

ARCH STREET
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 27, 2024 /10:45 a.m.

**"We are God's lighthouse:
a compassionate and inclusive community
that welcomes everyone to join us as
we do justice, promote equity,
show kindness, love mercy,
and walk humbly with God."**

ASPC's Revised Mission Statement

Order of Worship

Prelude

J. Donald Dumpson

Work of the Community

Carla Jones Brown

***Song of Praise**

Sanctuary – God Is Here

Congregation

**There is a sweet anointing in the sanctuary.
There is a stillness in the atmosphere.
O come lay down, the burdens that you carry
For in the sanctuary, God is here.**

**God is here, God is here
God will mend the broken heart and set the captive free.
God is here, God is here
God is in the sanctuary, a place for you and me.**

**O come lay down, the burdens that you carry (repeat 3x);
For in the sanctuary, God is here.**

Call to Worship

Joanna Severino

Leader: Come into the place where God Listens!

People: **We come bringing our prayers and praises**

Leader: Jesus said, "Come to me, all. You who are struggling hard and carrying heavy loads."

People: **So we come, with all our weariness and wariness.**

Leader: Come as you are: Come sing, come cry, come hear and come see!

People: **We heed the invitation and we come to be made ready!**

All: **Let us worship for we are here and God is here!**

***Hymn (see insert)**

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

Congregation

Invitation to Tell The Truth

Joanna Severino

Prayer of Confession

O God of our salvation, we have built up walls to protect ourselves from our enemies, but those walls also shut us off from receiving your love. Break down those walls. Help us to see that the way to your heart is through the reconciliation of our own hearts with one another. Bless us, to grow in love and compassion for each other and for ourselves, through Jesus Christ. Forgive us of our sins, grant us your grace, fill us with your peace we pray.

A moment for silent reflection and confession
Leader: We entrust these prayers to you O God. Amen
All: Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

***Passing the Peace** Amen, Amen, Amen! Congregation
Leader: Peace of Christ be with you.
People: And also with you.

***Sung Response of Thanksgiving** Thank You, Lord Congregation
Thank You Lord (3x), I just want to thank you Lord.
Been So Good (3x), I just want to thank you Lord.
Saved My Soul (3x) I just want to thank you Lord.

Song of Meditation Music Ministry

Scripture Reading Mark 9:30-37 NRSV

³⁰They went on from there and passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it; ³¹for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, “The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again.” ³²But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him.

³³Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, “What were you arguing about on the way?” ³⁴But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest.

³⁵He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, “Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all.” ³⁶Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, ³⁷“Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.”

Leader: The Word of God for the People of God
People: Thanks be to God

Sermon QTNA: Questions That Need Answers Carla Jones Brown

Response to the Word I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me

Congregation

**I'm gonna live so God can use me
anywhere, Lord, anytime! (2x)**

**I'm gonna work so God can use me
anywhere, Lord, anytime! (2x)**

**I'm gonna pray so God can use me
anywhere, Lord, anytime! (2x)**

**I'm gonna sing so God can use me
anywhere, Lord, anytime! (2x)**

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Mike Pulsifer

**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 of Gifts and Gratitude**

***Offering Music**

Words of Gratitude and Dissolution of Pastoral Relationship

Ruth Faith Santana-Grace

Question to ASPC Congregation

Question to Pastor Carla

Statement of Dissolution

Prayer and Laying on of Hands for Pastor and People

Closing Pastoral Words and Blessing

Benediction

Carla Jones Brown

****Please stand as you are able.***

Crossword Without Numbers

Fill in the empty boxes with letters that will spell one of the words at the left.

