordinarily be in the church office on Wednesdays from 10 - 2. To contact her at other times, please email her at pmcshane@marplepres.org or call her at 610-742-0879.

Thrift Shop



Our Thrift Shop is open:

Tuesdays from 10 am – 3 pm

Saturdays from 10 am – 4 pm

The Thrift Store is bursting with lots of new inventory. Please come by to shop the new arrivals.

We are thankful for Amy and her team of faithful volunteers. We are always grateful for any help. It is a great way to volunteer at MPC.

IMPORTANT NOTICE: Listening devices are available for individuals who have a hearing impairment. Please speak to an usher for more information or to request a device.



SESSION

DEACONS

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| <i>Paul Avazier '26</i> | <i>Douglas Ballard '25</i> |
| <i>Amy Eckels '25</i> | <i>Marion Brower '24</i> |
| <i>Ben Mitchell '24</i> | <i>Bette Downs '24</i> |
| <i>Kristen Mitchell '26</i> | <i>Virginia Geisbert '25</i> |
| <i>Betty Rippel '26</i> | <i>Patricia Gwartz '26</i> |
| <i>Carol Robinson '24</i> | <i>Joyce Holmwood '26</i> |
| <i>Kerri Robinson '26</i> | <i>Greg Hoffman '24</i> |
| <i>Mack Smith '24</i> | <i>Eileen Matthews '24</i> |
| <i>Carol Valaitis '26</i> | <i>Linda Pursley '24</i> |
| <i>Ryan Walden '25</i> | <i>Diane Valaitis '26</i> |
| <i>Alfie Wilkes '25</i> | <i>Shirley Wise '26</i> |
| <i>Barbara Zelonka '25</i> | <i>Kim Wooden '25</i> |