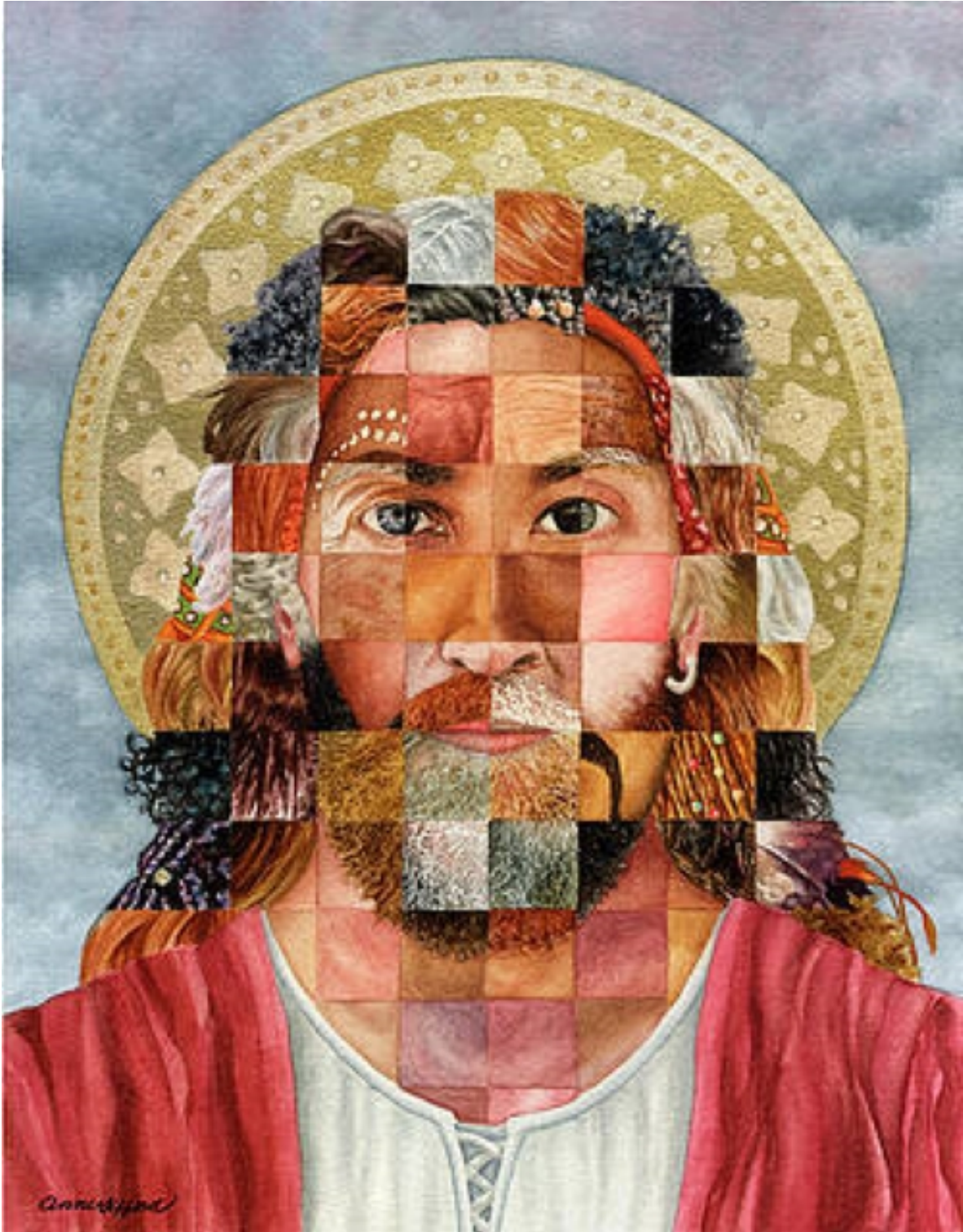




Havenwood Church

Presbyterian Church (USA)

April 28, 2024



"It's All About Love", Anne Gifford, 2020

The Service of the Lord's Day

Order of Worship

**Please stand if you are able.*

Congregation to recite bolded passages.