4 Letter Words

PASS
KNOW
TAKE
WANT

5 Letter Words

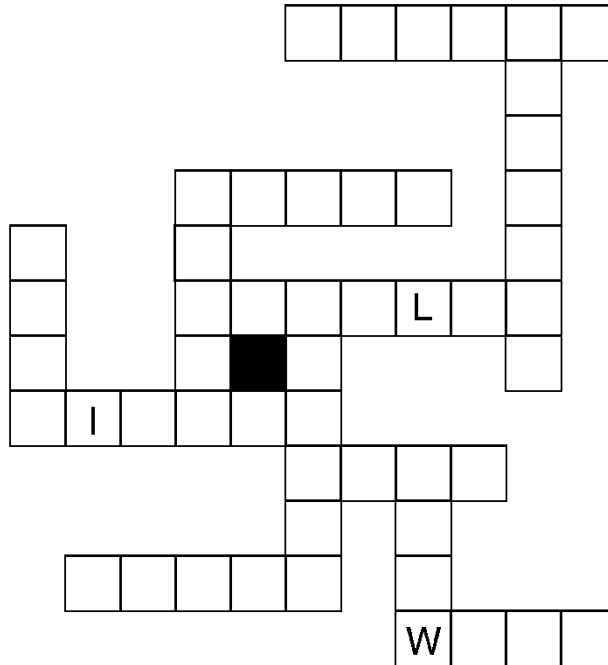
ARGUE
ABOUT
HOUSE

6 Letter Words

BETRAY
LITTLE
SILENT

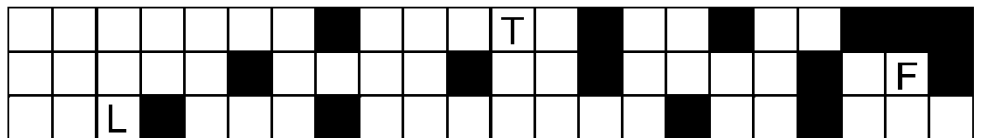
7 Letter Words

GALILEE
ANOTHER



Fallen Letter Puzzle

Place one letter from each column into the spaces above to rebuild the words. The phrase is a verse in today's Gospel story. One column has been done for you.



F I ~~X~~ S V N M U S T R V E N T O O F E A L L
A H O E T E D S A N B S T A S B O ~~X~~
W L R A R W E ~~X~~ A L T

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Great Is Thy Faithfulness

1 *Great is thy faith - ful - ness, O God my Fa - ther;
 2 Sum - mer and win - ter, and spring - time and har - vest,
 3 Par - don for sin and a peace that en - dur - eth,

there is no shad - ow of turn - ing with thee.
 sun, moon, and stars in their cours - es a - bove
 thine own dear pres - ence to cheer and to guide,

Thou chang - est not; thy com - pas - sions they fail not.
 join with all na - ture in man - i - fold wit - ness
 strength for to - day and bright hope for to - mor - row:

As thou hast been thou for - ev - er wilt be.
 to thy great faith - ful - ness, mer - cy, and love.
 bless - ings all mine, with ten thou - sand be - side!

*Or "Great is thy faithfulness, O God, Creator."

Written as a meditation on Lamentations 3:22–23, this text is one of the few hymns among the 1200 poems by this Methodist writer and pastor that has gained much currency. The tune that appears here was composed especially for these words, and the pairing has proved enduring.

Refrain

Great is thy faith - ful - ness! Great is thy faith - ful - ness!
오 신 실 하 신 주 오 신 실 하 신 주

Morn - ing by morn - ing, new mer - cies I see.
날 마 다 자 비 를 베 푸 시 며

All I have need - ed thy hand hath pro - vid - ed.
일 용 할 모 든 것 내 려 주 시 니

Great is thy faith - ful - ness, Lord un - to me!
오 신 실 하 신 주 나 의 구 주



Dear Arch Street Presbyterian Church Family and Friends,

As I sit down to write this letter, my heart is filled with profound gratitude for the nine years we have shared together in ministry. From my first Sunday in your midst to this season of farewell, we have shared countless moments that I will hold fondly in my heart.

Together, we have celebrated countless baptisms, witnessed the beauty of marriages, comforted one another through loss, and broken bread at the Lord's table. You have welcomed my theological reflections, forgiven my missteps, and joined me in pursuing God's vision for our congregation. We have survived a pandemic together, and we managed to find our way back into the sanctuary with the gift of hybrid worship—and that was no small feat! Your dedication to the continued ministry of this church stands as a testament of hope to those who find us online and on the corner of 18th and Arch streets.

As I prepare to depart, I carry with me countless precious memories: our small group studies, working with our seminary interns, our sessions' thoughtful deliberations, and the simple joy of greeting you each Sunday morning and sending you into the week with a reminder to love God and love yourself!

This season of change will bring some sadness, but I am confident in God's continuing work among you, and that gives me joy. The Spirit that has guided this congregation for generations remains vibrant and active. Your deep faith will carry you forward into God's future. I have full confidence in our session and in our deacons to carry this congregation through this season and into the future. Remember that YOU are the body of Christ and YOU are what makes the church remarkable. Continue to trust in God and look for God's work among you. Listen for God's call and allow your gifts to bless others as you have blessed me.

Please know that you will remain in my prayers as you enter this time of transition. Though our formal relationship as pastor and congregation will end, the bonds of Christian love we share in Christ will endure.

May God's peace be with you all,

Pastor Carla

*"I thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now."

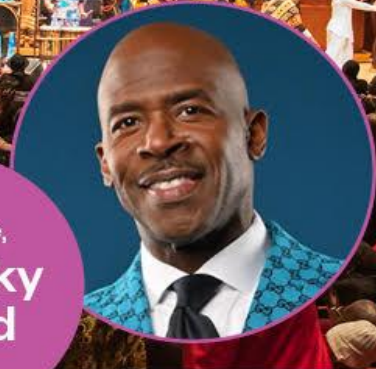
- Philippians 1:3-5*

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A *Souful* CHRISTMAS

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Creator & Artistic Director

Honoree,
**Dr. Ricky
Dillard**



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