

May 12, 2024                      Morning Worship                      10:30 a.m.  
*Sunday after the Ascension of the Lord*  
*Slackwood Presbyterian Church*  
*2020 Brunswick Avenue, Lawrenceville, NJ 08648*

## GATHER TO WORSHIP

*As a consideration to all who seek to worship this morning, please turn off or mute cell phones and other electronic devices.*

Bell of Invitation  
Welcome & Announcements

## OUR APPROACH TO GOD

Call to Worship

Leader: People of God! Why have you come?

**People: We have come to celebrate God's healing presence among us.**

Leader: Servants of God! Why have you come?

**People: We have come to be refreshed, to be renewed, to be sent out.**

Leader: Children of God! Why have you come?

**People: We have come to worship together.**

\*Hymn #258      "A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing"      DEO GRACIAS

\*Call to Confession

\*Prayer of Confession (*In Unison*)

**Lord of the Way, you said that where you are, your servants will be. We confess that we would prefer you to come with us, rather than for us to go with you. Too often you are found in places we would rather avoid, with people we are afraid of, doing things we wish you wouldn't.**

**Forgive our inward vision, and call us to your side once again. Give us courage to follow where you lead, to bring others along on the journey, and to live as people filled with your grace, your hope, your truth, your life. We pray in the name of the One who was obedient even to the cross, and beyond to the empty tomb, Jesus the Christ (moment for silent prayer). Amen.**

\*Words of Assurance

\*Gloria Patri (#581)

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, amen.

*(Following the time of confession, young people ages 3 to 10 may leave for a time of lesson and activity.)*

## HEARING OF THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

First Scripture Reading – Acts 1:1-11

The Word of the Lord/**Thanks be to God.**

Anthem      "Mothering God, You Gave Me Birth"      Jean Janzen

Gospel Reading – Luke 24:44-53

The Word of the Lord/**Thanks be to God.**

Sermon                      "Just Wait"                      The Rev. David Bowman

\*Affirmation of Faith (*from the Brief Statement of Faith*)

**We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father.**

**In sovereign love God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God's image, male and female, of every race and people, to live as one community.**

**But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator. Ignoring God's commandments, we violate the image of God in others and ourselves, accept lies as truth, exploit neighbor and nature, and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care. We deserve God's condemnation.**

**Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation.**

**In everlasting love, the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people to bless all families of the earth.**

**Hearing their cry, God delivered the children of Israel from the house of bondage.**

**Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant. Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child, like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home, God is faithful still.**

\*Hymn #707      "Take Thou Our Minds, Dear Lord"      HALL

## RESPONSE TO THE WORD

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.**

Call for Offering

Offertory

\*Doxology (#606)

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
praise God all creatures here below;  
praise God above, ye heavenly host;  
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen

\*Prayer of Dedication

\*Hymn #264 "At the Name of Jesus" KING'S WESTON

\*Charge and Benediction

\*Postlude

## DEPART TO SERVE

*\*Those who are able may stand.*

**Welcome** to everyone who is worshipping this morning. If you are visiting, we hope you will feel very welcome and that you will stay following the service for refreshments and conversation.

**Pastor Bowman's contact information:**

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## Announcements

**Christ's Ministers in the World:** All members of the church

**Interim Pastor:** The Rev. David Bowman

**Director of Music:** Dr. Shelley Sanders Zuckerman

**Liturgist:** Mark Thomas

The **Adult Forum** meets each Sunday morning at 9:00 a.m. The link to the meeting is sent in the Saturday announcements email.

The **choir** practices each Sunday at 9:30 a.m. in the sanctuary.

The **Property & Finance Committee** will meet on Monday, May 13 at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom.

The **Session** will meet on Wednesday, May 15 at 7:00 p.m.

The **Bible Study Group** will meet on Thursday, May 16 at 7:00 p.m.

Sunday, May 19 is **Pentecost Sunday** and also Youth Sunday. Confirmands will be welcomed into membership. Wear red if possible and celebrate the congregation's young people.

The **Membership & Outreach Committee** is working on a new directory of names, addresses, email addresses and telephone numbers of church members and friends. A first draft has been printed out and is on a table in fellowship hall. Please check your entry to make sure all information is correct. If anything needs to be changed, note that on the draft page. If the entry is correct, please write "OK" next to your entry. It is hoped that the directory will be as accurate as possible.

### Dates for your calendar:

**Thursday, June 13 - 6:00 p.m.** The movie "Rustin" will be shown in Fellowship Hall. Pizza and dessert will be served. Mark your calendar and watch for a sign-up sheet.

**Saturday, June 22** - 3:30 p.m. - church picnic at the farm -- home of Pastor Bowman. Watch for further details closer to the date.

**Saturday, August 17** - Summer Festival - Many, many volunteers will be needed for this amazing event. Plan to be there and to help out.

**Those people remembered in the prayers of the people last week**

**are:** Ava Harper, Ava Rose, confirmands, Ben, Tina, Sharon, Carrie, Mary, Amanda, Brooke, Scott, Lori, those who are unhoused, unemployed, underemployed, the youth, those impacted by violence, those affected by climate change, traveling mercies for those traveling, Jill, Ebbie, Nona, Bill, JoAnn, Laura, Audrey, Cindy, Marilyn, Mylan, Theresa, Beth, Francine & Troy, Janet, Gwen, Carol, Tom, Elaine, Joan & Dennis, MJ, Kim, Jim, Jaq, Morris family, Melvin, Brittani, Richard, Donna, Brittany Hill & family, Travis Fuchs & family.