

# THE VOICE

Weekly Newsletter 8-2-20

9th Sunday After Pentecost

## WELCOME TO PORTAGE CHAPEL HILL

Whoever is faithful with little  
is also faithful with much

*Luke 16:10*



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# AUGUST 2, 2020

9th Sunday After Pentecost - 10 a.m.

## covenant Partnership: Gifts Regifted

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|------------------------|--|-----------------|
| Prelude                | Song Without Words Opus 19 #1            | Mendelssohn     |
| Call to Worship        |  | Jess Davenport  |
| Songs                  | Do It Again<br>Give Me Your Peace        | New Life Team   |
| Children's Time        |  | Andrea Trantham |
| Hymn                   | Pass It On                               |                 |
| Scripture              | Luke 16:1-13                             |                 |
| Message                | Gifts Regifted                           | Barry Petrucci  |
| Special Music Offering | All Good Gifts                           | Darlene Sang    |
| Communion              |  |                 |
| The Lord's Prayer      |  |                 |
| Hymn                   | Forth In Thy Name                        |                 |
| Sending                |  |                 |
| Postlude               | Allegro from English Suite #2 in A Minor | J.S. Bach       |

## Introduction to Systemic Racism

- August 12-13
- September 23-24
- October 21-22

Dismantling racism has become a focus this year for Portage Chapel Hill's Faith In Action Team. FIAT invites all who are interested to participate in an Introduction to Systemic Racism Workshop put on by ERACCE (Eliminating Racism & Creating/Celebrating Equality). ERACCE workshops are designed to reveal how systemic racism plays a role, in often unseen ways, in the creation and maintenance of barriers to authentic and accountable multi-cultural diversity and racial justice.

The workshops are being offered online, and each workshop lasts from 1 p.m.–4 p.m. both days. To register please go to [eracce.org/event-calendar](http://eracce.org/event-calendar). Cost for the workshop is \$150 but *Portage Chapel Hill will cover the cost of registration for all*. Register for the workshop you wish to attend, then email your payment receipt to [office@pchum.org](mailto:office@pchum.org) for reimbursement. Contact FIAT Chairperson Richard Derenne at [richard.derenne@stryker.com](mailto:richard.derenne@stryker.com), or the church office, if you have any questions.

## Summer Book Study

Chapel Hill's summer book study is *Tears We Cannot Stop: A Sermon to White America* by Michael Eric Dyson. This book has been chosen to bring awareness to systemic racism. *Tears We Cannot Stop* is an emotional read. It will take you through a long list of emotions; you will be required to feel something. Please be prepared, the language can be strong at times, harsh, profane, but is necessary to convey the message of the sermon.

Portage Chapel Hill Church supports keeping resources and dollars in the community, so people are encouraged to purchase the book at a local bookstore. If you have any trouble with that, or if cost of the book is of concern, please contact the office at [office@pchum.org](mailto:office@pchum.org).

There is no set time frame for this book study; the study will not coincide with a sermon series and not all groups need to study this book at the same time. This book study is for you to have a starting point in dismantling racism, a safe place to ask your questions, and you may find the answers come in the form of more questions. Chapel Hill is honored to help you, and to be part of dismantling racism. To find out more about small groups contact Tonya Boot at [tonyaboot@pchum.org](mailto:tonyaboot@pchum.org).

## Get To Know Pastor Jess at Three Virtual Open Houses!

- Sunday, August 23 at 4 p.m.
- Sunday, September 20 at 4 p.m.
- Sunday, October 11 at 4 p.m.

The Staff-Parish Relations Committee will be hosting three virtual Open Houses where congregants can say hi and get to know Pastor Jess Davenport and her family. These will be done on Zoom; the Zoom link for each will be shared here in the Voice, on Facebook, and in an email in the week leading up to each Open House, so keep an eye out for that. Bring your own cake, cup of coffee, and make sure to drop in to say hi!

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# Taking Communion During a Pandemic

*A note from Pastor Jess Davenport and Pastor Barry Petrucci about resuming the Sacrament of Communion at Portage Chapel Hill:*

At the beginning of this pandemic, it seemed safe and wise to pause and reconsider how we did certain parts of worship. That led Portage Chapel Hill, along with most United Methodist churches, to discontinue the practice of having Communion as a part of online worship. Considering that online worship will be around for the foreseeable future, and that we strongly believe that Communion is an essential Christian practice and means of grace, we have decided to incorporate it back into our worship practice. This might feel weird and uncomfortable for some. If you are not comfortable taking Communion via livestream, or coming to the limited-attendance service, know that we value and appreciate your dedication to this Sacrament and its meaning.

We celebrate Communion in worship. When you worship online, you are still considered part of the gathered body and present in communal worship. For that reason, we would ask that if you plan to take Communion, you do so at the appointed time during the Sunday service when we gather together as a communal act.

Chapel Hill will be providing "to-go" packets for the Communion elements available at the church. They will have individually sealed crackers and a sealed container of grape juice (we are unable to provide a gluten-free option at this time). These elements have been prayed over by Pastor Barry and Pastor Jess, blessed as ordinary elements set apart for the use of communion in worship Sunday. Please note: they have not been *consecrated* as a part of Communion; that will happen as part of the worship service.

Please stop by the church to pick up juice and crackers this week in preparation for Sunday worship. We ask that you take one container of juice and one package of crackers per household. Pick-up times are:

- Saturday, August 1 from 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.
- Sunday, August 2 after 8 a.m.

If you are unable to stop by the church, you may pick up grape juice and bread on your own and share the elements at home at the appointed time.

Please feel free to reach out with questions or concerns,

Pastor Barry and Pastor Jess