WELCOME

Pastor Jenn

PRELUDE

Like a River Glorious

Craig Curry

CALL TO WORSHIP

Elaine DePoy

We gather to praise and worship God,
the one who created us for love. We
gather to worship the true vine, **the
one in whose love we abide.** Easter
people, Christ is risen!
He is risen indeed!

OPENING PRAYER

Elaine DePoy

Holy and gracious God, you have brought us together in this place
and we are humbled to know that you love us, teach us and call us to
serve in your name. You are our guide. Help us to listen for your voice
and to trust that your Holy Spirit will move among your people and
lead us to become the beloved community that you intend for all.
Amen.

*HYMN #401

Here In This Place

CALL TO CONFESSION

Elaine DePoy

No matter how hard we try to follow, we find ourselves drifting
away from God. Sometimes we take big, intentional steps away.
Other times we think we've been following only to look down and
see that we are off course. God doesn't expect us to follow perfectly-
there is always a path back for us. And it is in the returning that we
come to know the powerful mercy of God.

We will pay particular attention to our prayer hands in the Prayer of
Confession, and you can follow my movements, as we pray.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Pastor Jenn &
Elaine DePoy

Let us pray.

Faithful God,

We offer ourselves before you

(Hold out hands)

You see our imperfections,

(Turn hands over and around)

The rough skin, the cuts, the

Dirt under our fingernails we

Try to hide

And still you love us.

(Clasp your hands together)

Guide us on your path

(Circle hands around themselves

That we may follow all of our days.

and move them)

Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Pastor Jenn

Jesus said "I have come that you might have life, and may have it abundantly. "Let us rejoice in that abundant life and feel it fully within ourselves. For our Assurance of Pardon, we will use the spiritual practice of a breath prayer.

With your inhale, focus on drawing God's forgiveness inside you. Imagine the breath blowing away the dust of our souls, cleansing us, and renewing us. As you inhale, say to yourself, "I breathe in God's forgiveness"

With your exhale, focus on extending God's great love to the world around us. Imagine the Holy Spirit in your breath, and you are sharing the Spirit with the world in your very breath. As you exhale, say to yourself, "I breathe out God's mercy."

Amen.

***CELEBRATION OF FORGIVENESS** #245 "Christ the Lord Is Risen Today"

LLANFAIR

"Christ the Lord is risen today!" Alleluia!

All creation, join to say: Alleluia!

Raise your joys and triumphs high,

Alleluia! Sing, O heavens, and earth reply,

Alleluia!

*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Pastor Jenn

May the Peace of the Risen Christ be with you.
And also with you.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Elaine DePoy

Come, Holy Spirit, that through your word we may be guided into the love of God for all the world. Amen.

SCRIPTURE

1 John 4:7-21

Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love. This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him. This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins. Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; but if we love one another, God lives in us and his love is made complete in us.

This is how we know that we live in him and he in us: He has given us of his Spirit. And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent his Son to be the Savior of the world. If anyone acknowledges that Jesus is the Son of God, God lives in them and they in God. And so we know and rely on the love God has for us.

God is love. Whoever lives in love lives in God, and God in them. This is how love is made complete among us so that we will have confidence on the day of judgment: In this world we are like Jesus. There is no fear in love. But perfect love drives out fear, because fear has to do with punishment. The one who fears is not made perfect in love.

We love because he first loved us. Whoever claims to love God yet hates a brother or sister is a liar. For whoever does not love their brother and sister, whom they have seen, cannot love God, whom they have not seen. And he has given us this command: Anyone who loves God must also love their brother and sister.

