



## Closing Worship Service- June 27, 2020

### Call to Worship

*1 Corinthians 12: 12–13*

Christopher Parks

One: Hear these words from holy scripture-

Just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ.

**Many: For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of the one Spirit.**

### Solo

“I Am Your Servant”

Camille Metoyer Moten

### Prayer for Illumination

Rev. Dr. Carrie Finch Burriss

Sovereign God, let your Word rule in our hearts and your Spirit govern our lives until at last we see the fulfillment of your realm of justice and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### Scripture

Ezekiel 37: 1–10

The hand of the Lord came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the Lord and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. He led me all round them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. He said to me, ‘Mortal, can these bones live?’ I answered, ‘O Lord God, you know.’ Then he said to me, ‘Prophecy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord. Thus says the Lord God to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the Lord.’



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### Scripture continued

So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them. Then he said to me, 'Prophesy to the breath, prophesy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord God: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live.' I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude.

**Solo**

"I Am Your Breath"

Camille Metoyer Moten

**Prayer of the People**

Rev. Dr. Kenneth Kovacs

One: Let us bring the needs of the church, the world, and all in need, to God's loving care, saying: Lord, in your mercy

**Many: Hear our prayer.**

One: God of heaven and earth, through Jesus Christ you promise to hear us when we pray to you in his name. Hopeful through your love and mercy we offer our prayer. Lord, in your mercy,

**Many: Hear our prayer.**

One: Empower the church throughout the world in its life and witness. Break down barriers that divide, that, united in your truth and love, the church may confess your name, share one baptism, sit together at one table, and serve you in one common ministry. Lord, in your mercy,

**Many: Hear our prayer.**



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### **Prayers of the People continued**

One: We pray for congregations ministering to the needs of their communities during this pandemic. We pray for our churches that are anxious about the future, worrying about how they will survive this storm. Lord, in your mercy,

**Many: Hear our prayer.**

One: Renew our nation in the ways of justice and peace. Guide those who make and administer our laws to build a society based on trust and respect.

Dismantle the racism and supremacy that oppress; free us from crime and violence; guard your youth from the perils of drugs and materialism. Give all citizens a new vision of a life of harmony. Lord, in your mercy,

**Many: Hear our prayer.**

One: Look with compassion on all who suffer in mind, body, and spirit. Support with your love those suffering from COVID-19, for those grieving the death of a loved one, for those suffering in isolation, for those losing their jobs or facing financing insecurity, for those dying alone. Lord, in your mercy, hear our pray.

We remember those in prison, those denied dignity, those who live without hope, those who are homeless or abandoned. As you have moved toward us in love, so lead us to be present with them in their suffering in the name of Jesus Christ. Lord, in your mercy,

**Many: Hear our prayer.**

One: O God, in your loving purpose answer our prayers and fulfill our hopes. In all things for which we pray, give us the will to seek to bring them about, for the sake of Jesus Christ.

**Many: Amen.**



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### **Closing Words of Encouragement, Prayer, and Blessing**

Rev. Dr. Diane Moffett, Executive Director, Presbyterian Mission Agency

Rev. Dr. J. Herbert Nelson, Stated Clerk, General Assembly of the PC(USA)

**Solo**

“I Will Never Leave You Alone”

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### **Sources & Participants:**

*Prayers of the People* adapted from *Book of Common Worship*, pp. 99–100

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Rev. Kenneth E. Kovacs, Ph.D., Pastor, Catonsville Presbyterian Church, Catonsville, Maryland.

Jim Mertz, Accompanist

Camille Metoyer Moten, Singer (Jazz, Pop, Contemporary Gospel) from Omaha, NE

*Artist selected for Hands and Feet Celebration Concert*

Rev. Dr. Diane Moffett, Executive Director, Presbyterian Mission Agency

Rev. Dr. J. Herbert Nelson, Stated Clerk, General Assembly of the PC(USA)

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#### **"I Am Your Servant"**

Words and Music: HoneyTree.

#### **"I Am Your Breath"**

Words and Music: Camille Metoyer Moten and Jim Mertz.

#### **"I Will Never Leave You Alone"**

Words and Music: Janet Paschal.

