

*Homecoming Worship*  
&  
*Service of Remembrance*



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C O L L E G E

10:30 AM  
Sunday, September 27, 2020  
The David Johnson Memorial Chapel



# Homecoming Worship and Service of Remembrance

*An asterisk (\*) denotes a place in the service that you are invited to stand if you are able.*

Congregation responds in the **bold** print.

Communion will be received by passing out of pre-packaged elements.  
Please come forward to receive the bread and juice, and return to your seats.  
Once everyone is seated, we may all remove our masks and receive.

*Christ is truly present with us today in communion, and in our community.  
All are welcome at this table!*

Kindly silence all electronic devices for the worship service.

## WELCOME MUSIC

*Piano Prelude* ..... Andrew Joos

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Trusting in the word of life given in baptism, we are gathered in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen**

P: Calling to mind the weakness of our human condition, let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another. (*Silence for reflection and self-examination*)

Good and loving God,

**C: We pray that you will listen as we confess our failures in love and friendship. We talk about such things as caring, community, and concern, but instead we show anger, malice, hostility and greed. We talk about faith, hope, and love, but instead we show injustice, distrust, and apathy. We talk about kindness, forgiveness and gentleness, but instead we show hate, spite and selfishness. Forgive the sins of our fallen condition, the sins of our broken promises, and the sins we dare not name. In the name of Jesus who was crucified for sin, forgive us.**

P: This is how God showed love for us: Jesus came into the world, so that we might have life. This is what love is. It is not that we have loved God, but that God loves us and sent Jesus to be the means by which our sins are forgiven. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, the Son + and the holy Spirit. **Amen.**

## \*GATHERING HYMN

*Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness*..... ELW #843

## \*SALUTATION AND PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Let us Pray:

God of grace and mercy, we gather before you today to remember, to commemorate, and to honor those in our community who have died this year, and who now rest in your love. Bind us here gathered into one body, that the bonds that we have formed in this place might be a Holy reflection of community in your coming Kingdom. Through Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord.

**C: Amen**

## 1st READING

### Isaiah 25:6-9

6 And the LORD of hosts will prepare a lavish banquet for all peoples on this mountain; A banquet of aged wine, choice pieces with marrow, And refined, aged wine.

7 And on this mountain, He will swallow up the covering which is over all peoples, Even the veil which is stretched over all nations.

8 He will swallow up death for all time, And the Lord God will wipe tears away from all faces,

And He will remove the reproach of His people from all the earth; For the LORD has spoken.

9 And it will be said in that day, "Behold, this is our God for whom we have waited that He might save us. This is the LORD for whom we have waited; Let us rejoice and be glad in His salvation."

## **2nd READING**

### **Revelation 21:1-6a**

And I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth passed away, and there is no longer any sea.

2 And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, made ready as a bride adorned for her husband.

3 And I heard a loud voice from the throne, saying, "Behold, the tabernacle of God is among men, and He shall dwell among them, and they shall be His people, and God Himself shall be among them,

4 and He shall wipe away every tear from their eyes; and there shall no longer be any death; there shall no longer be any mourning, or crying, or pain; the first things have passed away."

5 And He who sits on the throne said, "Behold, I am making all things new." And He said, "Write, for these words are faithful and true."

6 And He said to me, "It is done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. I will give to the one who thirsts from the spring of the water of life without cost.

## **\*GOSPEL**

### **Matthew 5:1-12**

And when He saw the multitudes, He went up on the mountain; and after He sat down, His disciples came to Him.

2 And opening His mouth He began to teach them, saying,

3 "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

4 "Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.

5 "Blessed are the gentle, for they shall inherit the earth.

6 "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.

7 "Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy.

8 "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.

9 "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.

10 "Blessed are those who have been persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

11 "Blessed are you when men cast insults at you, and persecute you, and say all kinds of evil against you falsely, on account of Me.

12 "Rejoice, and be glad, for your reward in heaven is great, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

P: The Gospel of the Lord

**C: Praise to you O Christ**

*Sermon* ..... The Rev. Brian Riddle  
*Thiel College Campus Pastor*

**\*HYMN OF THE DAY**

*Blessed are They* ..... ELW #728

**APOSTLES' CREED**

**C: I believe in God the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth,  
I believe in Jesus Christ God's only son, our Lord who was conceived by the Holy Spirit  
Born of the virgin Mary,  
Suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
Was crucified, died and was buried;  
He ascended to the dead.  
On the third day He rose again  
He ascended into heaven  
He is seated at the right hand of the Father  
And He will come again to judge the living and the dead.  
  