This is the Word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

SPECIAL MUSIC

In The Secret

SERMON

Pastor Jenn

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Pastor Jenn

**In a time before all-knowing, God is,
And God's breath fills the emptiness, creating:
A universe, a world, an ecology, a biology, and us, humankind.
All humankind, no exceptions, no imperfections;
And all of us are beloved just as we are.**

**In a time before all-knowing,
Christ Jesus watches the creating,
And steps out into creation:
Becoming, living, dying, and rising, all for us.
All humankind, no exceptions, no reservations;
All of us just as we are, God's beloved.**

**In a time before all-knowing, the Spirit is,
And moves through every part of creation:
Consoling, interceding, leading, and refreshing all the world,
including us.
All humankind, no exceptions, no differentiations;
All of us just as we are, God's beloved.**

**As witnesses to the resurrected Christ,
We stand in awe of Your boundless love,
And pledge to testify to your redeeming grace,
In our words, our deeds, and our very lives,
All of us, just as we are, Your beloved witnesses. Amen.**

*HYMN #833

O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Pastor Jenn

**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.**

INVITATION TO OFFERING

Pastor Jenn

Let us extend the love we have received to those in our community with acts of kindness and generosity. Together, let's create ripples of love that transforms lives and illuminate the world around us.

Besides donating in worship, you may also donate online or mail a check to the church.

More information can be found at the back of the bulletin.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

I Surrender All

C.E. Walz

*DOXOLOGY #609 Praise God, from Whom All Blessing Flow

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.

Praise God, all creatures high and low.

Alleluia, alleluia!

Praise God, in Jesus fully known:

Creator, Word, and Spirit one.

Alleluia, alleluia!

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Pastor Jenn

Through our offerings, O God, give your loving Spirit to a world needing comfort. Make our many gifts one offering for the world; in the name of Jesus. Amen.

*HYMN #300 .

We Are One in the Spirit

*BENEDICTION

Pastor Jenn

POSTLUDE

Didn't My Lord Deliver Daniel?

Victor Labenske

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Thank you to our liturgist: Elaine DePoy

Thank you to our ushers: Judy Yeager, Wende Smith

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Prayer List

Please contact the church office with prayer list additions at info@havenwood.org or 410-252-3073.

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| + Jeff Lloyd | + Chuck Travers |
| + Jackie Boone | + Lorraine Popejoy |
| + Mary Elliott | + Jane Shaffer |
| + Kara Hammann | + Jill Sproul |
| + Karin Carter | + Madlyn Francis and Family |
| + David Wahlgren | + Ray Smith |
| + Diane Mensinger | + The Family and friends of Laurel Preston |
| + Maryanne | + Families of the Key Bridge workers |
| + Laura Smith | + Family of Barbara Carroll |
| + Anne Ragonese | + Steve |

Announcements

THANK YOU FOR BEING WITH US!

We're grateful to have you join us for worship, where our faith tradition blends 2,000 years of history with a refreshingly modern mindset. Whether you're a seeker, traveler, in need, or already a member of our faith community, you're welcome here. At Havenwood, we affirm the value of every individual, embracing diversity without exception. We invite you to fully engage in our church's life and ministry, and we look forward to connecting with you.



DONATE

There are three easy ways to give if you aren't able to place an offering in the plate outside of the sanctuary doors.

1. Text to Give: Simply text a dollar amount to 844-420-0312
2. Donate online at: havenwood.org/giving
3. Mail a check to our office:

100 East Ridgely Road
Lutherville-Timonium, MD 21093

ACTC

The Assistance Center of Towson Churches is in need of the following items:

- Hormell Compleats, Chef Boyardee Snap Tops
- Juice Boxes
- Pop-Tarts
- Peanut Butter/ Cheese Sandwich Crackers
- Shelf-Stable items that **do not** require can openers

If you wish to support ACTC more in its mission, then you can stay up to date on special events, campaigns, and needs at their Facebook page:

bit.ly/ACTCtowson

NOMINATING COMMITTEE UPDATE

The Nominating Committee has diligently met to discern individuals for leadership roles within our church community. We are immensely grateful for those who have graciously agreed to continue their service and for those who have stepped forward to offer their commitment. Currently, we are actively seeking two elders to join the Session, one of whom will serve as our Clerk of Session. If you sense a calling from God in this direction, we encourage you to reach out to Cynthia or Jenn. The slate of nominees will be presented and voted upon during our Congregational Meeting on May 5th, following worship.

