

ORDER OF SERVICE

"I am sometimes taken aback by how people can have a miserable day or get angry because they feel cheated by a bad meal, cold coffee, a social rebuff, or a rude reception." – Nassim Nicholas Taleb

PRELUDE **You Got Gold** -- John Prine with guitarists Buss McCormick, Reeves Bauer and Henry Guinn

INTROIT **Come, Come Whoever You Are** -- text adapted from Rumi

CHALICE LIGHTING Number 452 (Caitlin Lloyd, Chalice Lighter)

* HYMN Number 32 (standing) **Now Thank We All our God**

* RESPONSIVE READING Number 715 (standing) -- Kahlil Gibran

* SONG OF EXALTATION (standing) Genevan Psalter, 1551

**All people that on earth do dwell,
Sing ye to God with cheerful voice;
Come serve with mirth, God's praise forth tell.
Join ye together and rejoice. Amen.**

READING from The Black Swan by Nassim Nicholas Taleb

* INTERLUDE **Allemande** -- from *French Suite No. 3* by J. S. Bach

THOUGHTS FOR MEDITATION

MOMENTS OF SILENCE (A time for contemplation and prayer.)

ANTHEM **Set Me as a Seal** -- Rene Clausen

OFFERTORY **Consolation No. 3** -- F. Liszt

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*HYMN Number 8 (standing) **Mother Spirit, Father Spirit**

SERMON **The Black Swan, Harry Potter & Motherhood**
The Reverend Burton D. Carley

FLOWER COMMUNION

- + Presentation of the Flowers singing Hymn Number 64
- + Flower Communion Prayer Number 723 (unison)
- + Consecration of the Flowers Number 724 (unison)

CHORAL RESPONSE **Amen** -- Peter K. Lutkin

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE **Menuet** -- from *French Suite No. 3* by J. S. Bach

* Persons arriving late may be seated at these times.

Large Print or Braille Hymnals, and Assisted Hearing Devices may be requested from the ushers.

Web Site: Check out our website at www.churchoftheriver.org. You will find relevant information about our church, including a calendar and the weekly newsletter. On the website you can click on the Facebook and Twitter icons to engage with us on those two social networking for the latest news and discussions about the Church of the River.

To receive the newsletter and/or have a nametag, please visit the welcoming table at the back of the church to sign our guest register. Welcoming team members have YELLOW name tags.

A Crying Room is available in the Beacon Room (library) of the Channing Wing. You can hear the service while rocking the little one.

The Care Coordinator for May is Laretha Randolph (682-4559).

SUNDAY MORNING GROUPS: **The Quest Group** meets in the Beacon Room at 9:30 a.m. to ponder "The Bible - Down and Dirty." **Questions of Faith** Sunday morning group meets at 10 a.m. in the Beatrix Potter Wing for the study of *The Seven Deadly Sins Today* by Henry Fairlie. For information contact Carol Straughn at 387-4850.

What are you called to do? Four opportunities: (1) Soup Kitchen (Dan Bing at 763-2384); (2) COR meals-on-wheels (Jeane Umbreit at 374-9114); (3) Shady Grove Elementary School (Juliet Wischmeyer at 219-5817); (4) Hospitality Hub (Ellen Klyce at 323-0123).

SERMONS AVAILABLE: CD's for \$5 or on loan from the library. **Print copies on the Welcome Table.** **PODCASTS** on the website by Tuesday.

TUES: The Alliance meets at the Dixon Gallery 10:30 am to view the glass exhibit "Nothing But Clear" with lunch at the Botanic Garden. All welcome!

WED: Shakespeare Readers meet at the main library. For information contact Gale Mason at 725-7924. / Choir practice, 7:30 p.m., sanctuary.

THURS: Board of Trustees meets in the Beacon Room at 6 pm.

NEXT SUNDAY IS THE MAY CONGREGATIONAL MEETING to vote on board and endowment positions; to receive the endowment report, and to hear reports from the Minister and Director of Religious Education.

Please leave back pews vacant for those with mobility needs.