

# THE CHURCH GATHERS

**Pre-Service Music** Morning from Children's Music Prokofiev

## Call to Worship

God is a mystery beyond our understanding.

**God is love. God is here.**

Jesus promises to be with us always. Even after he leaves this earth.

**God is love. God is here.**

The Holy Spirit comes and like a mighty wind like a quiet whisper.

**God is love. God is here.**

**Hymn** Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty UMH #64

## Prayer of Confession

Friends, let us turn away from those things that take us away from God, from love, from one another. Let us rejoice in God's love and forgiveness.

**You have asked us to go and tell everyone of your love, your forgiveness, your presence with us. But we are shy, we are self-conscious, we are unsure, and we struggle. We need your help, God! Give us songs to sing about you. Give us words to say when we have none. Give us ears to listen closely to the joy and pain of others. Give us hearts that show others how much you love them.**

*silence for prayer*

## Words of Assurance

God's love is here. God is here.

**God, help us to share God's love wherever we go.**

In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

**In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Amen.**

# TO HEAR THE WORD AND REFLECT

**Scripture Readings** Daniel 3:13-14, 16-30; Luke 24:44-53  
This is the Word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**

## SHARING IN WORSHIP TODAY

**Acolytes** - Liam Cheng,  
Ethan Hamilton

**Liturgists** - Hazel Cheng,  
Rev. Tayler Necochea

**Reader** - Liam Cheng

**Musicians** - Children's Choir,  
Julia Hanna

**Ushers** - Tom Sandford, Ida Cahill,  
Bright Rajaratnam, Juli Collins, Bhanu  
Prakash

## TODAY'S FLOWERS ARE GIVEN

IN MEMORY OF OUR MOTHERS



**BY LARRY APPERSON AND  
SHARON AND JOHN DISTASE**

**Musical** It's Cool in the Furnace

# TO RESPOND IN FAITH

## Prayers of the People

### The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come; your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For yours is the kingdom, the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**

**Offertory** Melodi from 5 Composer Elling

**Hymn** Doxology UMH #94

## Prayer of Thanksgiving

# AND SCATTERS TO BE IN THE WORLD

**Hymn** Be Thou My Vision UMH #451

## Benediction

**Postlude** Toccata from 30 Pieces for Children Kabalevsky

## PRAYER CONCERNS

Prayers of Thanksgiving for Tom and Julia and the Youth and Children's choirs who so beautifully led our worship today and last week.

Prayers for Graduates and for their plans for the future.

Prayers for the sick, hospitalized, lonely, homeless, and depressed and all those who care for them, especially Bernhard Brouwer in the hospital in the UK and for the family of Rev. David Wilson who passed away 4/26 in Hamilton, NJ.

We pray we will all do a better job taking care of God's creation, our wonderful planet.

Prayers for the people of Israel, Palestine, Ukraine, Russia, and other countries experiencing the horrors of war. Prayers for their leaders to find peaceful solutions. Prayers for the students protesting in many places the world over. May their voices be heard and their protest be safe and peaceful.

## HAVE PRAYER CONCERNS?

For our Prayer Chain, call Yvonne Macdonald at 609-577-8369 or email her at [yvonnee.mac@verizon.net](mailto:yvonnee.mac@verizon.net). Email Pastor Tayler Necochea at [tayler@princetonumc.org](mailto:tayler@princetonumc.org) when you or a family member is in the hospital or in need of a pastoral call.

WELCOME TO  
**Princeton  
United Methodist Church**

We are a diverse faith community,  
engaged in enlivening spiritually thirsty people  
to joyfully respond to God's love  
and grow as disciples of Christ,  
so that together we may experience the fullness of life.

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### CELEBRATION FOR REV. SKITCH MATSON

Join us on June 2 for a celebration for Pastor Skitch at noon in the PUMC Fellowship Hall! Scan the QR code to learn more details. If you have any questions, please contact Jenni Collins at collinsjems@me.com or Jazlyn Cruz at jazbreec@gmail.com.

JUNE 2



### ALTAR FLOWERS

We are in need of altar flowers for a few Sundays left this year. Please consider donating flowers to honor someone special, celebrate a special occasion, or memorialize a loved one. For more information, please contact Pam Nugent at poodlelufs@aol.com or 609-771-0189.