NORTH BALTIMORE BIBLE STUDY

Join us as we continue our study of the Gospel of John! This week we are studying John 6:16-21; 24-35. Our North Baltimore Bible Study continues on Wednesdays from 11am-12pm on Zoom. We are using "John" by Karoline Lewis as our guide.

Meeting ID: 892 2214 5763

Passcode: 21093

LUNCH BUNCH ON MAY 19TH AT ROMA'S CAFE

Calling all church friends! Join us for a delicious lunch get-together after worship on Sunday, May 19th at Roma's Cafe located at 10515 York Rd. We'll catch up, share stories, and enjoy good food and company.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

Stay after worship on May 12th and help us pack food bags for Fullerton Elementary! Havenwood is proud to provide weekend food bags for these wonderful students, ensuring they have nourishment beyond the school week. Your help is invaluable in this effort.

You can contribute to this effort by picking up the usual items and bringing them to church for our upcoming packing session. Remember, all food items should be shelf-stable and single-serve, with canned goods featuring easy-to-open pop-top lids. The FFT Committee will use monetary donations to purchase additional items as necessary, which is also very much appreciated.

STAFF SHAKE-UP

Julia Wells is taking over administrative duties from Jake Miller. Julia has spent her childhood as a member of Havenwood and is very excited to be working with this community once again! Jake Miller will be taking over as the Worship Technology Coordinator. Julia's Office hours will be Mondays and Wednesdays from 10am - 1pm, and Fridays from 10am-2pm. Feel free to reach out at info@havenwood.org

ORIOLES BALLPARK FELLOWSHIP

Come one, come all to a day of fellowship and fun at the ballpark with Havenwood Presbyterian Church! On June 1st at 4:05 p.m., we're heading to the O's game to cheer them on as they face off against the Tampa Bay Rays. Our seats are in Section 66 along the left-field line, promising an excellent view of the action. Tickets are \$39 each, payable to Steve Plano. It's a perfect opportunity for members of Havenwood Presbyterian Church to bond with our friends from Ashland Presbyterian Church and Maryland Presbyterian Church.

Calendar

- May 1 – Bible Study @ 11am on Zoom
- May 5- Communion Sunday; Congregational Meeting after Worship
- May 8 – Worship Committee Meeting @ 7pm
- May 10 – Ladies' Rummikub @ 1pm
- May 11 - Thelma L. Schmidt Memorial Service @ 2pm
- May 12 - Food For Thought Packing @ 11:30pm
- May 15 - Session Meeting @ 7pm
- May 21 - Circle of Faith Meeting @ 7:30pm

HAVENWOOD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH STAFF

The Rev. Jenn DiFrancesco, Supply Pastor

The Rev. Cathy Bashore, Parish Associate

Susan Riegger, Preschool Director

Valerie Adelung, Music Director

Jake Miller, Worship Technology Coordinator

Julia Wells, Administrator

Lloyd Martin, Facilities Manager

SESSION

Steve Plano – Clerk of Session

Robin Bare – Personnel Committee

Judy Binkley – Worship Committee

Wende Smith – Preschool Committee

Chip Hurley – Stewardship Committee

Donna Marshall – Scouts Liaison

DEACONS

Susan Bond

Jane Shaffer

Betsy Massanopoli

Laura Smith

Barbara Reade

Judy Yeager

Elaine DePoy



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Here in This Place

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Gather Us In



1 Here in this place the new light is stream-ing; now is the dark-ness
2 We are the young, our lives are a mys-tery. We are the old who
3 Here we will take the wine and the wa-ter; here we will take the
4 Not in the dark of build-ings con-fin-ing, not in some heav-en,



