**GATHERING FOR WORSHIP**

**Welcome! June 7, 2020 at 11:00 AM**

**GREETINGS!** ~ We will have a few minutes at the beginning of worship for you to say “hello” to each other on Facebook. Please let us know that you are joining us by leaving a comment. If you are blessed by this time together, share with your friends.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

* If you have a need – food, prescriptions – that someone can pick up and deliver for you, please contact Peggy at 724-554-4555
* No public worship through July 5th. Session will convene prior to that and make further decisions and plans. The Presbytery will have a conference call on Wednesday to discuss future plans.

**INVOCATION** ~ *Pastor*

**CALL TO WORSHIP** ~ based on Psalm 25:1-3 ~ *Read responsively*

To you, O GOD, we lift up the spirit of our whole selves.

**O God, we trust unashamedly in you; seeking that** **you be not ashamed of us;**

May we journey together in right relationships;

**Teach us. Show us. Guide us in your paths.** **Grow us to know your ways more clearly.**

You are the God of our salvation and the Sustainer of good relations.

**For you we wait.**

May integrity, a clean conscience, and upright living preserve us.

**Amen.**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION & PLEE FOR TRANSFORMATION**

Let the rain come and wash away

the ancient grudges, the bitter hatreds

held and nurtured over generations.

Let the rain wash away the memory

of the hurt, the neglect.

Then let the sun come out and

fill the sky with rainbows.

Let the warmth of the sun heal us

wherever we are broken.

Let it burn away the fog so that

we can see each other clearly,

so that we can see beyond labels,

beyond accents, gender or skin color.

Let the warmth and brightness

of the sun melt our selfishness,

so that we can share the joys and

feel the sorrows of our neighbors.

And let the light of the sun

be so strong that we will see all

people as our neighbors.

Let the earth, nourished by rain,

bring forth flowers

to surround us with beauty.

And let the mountains teach our hearts

to reach upward to heaven.

Amen.

~*by Rabbi Harold Kushner, 2003*

**SCRIPTURE READING Selections from Genesis 5 & 6**

**MEDITATION ON THE WORD “It’s Not About Noah”**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & LORD’S PRAYER ~** *We begin with silent prayer, followed by the Pastoral Prayer (pastor) and the Lord’s Prayer (in unison), and will close with the offering prayer (in unison).*

**SILENT PRAYER** *~ as individuals*

**PASTORAL PRAYER ~** *Pastor*

**OFFERING PRAYER** *~ in unison*

God of us all, you have shown us time and again your desire for the world to be good; for your people to live in ways that reflect your loving and gracious image. We place before you our hearts and minds, our egos, our impulses, our selfishness, that YOU may have your way in us and that your good will and purposes may be done in the world through us. God, we pray for peace. Make us peacemakers. Show us your way forward in our communities and in this nation today. Amen.

**THE CHARGE & THE BENEDICTION ~** *a “charge” is a reminder of what God expects of us going forward; a “benediction” is a blessing bestowed upon you at the end of the service.*