### PENTECOST

Join us next Sunday as we celebrate Pentecost and jump into our new worship series, "A Sanctified Life." Additionally, May 19th will also be Joining Sunday, when we will welcome new professing, affiliate, associate, and baptized members! Join us for this momentous day where we will be reminded of God's love for us, and our mission to support our fellow congregants on their lifelong faith journey.

MAY 19

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### CHURCH CALENDAR

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MAY 12, 2024

## ASCENSION OF THE LORD SUNDAY



### "It's Cool in the Furnace"

music by Buryl Red

book and lyrics by Grace Hawthorned  
orchestrations and tracks by Joseph Linn

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UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

## It's Cool in the Furnace Cast List

Daniel.....Louisa Dreibelbis  
 Shadrach.....Anna Griffiths  
 Meshach.....Elliot Walz  
 Abednego.....Raphael Aryeetey

Narrator 1.....Andrew Aryeetey  
 Narrator 2.....Kate Potts

Nebuchadnezzar.....Carlin Markey

Wise Person.....Talia George

Herald.....Victoria Offer  
 Herald.....Edie Potts

Tattletale.....Edie Potts

Palace Kitty.....Anita Dreibelbis

Townspeople.....Harper Sam, Evelyn Bass

Tom Shelton, Children's Choir Director  
 Tayler Necochea, Associate Pastor for Children's and Adult  
 Formation Ministries

Special Thanks:  
 Yvonne Macdonald - Costumes  
 Stephen Offer - Sound

# COME & SEE COMPASSION CAMP



**SIGN UP!**



Click the QR code to sign up  
or email Pastor Tayler

## Sunday, June 9

**Join Pastor Tayler after Children's Time  
in the classroom to see what working in  
children's ministry is like.**

# Go <sup>Tell It On</sup> the Mountain



The beginning and the end of evangelism, and everything in between, is God's love. And Jesus is our model for how God's love is proclaimed, shown, and spread. With God's love as our foundation, engage in these opportunities during the great 50 days of Easter. See if you can incorporate these (and what flows from them) into your faith practice beyond Pentecost too. Remember that these practices are never to be forced or coerced, but always grounded in love. Notice that there is very little here about talking, nothing about convincing, yet much about being, reflecting, and listening. Go forth in humility and grace!

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| Go on a prayer walk or drive around your neighborhood. Who do you see? What do you notice? Pray for the people of your neighborhood.             | Reflect and journal: How have you come to know that you are God's beloved? Who and what continues to help you know and live your belovedness?     | Notice how God is at work in your community as you go about your day or week. How is God inviting you to participate with God?                       |
| Reflect and journal: What do you love about your church and your faith? What difference do they make in your life?                               | Listen to someone you don't know well yet. Ask, listen carefully for their experiences of joy and of pain, for their dreams and longings.         | Reflect and journal: How is God working in you? How is God's grace bringing you to life and helping you love others, self, God and creation well?    |
| Listen to someone you have a high level of trust with, who doesn't go to church. Ask, listen carefully to their experiences of faith and church. | Reflect and journal: What do the actions of Jesus show you about how to love, how to be a guest, how to be a host, how to be radically inclusive? | Invite someone into God's belovedness by showing or telling them they are beloved, by listening, by inviting them to church or to a church activity. |

**"It's Cool in the Furnace"**  
 music by Buryl Red  
 book and lyrics by Grace Hawthorne  
 orchestrations and tracks by Joseph Linn

## Song Order

1. "Processional"
2. "Shadrach"
3. "Jerusalem Town"  
Anna Griffiths, solo
4. "It Pays to Remember"  
Soloists:  
Andrew Aryeetey  
Kate Potts
5. "Tra-La"  
Soloists:  
Talia George  
Andrew Aryeetey  
Kate Potts  
Louisa Dreibelbis  
Raphael Aryeetey
6. "Show Us the Dream"  
Soloists:  
Louisa Dreibelbis  
Anna Griffiths  
Raphael Aryeetey
7. "Nebuchadnezzar's Decree"  
Carlin Markey, solo
8. "Know When to Say "No"  
Soloists:  
Anna Griffiths  
Raphael Aryeetey
9. "It's Cool in the Furnace"  
Soloists:  
Anna Griffiths  
Raphael Aryeetey
10. "Let the People Praise"