



Jefferson Avenue Presbyterian Church

Serving Christ in the Heart of Detroit

Sunday, July 12, 2020

As the Prelude begins, we enter into a time of prayer and reflection as we gather for worship.

PRELUDE "Elevation in Ab, Op.25" *Alexandre Guilmant*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER OF THE DAY

HYMN No. 611 "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee" *Hymn to Joy*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON: Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

*This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.***

SERMON "Listening for Growth" *Rev. Matt Nickel*

SOLO "New Grace" *Mark Hayes*

Deborah Nero, soloist

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 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.

OFFERING

The church is making its offering in a safe and distanced manner at this time.

"Offering Boxes" are available by the Welcome Desk & Tower Foyer.

You may also give online at www.japc.org/give

HYMN No. 450 "Be Thou My Vision" *Slane*

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE "Postlude: 'Why Wanderest Thou'" *Alexandre Guilmant*

***As the postlude concludes worship in the sanctuary,
you are invited to listen and reflect as you carry your worship into the world.***

Exiting the Sanctuary

Please maintain physical distance of 6' as you leave the sanctuary. Please use the side aisles to reach exits that are located in the narthex, the tower, and the rear parking lot exit. Please save the center aisle for anyone who might need extra space to move slowly toward an exit.

Announcements

You are welcome here. You belong here: A special welcome goes to you who are guests and visitors. Our hope is that you feel like you belong, that you feel at home in this faith community. We'd love to connect with you. A good way to start is to fill out a Connection Card online: <https://bit.ly/JAPCconnect>

Enhancing Hearing in Worship - Personal receivers are available at the Tower Entrance from an usher.

The Board of Deacons encourages prayers for Michelle Anderson, Alice Bancroft, Fred Black, Donna Burt, Mardi Carruthers, Leslie Chamas, Scott Goosen, Brian Head, Sue Head, Ken Holden, Priscilla Kelsey, Chris Klinger, Elaine Kuester, Sharon Lowe, Peter McGreevy & family, Eleanor Mobley, Johnnie Walker II, Tom Winingar, JAPC military; Capt. Michael Boyle, for people ill from coronavirus and medical workers, the scientific community, people who've lost jobs or businesses, social service and relief workers, and all who are supporting those affected by the coronavirus.

Email Your Prayer Requests – Let your Deacons pray with and for you. You may send your prayer requests to the Deacons using prayer@japc.org or you can also call prayer requests to the church office and Pastor Matt at 313-82-3456.

Assisting the congregation by this morning are: Ushers Rodney Burlett, John Lovegren, Rose Randall Warner and Keith Wicks.

Reminder of New Staff Emails – The church staff has implemented the new email addresses which are firstname@japc.org. Please make sure you have updated your staff email addresses as we no longer receive emails from old addresses. New emails are published at the bottom of Sunday bulletins.

Online Giving is Now Available - Online giving using credit and debit cards is accessible from the church's website. Note that it will take you to a secure website created by our service provider. A button to access secure online giving is on the top-right side of the website at www.japc.org/give.

Church Office Resumes Regular Hours but Open by Appointment Only - The church office has resumed regular hours but is open by appointment only. You may continue to connect with staff by email. You can reach the Church Secretary Margie at margie@japc.org, Bookkeeper Phyllis at phyllis@japc.org or Pastor Matt at matt@japc.org.

Sunday Usher Sign-Up

As the church returns to in-person worship, ushers are needed for Sunday mornings from 9:30am-11:30am. If you are willing and able, please use the link to sign up. On the signup website there is a link to the responsibilities that you can download and print. If you need help signing up, please contact the church office. Sign up here: <https://bit.ly/JAPCusherssignup>.

Upcoming Events

PC Family Bible Camp at Home - July 27 - 31 - Camp will include daily lessons, art projects, games and a mission project. A daily email will be sent to you including a short video. A nightly 30-minute Zoom meeting will be offered each evening. Grandparents, parents, teens and young children can participate. Contact Kathy Chateau if you have any questions, or to register. kathy@japc.org or 822-3456.

Produce Boxes on Fridays this Summer

JAPC will be distributing produce boxes every Friday at 11:00am in the church parking lot. Through our partnership with Food Rescue US, JAPC will be able to offer 25 lb. boxes of fresh produce to anyone who may find fresh food helpful. Distribution will be "contactless" and distanced. All food boxes are first come, first serve, so arrive promptly. If you are interested in volunteering to help distribute contact Kathy Chateau at kathy@japc.org