~ We Gather Together as God’s People ~

THE ORGAN PRELUDE: “Great Is Thy Faithfulness” .................................................... arr. Dan Miller

             Jason Evans, organist

THE WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS ...................................................... The Rev. Dr. Jody Moore

THE CALL TO WORSHIP (Spoken Responsively) ........................................ Susan Harman-Scott, liturgist

   One: Awake! Today is the day God has made.

   All: Sing to God a new song and praise God's holy name.
   One: We come to God with our songs of praise to our faithful Lord.

   All: God is here among us, full of power, grace, and truth.
   One: Let us offer our praises to almighty God!

THE OPENING PRAYER................................................................................. Susan Harman-Scott, liturgist

THE SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION

THE ASSURANCE OF GOD’S FORGIVENESS ............................................. The Rev. Dr. Jody Moore

~ The Word of the Lord ~

THE PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION............................................................ Susan Harman-Scott, liturgist
THE FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON: Exodus 1: 8-22.......................... Susan Harman-Scott, liturgist

Now a new king arose over Egypt, who did not know Joseph. He said to his people, ‘Look, the Israelite people are more numerous and more powerful than we. Come, let us deal shrewdly with them, or they will increase and, in the event of war, join our enemies and fight against us and escape from the land.’ Therefore they set taskmasters over them to oppress them with forced labor. They built supply cities, Pithom and Rameses, for Pharaoh. But the more they were oppressed, the more they multiplied and spread, so that the Egyptians came to dread the Israelites. The Egyptians became ruthless in imposing tasks on the Israelites, and made their lives bitter with hard service in mortar and brick and in every kind of field labor. They were ruthless in all the tasks that they imposed on them. The king of Egypt said to the Hebrew midwives, one of whom was named Shiphrah and the other Puah, ‘When you act as midwives to the Hebrew women, and see them on the birthstool, if it is a boy, kill him; but if it is a girl, she shall live.’ But the midwives feared God; they did not do as the king of Egypt commanded them, ‘Why have you done this, and allowed the boys to live?’ The midwives said to Pharaoh, ‘Because the Hebrew women are not like the Egyptian women; for they are vigorous and give birth before the midwife comes to them.’ So God dealt well with the midwives; and the people multiplied and became very strong. And because the midwives feared God, he gave them families.

Pharaoh commanded all his people, ‘Every boy that is born to the Hebrews you shall throw into the Nile, but you shall let every girl live.’

THE SPECIAL MUSIC: “I Am the Bread of Life” ........................................... Suzanne Toolan

Elaine Spencer, soloist

THE SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON: Exodus 2: 1-10 ....................... The Rev. Dr. Jody Moore

Now a man from the house of Levi went and married a Levite woman. The woman conceived and bore a son; and when she saw that he was a fine baby, she hid him for three months. When she could hide him no longer she got a papyrus basket for him, and plastered it with bitumen and pitch; she put the child in it and placed it among the reeds on the bank of the river. His sister stood at a distance, to see what would happen to him. The daughter of Pharaoh came down to bathe at the river, while her attendants walked beside the river. She saw the basket among the reeds and sent her maid to bring it. When she opened it, she saw the child. He was crying, and she took pity on him. ‘This must be one of the Hebrews’ children,’ she said. Then his sister said to Pharaoh’s daughter, ‘Shall I go and get you a nurse from the Hebrew women to nurse the child for you?’ Pharaoh’s daughter said to her, ‘Yes.’ So the girl went and called the child’s mother. Pharaoh’s daughter said to her, ‘Take this child and nurse it for me, and I will give you your wages.’ So the woman took the child and nursed it. When the child grew up, she brought him to Pharaoh’s daughter, and she took him as her son. She named him Moses, ‘because’, she said, ‘I drew him out of the water.’

ONE: This is the Word of the Lord.  
ALL: Thanks be to God.

THE SERMON: “Five Women of Courage” .............................. The Rev. Dr. Jody Moore

THE PIANO MEDITATION: “As the Deer” ............................................. arr. Mark Hayes

Jason Evans

~ The Sacrament of Holy Communion ~

THE INTRODUCTION

THE WORDS OF VIRTUAL INSTITUTION

THE COMMUNION PRAYER WITH 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, the power and the glory forever. Amen.
THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD & THE SHARING OF THE CUP

THE ORGAN MEDITATION: “We Gather Here in Jesus Name” ..............................arr. J. Evans

Jason Evans

THE PRAYER AFTER THE MEAL

THE CHARGE & BENEDICTION

THE ORGAN POSTLUDE: “Postlude on ‘Ellacombe’” ...........................................arr. J. Evans

Jason Evans, organist

All lyrics printed with permission granted by CCLI#2728243

~ Those Leading us in Worship ~

The Rev. Dr. Joseph “Jody” G. Moore,
Pastor

Susan Harman-Scott,
Liturgist

Judy Whittle,
Communion Assistant

Jason K. Evans,
Director of Music Ministries/Organist

Don Younkin,
Audio & Visual Ministries

Elaine Spencer,
Soloist

David Walls,
Audio & Visual Ministries

Church news

Next Week’s Worship Service

Our worship services for Sundays, September 13 & 20 will be Outdoor Worship Services, both beginning at 10:00 am. The service will also be livestreamed. Please be sure to sign up on the church website, www.outerbankspresbyterian.org, so that we anticipate the number we will have and also for our contact tracing purposes. We hope you will plan to join us as we have the opportunity to worship together!

Called Congregational Meeting

The Session has called a Congregational Meeting to take place following the September 20th worship service, which will be held outside at 10:00 a.m. The purpose of the meeting is to hear a report from the Congregational Nominating Committee, including their recommendation of three individuals to serve on the Session’s Class of 2023.
The Presbyterian Women finished last season with excellent participation in “Zoomed” meetings. Therefore, we’re planning to start out the new fall sessions using Zoom. Maggie Snyder has agreed to be our leader again. Mollie Bass will conduct the lessons which are on The Psalms. The first Zoom session is scheduled for Tues., Sept. 15th at 5:30 pm. Rev. Jody Moore will teach the first lesson in Sept. and Mollie Bass will be teaching the subsequent lessons. Zoom does not limit the number of participants. If you wish to participate, please send an email to Bev Jones at: beverlykoops@yahoo.com.

Pre-arrangements for picking up the lesson study guide books, updating your PW directory listings, and paying the participation dues will be confirmed before the September event. So, welcome to the start of the new season.

Pandemic Q&A #3

The Church’s Covid-19 Task Force has asked an ad hoc committee of medical personnel in our congregation to prepare responses to questions raised during this time of uncertainty with the Covid-19 Pandemic. Below is the third question and answer from this committee of five medical professionals in our congregation.

**Week 3 COVID-19 Question:** We all miss the choir and singing in church; why is singing such a risk for spreading the new COVID-19 coronavirus?

**Answer:** The Medical Team agrees that everyone misses the wonderful Choir at OBPC. So why is singing such a problem? Simply, it is because singing sends spit droplets traveling far and fast. So “Social Distancing” is critical, especially inside. It requires a minimum of 6 feet between people for quiet conversation. But, when anyone sings, the droplets fly 3-4 times further. If worship is inside the sanctuary, singers have to be separated by 18-20 feet.

Outside services are better, because the wind helps carry droplets away, but masks and social distancing of 6 feet are still critical, to prevent spread of the virus. **Thanks for caring!**