

# **APOLLO UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (USA)**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

**June 2, 2024**

**11:00 a.m.**

## **We Gather in God's Name**

**PRELUDE** "Medley in D Major" various composers

### **WORDS OF WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **BIRTHDAYS**

### **JOYS AND CONCERNS**

#### **\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: The Psalmist sang: "Praise the Lord, I tell myself; O Lord my God, how great you are! You are robed with honor and with majesty; As for me, I will praise the Lord."

**People: We gather to worship and praise our Creating God, who gives new life to all creation.**

Leader: All creation sang: "Praise the Lord..." I say to myself: "O God, my Maker and Creator how great you are!" We join with all creation to loudly praise and give thanks to God!

**People: Individually and together, we sing along with all creation in praising our Awesome Creator.**

Leader: Peoples of the earth sing: "Praise the Lord..." We tell each other: "O Lord our Creating God how great you are!" Come you believers, join in praising the Lord our Great God!

**People: We gather to celebrate God's gift to all believers in the Spirit of "new life", through which we also receive new hope and joy in the Lord our God. "Praise be to the Lord."**

**Hymn #19 "God of Great and God of Small!"**

### **CALL TO CONFESSION**

Carl Zukas

**\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION** Almighty God, Creator of the heavens and earth, we confess that we do not always live into the message of hope and salvation, the promise of

eternal life. We live in ways that make the here and now more important than the future. We live in ways that put ourselves and our own success first over the needs of others and the long-term needs of the world. Forgive us for our selfish ways and call us into the path of Christ, who humbled himself and gave himself up for us on the cross, so that death might be no more and that all can share in the joy of salvation and eternal life, through Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

#### **\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

**People: Thanks be to God! Amen.**

#### **\*GLORIA PATRI #581**

#### **\*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

### **We Listen to God's Word**

#### **PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**PSALTER LESSON** Psalm 104 OT p. 554

#### **MOMENT OF WORD AND WONDER**

**WISDOM LESSON** Ecclesiastes 3:1-14 OT p. 616

#### **PREACHING OF THE WORD "God the Creator"**

### **We Respond to God's Word**

#### **\*HYMN**

**\*Affirmation of Faith** (from the Heidelberg Catechism)

**Q. 26:** What do you believe when you say, "I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth?"

**A. 26:** That the eternal Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who out of nothing created heaven and earth and everything in them, who still upholds and rules them by his eternal counsel and providence, is my God and Father because of Christ the Son...

## INVITATION TO OFFER OURSELVES IN MINISTRY

Offertory "God Leads Us Along" arr. C. Phillips

\*Doxology #606

\*Prayer of Gratitude for God's Abundance

## HOLY COMMUNION – INVITATION

PASTORAL PRAYER & THE LORD'S PRAYER

SHARING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

Prayer following Communion (unison)

Holy Spirit, you have filled us with your life. Christ our Savior, you have embraced us in your love. God our Creator, you have fed us with your grace. Now send us out into your beloved world to share your life, your love, your grace with all. Blessing and honor and glory to you, holy, holy, holy Lord. Amen.

*We Go Forth to Serve*

## HYMN

\*CHARGE & BLESSING

POSTLUDE "Eternal Ruler of the Ceaseless Round" D. Busarow

\*Please stand in body or spirit

*Wrapping our community in God's love, one person at a time.*

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**Creation of Light**  
**by John Martin, 1824**  
***Cleveland Museum of Art***

The first in a series of biblical illustrations by John Martin, this print presents us with the dawn of creation. In this image, the inscription cites Genesis 1:2–3 and so refers to the creation of light itself on the first day. Nevertheless, the work encapsulates all of the first four days of Creation: light, firmament, dry land, and lights in the heavens are depicted together here. Martin may simply have wanted to depict several aspects of God's work of Creation, but his decision to depict several episodes simultaneously might also reflect the difficulty of depicting the first appearance of light as a stand-alone subject.

**WEEKLY PRAYER CONCERNS**  
 Household: Rich and Melinda Miller  
 Mike and Jerri Mollick  
 Faith Friend: Darla Tamski  
 Our Church: Ministry Team  
 Church(s): Trinity Church Moderator: Tim Monroe  
 Presbytery: Olympia (Synod of Alaska-Northwest)  
 Denomination: Moravian Church in America  
 Nation: Guam - Hagatria

**IMMEDIATE** *Jacob & Kloey's wedding, Grads in Pastor Niki's family, family of Darrell Kennedy, Patty Pavetti great-aunt again, Eric, Sierra Kane graduating Magna Cum Laude ☺, Barry & Glenna 56 years!, Mat Hilty Defensive Player of the Year! ☺, Family of Anna Kanish, Michael Ost family, Chris and Cassie traveling mercies, Kelcey and kids ☺, Hall's neighbor adoption ☺, Thanks from Niki for birthday celebration.*

**CONTINUING** *Sam, family of Diane Magnes, Lisa, Joy! New leadership, TJ Lucas helping Ron & Candy F4K. Christine's spinal problems, Sarah, Family of Jim Crawford, Israelis, family dance joy!, Eric, Jodi Smoyer, Heather.*

**ONGOING** *Donnie Riggle, Gary Harkcom, Donna Fry, Matt Summerhill, Bill & Linda Crabtree, Frank Kovak, Josh Hanus, Shannon Pruss, LaRue Mumaw, Chris Hilker, Carol Gallagher, Linda Gould, Snedecor family, Alan Shockey, Bonnie Machak, Lani Knox, Nick Arnoldy, Benjamin Mumaw, Sean George.*

**MINISTRY** *All those affected by the Coronavirus and those working in the health care field, first responders, research, and government. Food 4 Kids, AUPC Deacon's Emergency Fund, Support for our church, EPR Mugombwa; Victims of violence and natural disasters; President Joe Biden, our country, other world leaders, our church and its leaders, the war & military personnel, wounded military at home and in hospitals, terrorist victims, Kiskiminetas' Rwanda Partnership.*

**CLEAN-UP BUCKETS** filled by the month. **June's** requested donations **1 32 to 64 oz. or 2 25 oz. bottles of liquid laundry detergent. 5 scouring pads (no stainless or pads with soap – please remove from package).** Just slip your donation in one of the white buckets in the vestibule. Questions?.... See Jerri Mollick. Thank you.