van-ished a-way; see in this space our fears and our dream-ings
yearn for your face. We have been sung through-out all of his-tory,
bread of new birth. Here you shall call your sons and your daugh-ters,
light years a-way: here in this place the new light is shin-ing;



brought here to you in the light of this day,
called to be light to the whole hu-man race.
call us a-new to be salt for the earth.
now is the king-dom, and now is the day.



Gath-er us in, the lost and for-sak-en; gath-er us in, the
Gath-er us in, the rich and the haugh-ty; gath-er us in, the
Give us to drink the wine of com-pas-sion; give us to eat the
Gath-er us in and hold us for-ev-er; gath-er us in and



blind and the lame; call to us now, and we shall a-wak-en;
proud and the strong; give us a heart, so meek and so low-ly;
bread that is you; nour-ish us well, and teach us to fash-ion
make us your own; gath-er us in, all peo-ples to-geth-er,



we shall a-rise at the sound of our name,
give us the cour-age to en-ter the song.
lives that are ho-ly and hearts that are true.
fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

The "you/your" mentioned in every stanza is never identified, but this 1979 hymn is clearly a corporate prayer to God on behalf of the diverse congregation who have assembled for worship, longing to be transformed and used as God's witnesses and for God's purposes.

O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go 833

1 O Love that wilt not let me go, I rest my
2 O Light that fol-lowest all my way, I yield my
3 O Joy that seek-est me through pain, I can-not
4 O Cross that lift-est up my head, I dare not

wea-ry soul in thee; I give thee back the life I owe, that
flick-ering torch to thee; my heart re-stores its bor-rowed ray, that
close my heart to thee; I trace the rain-bow through the rain, and
ask to fly from thee; I lay in dust life's glo-ry dead, and

in thine o-cean depths its flow may rich-er, full-er be.
in thy sun-shine's blaze its day may bright-er, fair-er be.
feel the prom-ise is not vain that morn shall tear-less be.
from the ground there blos-soms red life that shall end-less be.

This intense hymn of commitment to God (addressed as Love, Light, and Joy) closes with an invocation of the ultimate testimony to those attributes (the Cross). The composer, a Scotsman, named this specially-composed tune for the 11th-century patroness of Scotland.

We Are One in the Spirit 300

They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love

Capo 1: (Em) (Bm) (Em)
Fm Cm Fm

1 We are one in the Spir - it; we are one in the Lord;
2 We will walk with each oth - er; we will walk hand in hand;
3 We will work with each oth - er; we will work side by side;
4 All praise to the Fa - ther, from whom all things come,

(Am) (Em)
B^bm Fm

we are one in the Spir - it; we are one in the Lord,
we will walk with each oth - er; we will walk hand in hand,
we will work with each oth - er; we will work side by side,
and all praise to Christ Je - sus, God's on - ly Son,

(Am) (Em)
B^bm Fm

and we pray that all u - ni - ty may one day be re - stored:
and to - geth - er we'll spread the news that God is in our land:
and we'll guard hu - man dig - ni - ty and save hu - man pride:
and all praise to the Spir - it, who makes us one:

Refrain (C) (Em)
D^b Fm

And they'll know we are Chris - tians by our love, by our

(Am) (Em) (Am) (Bm) (Em) (Am/E) (Em)
B^bm Fm B^bm Cm Fm B^bm/F Fm

love; yes, they'll know we are Chris - tians by our love.

A parish priest at St. Brendan's on the South Side of Chicago in the 1960s was very involved in the local Civil Rights movement and needed something for his youth choir to sing at ecumenical, interracial events. Finding nothing, he wrote this song in a single day.