



Song of Songs—Last, [Aharon April](#) (b. 1932), water color, 2005. April's paintings, "within chaos, one can find subject and content. Critics noted that Aharon April is one of those artists who can tame the chaos, prompting viewers to formulate answers to the questions posed by the artistic work, and solve the mystery of it.

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

CHIMING OF THE HOUR & WELCOME

PRELUDE

BE THOU MY VISION

ARR. HAL HOPSON

✠ In an effort to know who is joining in worship, please sign our friendship pad at the end of the pew.

✠ CALL TO WORSHIP

TANYA WATKINS

One: We gather to worship...

Many: **The God who calls us to do justice.**

One: We gather to worship...

Many: **The God who calls us to cherish kindness.**

One: We gather to worship...

Many: **The God from who all good things come.**

✠ PROCESSIONAL HYMN 370

THIS IS MY FATHER'S WORLD

TERRA BEATA

✠ Online worshippers, click [here](#) to access the hymn music for this service.

CALL TO CONFESSION

LAURA DEGROOT

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Living God,

We confess that our faith is sometimes weak.

Our love for others can be faint. Our prayers are often timid.

Our motives can be selfish. Draw near us, in your mercy, and forgive us.

Teach us to do justice and love kindness,

that we may be faithful followers of the risen Christ.

✠ Confession is both communal and personal. As we observe a time of silence, reflect on your own need for God's mercy and grace.

TIME OF SILENCE

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

✠ SUNG RESPONSE

I SING THE MIGHTY POWER OF GOD

ELLACOMBE

*There's not a plant or flower below, but makes Thy glories known,
And clouds arise, and tempests blow, by order from Thy throne;
While all that borrows life from Thee is ever in Thy care;
And everywhere that we can be, Thou, God, art present there.*

✠ PASSING OF THE PEACE

PRISCILLA LOVETT

One: The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all! Many: **And also with you.**

TIME WITH CHILDREN

Children: May God be with you here. Many: **May God be with you there.**

HEARING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

LOGAN THORE

✠ Our lay readers are Ann Marie & Joe Knezevich.

SCRIPTURE LESSON

SONG OF SONGS

PEW BIBLE, OT P. 587

(selections from chapters 4, 5, & 7.)

ANTHEM

GLORIA FROM MASS IN G

FRANZ SCHUBERT

AnnaLauren Kelly, soprano; Nan Nowell, mezzo-soprano; Stephen McCool, bass

Glory to God in the highest. And on earth peace to those of good will.

We praise You. We bless You. We adore you. We glorify You. We give You thanks for Your great glory.

O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father almighty. O Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son.

O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father: you who take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.

You who take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer. You who sit at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us.

For you alone are holy. You alone are the Lord. You alone, O Jesus Christ, are most high.

Together with the Holy Spirit in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

SERMON

“THE EROS OF CREATION CARE”

BILL BROWN

RESPONDING WITH THANKSGIVING

✠ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

KRISTI PAINTER ✎ The Affirmation of Faith was adapted from *The Confession of Belhar* which was born out of apartheid South Africa in the early 1980s. Written originally in Afrikaans, it is the confession most recently adopted by the PC(USA). Belhar calls unity both a gift and an obligation for the church, leaving no room for divisions or exclusions based on race. It reminds us that the church is called to manifest its unity in love for one another, bearing one another's burdens, praying together, and serving together to fight against anything that may hinder our unity.

We believe that God has entrusted the church

with the message of reconciliation in Jesus Christ.

The church is called to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world,

and the church is called blessed because it is a peacemaker.

The church is witness, both by word and by deed to the new heaven

and the new earth in which righteousness dwells.

In following Christ, the church must witness against all injustice.

The church, as the possession of God, must stand where the Lord stands.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

HANNAH SHULTZ

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.

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

IT IS WELL WITH MY SOUL

ARR. JONATHAN CRUTCHFIELD

Tracy Woodard, violin

✠ DOXOLOGY

OLD HUNDREDTH

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise God all creatures here below;

Praise God above ye heavenly hosts; Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

✠ PRAYER OF DEDICATION

✠ CLOSING HYMN 772

LIVE INTO HOPE

TRURO

GOING FORTH TO SHARE THE WORD

✠ CHARGE & BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

IMPROVISATION ON TRURO

JONATHAN CRUTCHFIELD

✎ God calls us to give generously however we are able. Give to MPC's General Fund by texting **MPC1411 \$25** (or your chosen amount) to **73256**. Standard text message rates apply. Click [here](#) or use the QR code to donate to MPC through Realm.



✎ We invite you to remain through the postlude until the livestream ends. For those who must exit, please do so quietly.