**June 2, 2024 CHURCH FAMILY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**SUNDAY** Worship w/Communion, PrayGround **11:00 AM**  
**WEDNESDAY** Crafters **9:00 AM**  
 Prayer Shawl Knitters **10:00 AM**  
**FRIDAY** **Rummage Sale (office closed) 8 AM – 2 PM**  
**SATURDAY** **Rummage Sale 8 AM – 2 PM**  
**SUNDAY** Worship & PrayGround **11:00 AM**

*The office will be closed every Friday, June through August.*

**SUNDAY MORNING COUNTERS, OPENERS & CLOSERS**

June 2 ~ Shelly Hilty and Carol Kopnicky  
 June 9 ~ Amy Zukas and Scott Hollabaugh  
 June 16 ~ Laura Uncapher and Shelly Hilty  
 June 23 ~ Carol Kopnicky and Amy Shupe  
 June 30 ~ Bill Speer and Laura Uncapher



**VBS Help Needed & Information –**

Our Apollo Community VBS is July 8-11, 2024 from 5:45 pm - 8:15 pm. Closing worship and program are on July 11. VBS will be held at Boiling Springs Presbyterian Church and we are seeking help for any and all nights! Clearances are required. Scan

QR code for registration form! Additionally, we are seeking donations of cases of small water bottles, Capri Sun drinks, and applesauce pouches. Please drop off any donations in the church nursery for Pastor Niki to take to BSPC. Thank you!



*We'll be taking a summer break. We hope that you've enjoyed our performances this season and we would love to have you join us in September.*

## *From the Pastor:*

\*\*Starting the week of June 10th through the end of August, Pastor Niki's office days will fluctuate due to lack of childcare for parts of the summer. If she's not in the office, please call/text her or send an email. Thanks kindly for understanding!

**Planning Ahead!** - We will have a joint worship service together on **Sunday, July 7<sup>th</sup> at 10am** with our siblings in Christ AT Boiling Springs Presbyterian Church. Communion will be celebrated, a covered dish lunch will be shared, and decorating for VBS will happen! Make sure you join us that morning for a joyous time of worship!

– **On Sunday, August 11**, the Apollo Community Worship Service will be held at New Beginnings UMC in Spring Church at 10:30am with a potluck lunch to follow. AUPC is asked to bring desserts to share. Members of the Apollo Ministerium will be leading worship, with Rev. Niki Atkinson preaching that morning. \*There will be no scheduled service at AUPC that morning as we worship with our community's siblings in Christ.\*

**\*Looking for a fun place to listen to some free live music this summer? Check out these great bands at First Lutheran Church in downtown Apollo!**

- Sunday, June 23 @ 3:00pm - Alle-Kiski Community Band
- Sunday, July 28 @ 3:00pm - Gibbons Big Band
- Sunday, August 25 @ 3:00pm - Kittanning Firemen's Band

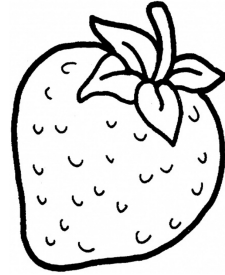
**\*We would like to provide an opportunity for those of you who are interested to participate in worship leadership. Following are the opportunities available.**

**Communion servers** are needed for July 7 (only 1 for joint service with BSPC) and August 4. With the exception of 7/7, four servers are needed for each Communion Sunday.

**New lay readers** are always welcomed to join the rotation. Anyone who doesn't have difficulty with reading aloud in public is welcome to sign up via email ([office@aupc.comcastbiz.net](mailto:office@aupc.comcastbiz.net)) or call the church office (724.478.4807).



When the craft ladies asked for used greeting cards to be recycled, little did they know the response would be so magnificent! The donations were so plentiful that no more will be needed for quite a while. **THANK YOU ALL AGAIN!**



**BSPC is hosting its Annual Strawberry Festival on Saturday, June 8, from 4 to 7 PM. The menu is Sloppy Joe of Ham BBQ sandwich with macaroni salad and baked beans, strawberry shortcake, and ice cream for \$11.00.**



**Don't forget! The church Rummage Sale will be Friday, June 7 and Saturday, June 8 from 8:00 AM to 2:00 PM each day. Lunch and snack items, baked goods, and beverages will be available to purchase while you're looking for your**

**special "something".** Last day for donated items is Sunday, June 2. Set up-date is Tuesday, June 4 and tear-down will be June 10<sup>th</sup>, both at 9 AM. Clean, donated items are still needed. Sign-up list for kitchen donations will be in the vestibule.



**Thank you! We're half way to our goal of reaching a mile of pennies! After Sunday's roll of 9,050 we have a total of 43,300 pennies. Thanks to everyone who helped count and roll. Praying for more pennies from heaven.**





