THE CHURCH GATHERS

Pre-Service Music Pastoral Rodrigo

Introit Come One, Come All, Come Follow the Call Philip R. Dietterich
Soloists: Harper Sam, Xhiah Wolapaye, Evelyn Bass

Call to Worship

How lovely is your dwelling place, O God!
Our hearts sing for joy to the living God.
Before we arrived, your grace was already here: moving through people and places, through stories and generations.
Open our eyes to receive again what has been given.
Jesus looked upon the house of God and saw not only what it was, but what it was called to be: a house of prayer for all people.
Open our eyes to see what you see.
May this place, and these lives, become ever more fully what you created them to be.
Come, let us worship the God whose grace has brought us here.

Hymn Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing UMH #400

Prayer of Confession

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
We seek and receive God's grace as we pray together in one voice:
Gracious God, we confess that we easily forget how much we have received. We move through familiar places without noticing the grace they hold. We receive the gifts of those who came before us without remembering their faithfulness.
We call things ours that have been entrusted to our care. And sometimes we grow so accustomed to the way things are that we stop wondering what they could become.
Forgive us when familiarity dulls our vision. Forgive us when gratitude gives way to entitlement, when stewardship becomes possession, or when preserving what we have matters more than sharing your grace.
silence for prayer

Words of Assurance

Hear the good news: The grace of God is not ours because we earned it. It was moving toward us before we knew to look for it.
In Jesus Christ, God meets us again with mercy, opens our eyes, and renews us for love.
In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!
In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Amen.

SHARING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Acolytes - Nigel Sun, Sequoah Hadley
Liturgists - Abu Ibrahim, Raphael Aryeetey Jr., Jazlyn Cruz
Musicians - PUMC Children's Choir, Intergenerational Choir, Julia Hanna
Ushers - Ida Cahill, Tracy Sun Cheng Bhanu Prakash, Bright Rajaratnam, Tom Sandford

TODAY'S FLOWERS ARE GIVEN

IN DEEP APPRECIATION FOR THE VETERANS IN OUR CHURCH COMMUNITY

TO HEAR THE WORD AND REFLECT

Music Ministry Pié Jesu Mary Lynn Lightfoot

Children's Time Where Children Belong TFWS #2233

Scripture Reading Mark 11:15-19 (p. 45); Psalm 84:1-4 (p. 513)
This is the Word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon "Receive It." Rev. Jenny Smith Walz

Story Sharing Pat Mullin

TO RESPOND IN FAITH

Hymn Come, Sinners, to the Gospel Feast UMH #616

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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

Offertory Kyrie Eleison Ivo Antognini
Jenni Collins, soprano
Ollie Rapaka, mezzo soprano

Hymn Doxology UMH #94

Prayer of Thanksgiving

AND SCATTERS TO BE IN THE WORLD

Hymn Take My Life, and Let It Be UMH #399

Benediction

Recessional

Postlude Marcha from Jardín de niños Turina

PRAYER CONCERNS

Prayers for all giving and receiving hospice care. May strength, calm, compassion, and rest be available to them.
For those who recently lost Temporary Protected Status and are facing fear and uncertainty. May we strive to support our siblings and neighbors from other lands and overcome the base tendencies of nativism and racism.
Prayers for all who are victims of violence and abuse, and for those who come forward to name the perpetrators, to blow the whistle, and to shine a light on injustice.

HAVE PRAYER CONCERNS?

For our Prayer Chain, call Yvonne Macdonald at 609-577-8369 or email her at yvonnee.mac@verizon.net. Email Tyler Mathiasen at tyler@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.

SCAN TO CONNECT WITH US OR TEXT 'PUMC' TO 609-542-2192

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

JOB OPPORTUNITY

We are looking for someone to fulfill our part-time nursery care attendant position. This position will be approximately 2 hours each Sunday, with an occasional extra hour after worship for special events. To find out more, follow this link.

NEWCOMERS GROUP

If you are a visitor or interested in learning more about PUMC or joining the church, we invite you to come to our Newcomer's group! Continuing today after service, we will hold our Newcomer's Group on Sundays after worship from 11:30am-12:30pm in the Library and on zoom. We hope to see you there!

STAFF

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Psalm Prayer | by Julie Lonneman

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