THIS WEEK TOGETHER

Sunday, May 19—Mission Sunday

- 12:00 pm Fellowship
- 12:30 pm Chancel Choir Concert
- 12:30 pm Club 46
- 6:00 pm Youth Group

Monday, May 20

- 9:00 am Partner with the Preacher (Zoom)
- 7:00 pm Session (Zoom)

Tuesday, May 21

- MPC is a polling place
- 1:00 pm Staff Meeting

Wednesday, May 22

- 5:30 pm Middle Ground & MPC Kids!
- 7:30 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, May 23

- 12:00 pm Centering Prayer
- 2:00 pm Robert Hicks' Memorial Service
- 4:00 pm Tai Chi with Bob
- 4:30 pm CPM Meetings

Friday, May 24

- Last day of MPC Preschool
- 8:00 am Men's Coffee at Press and Grind

Saturday, May 25

- Chancel Choir in Philadelphia
- 5:00 pm Clifton Dinner (Offsite)

Sunday, May 26

- Chancel Choir in Philadelphia
- 11:00 am Worship
- 12:30 pm RHO Readers



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LINKTREE**

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☞ Welcome to Morningside Presbyterian, where we believe in and celebrate the belovedness of all people as children of God. We are glad you are here!

☞ This service is live-streamed on YouTube and archived on the church's website.

☞ NURSERY—Available for children ages 0-2 years from 9:30 am-12:15 pm. When exiting the Sanctuary, turn RIGHT and the Nursery is the first door on your left.

☞ CHILDREN IN WORSHIP—2 year-olds through 2nd graders are invited to follow our staff down to the Fellowship Hall for an age-appropriate and fun lesson during the sermon. 1-2nd graders will return to worship following the sermon and younger children can be picked up after the service in Room 011 or on the playground. Print your child a badge from the kiosk just outside the Sanctuary doors which will provide an adult contact number for our staff.

☞ The flowers today are given to the glory of God by Emily O'Brien in honor of Mental Health Awareness Month. May God meet us in our times of suffering, enable self-love, answer our cries for help and point us toward a path forward.

☞ Today we welcome guest preacher, Rev. Dr. Bill Brown. Dr. Brown is the William Marcellus McPheeters Professor of Old Testament at Columbia Theological Seminary. Additionally, he serves as an educator to churches interested in creation care on behalf of Georgia Interfaith Power and Light.

☞ FELLOWSHIP HOUR—After worship, join our mission partners on the patio of the Welcome Center.

☞ CHANCEL CHOIR CONCERT—Today, after worship at 12:30 pm, the choir presents Schubert's *Mass in G* with orchestra here in the Sanctuary. This is also your chance to hear the songs the choir will present next Sunday, 5/26 while serving as the guest choir at The First Presbyterian Church of Philadelphia, currently pastored by MPC's former Rev. Dr. Baron Mullis.

☞ SUNDAY SCHOOL—There is no Sunday School next Sunday, May 26. Beginning Sunday, June 2, a summer drop-in Scripture study class begins meeting at 9 am in Room 201.

☞ CLIFTON BASKETS—Use the Linktree to sign up for new or gently used items for Welcome Home Baskets for the men who move on from Clifton Sanctuary Ministries. Or make a financial gift via "Clifton Welcome Home Baskets" on Realm.

☞ CLIFTON COOKOUT—We will be grilling hot dogs and burgers at the annual Clifton Memorial Day Cookout. Sign up on the Linktree to help prepare side dishes; stay to enjoy picnicking with the guys at Clifton Sanctuary.

☞ RHO READERS meet in Room 201 next Sunday, 5/26 at 12:30 pm for a discussion led by Sanda & Bill Means on this month's book, *The Heaven & Earth Grocery Story* by James McBride. Email Jill Klotz for more info (wageworth@aol.com).

☞ MOVIES @ MORNINGSIDE kicks off following worship on 6/9. Bring a bag lunch and join the discussion led by Fritz Bogar (cfbogar@att.net) of *The Adjustment Bureau*. View the film before the discussion by watching on Amazon Prime.

☞ SAVE-THE-DATES: 8/30—9/1 for a mission weekend at North Georgia Mission Lodge for folks 16+ years old. Use the Linktree to sign up and for more info, email Brenda Spring (brendaspring52@gmail.com).

MISSION PARTNER PARTICIPANTS

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- Ryan Biggs
- Laura DeGroot
- Rachel Knowles
- Tracy Woodard

Nicholas House

- Tanya Watkins

Georgia Interfaith Power & Light

- Hannah Shultz

J. W. Dobbs Elementary

- Priscilla Lovett

Memorial Drive Ministries

- Logan Thore

Clifton Sanctuary Ministries

- Kristi Painter

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Joe Brady
Nancy Hamilton

MPC Kids Leaders

Brianne Guzewicz
Debbi Loomis
Mia Sabogal
Corey Smith



VOLUNTEER @ VBS—JUNE 10—14

We need volunteers to help plan, prepare, decorate, schedule, shop, teach, sing, move, feed, and shepherd the 115 Campers who have already registered for MPC's Vacation Bible School!!! VBS is open to 2 year-olds through 5th graders and runs from 9 am - noon with optional aftercare and Mission Camp until 3 pm. As you can imagine, there are lots of ways to help out the 11 folks who have already signed up to volunteer. Sign up to volunteer using the Linktree and join the fun!

MARK YOUR CALENDAR & SET YOUR ALARM!

Beginning Sunday, June 2, we move to our summer worship hour to 10 o'clock. From June 2 through July 28, worship will begin at 10 am.