I believe in the Holy Spirit, The holy catholic Church,  
The Forgiveness of sins,  
The resurrection of the body  
And the life everlasting. Amen**

**REMEMBERING THOSE WHO HAVE GONE BEFORE US**

God has given us each other to know and love as we walk in our pilgrimage on earth.

We now remember those in Thiel's community who have died this year, and now rest in the arms of God's great mercy.

*The Names are read...*

*(A list of those Thiel College Alumni and friends who have died since last year's homecoming is included in this program.)*

**LITANY OF REMEMBRANCE:**

P: In the rising of the sun and in its going down we remember them.

**C: In the blowing of the wind and in the chill of winter we remember them.**

P: In the opening of the buds and in the rebirth of spring we remember them.

**C: In the blueness of the sky and in the warmth of summer we remember them.**

P: In the rustling of leaves and in the beauty of autumn, we remember them.

**C: In the beginning of the year and when it ends, we remember them.**

P: When we are weary and in need of strength, or when we have joys we yearn to share,

**C: We remember them. So long as we live, they too shall live, for they are now a part of us, as we remember them.**

P: Rest eternal grant them, O God, and let light perpetual shine upon them. May their souls, and the souls of all the departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C: And also with you.**

**\*HOLY COMMUNION**

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

**C: We lift them to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C: It is right to give our thanks and praise**

**\*EUCHARISTIC PRAYER**

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise, for in the multitude of your saints you have surrounded us with a great cloud of witnesses, that we might rejoice in their fellowship, and run with endurance the race that is set before us; and, together with them, receive the crown of glory that never fades away.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples saying: "Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.

Again after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: this cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this in remembrance of me.

As his disciples, let us now pray as our Christ taught us:

**\*LORD'S PRAYER**

**Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread.**

**Forgive us our sins as we forgive those  
who sin against us.**

**Save us from the time of trial  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power  
and the glory are yours,  
now and forever. Amen.**

*(The bread and wine are distributed. Please come forward one at a time, keeping a safe distance from one another. Take a bag with bread, and then receive the cup which will be shared in individual glasses. Once all have taken their seats, you may then remove your mask to consume the elements.)*

P: The Body of Christ, given for you;  
The Blood of Christ, shed for you.

**\* POST COMMUNION BLESSING**

P: May the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

**C: Amen**

**\* PRAYER**

P: We give you thanks almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life. In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen**

**\* BENEDICTION**

**\* SENDING WORDS**

P: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord!

**C: Thanks be to God!**

POSTLUDE.....Andrew Joos

**WORSHIP LEADERS**

**Presiding and Preaching**

Rev. Brian Riddle '07

**Musicians**

Andrew Joos – piano

Jacob Orczeck-guitar

**Chapel Staff Sacristans**

Katrina Deckinger

Jacob Orczeck

Mak Sanders

# In Memoriam

Donald C. Anderson '62  
Alisha Anthony  
Lionel A. Arnold '43 'H65  
Martha Baird  
Irma L. (Clare) Baird '65  
Stella Barrett  
Henry Barton  
Edsel L. Beighley  
Merlin A. Beil '56  
R. Edward Bish  
Edna Brinkley  
Joan L. (McKee) Brown '51  
Beverly (Reznor) Brown '47NG  
Woods Brown  
Harold E. Buff '51  
Lelia E. Calderwood '52  
Anne M. (Peters) Cannarozzi '78  
Donald S. Carpenter '51  
Dorothy C. (Knittel) Cornell '54  
Susan E. Cowan  
Mary J. (Stuart) Culbertson '53  
Barbara (Taylor) Davis '51  
John E. Donikowski '89  
Charles A. Eaves '52  
Janet Edwards  
John F. Farrimond '63  
Alice M. (Kremm) Fossaceca '02  
Carol A. (Shefsiek) Foulk '50  
Richard B. Foulk '49  
Shirley Fry  
John M. Furno, Jr. '79  
Mary C. (Fry) Gallagher '59  
Janet F. (Falck) Gebert '50  
Joseph A. George  
Scott D. Gleditsch '71  
Cynthia L. (Brown) Good  
Craig C. Goodwin '71  
Christina Gray  
Louise A. (Beal) Greenberg '63  
Marianne (Gerberding) Guinn '52  
Thomas L. Guinn '50  
Elva J. (Eshenaur) Haag '57  
Barbara W. (Wilson) Hahn '64  
Mary T. Hamilton '49

Robert E. Haslett '76  
Richard L. Hayes  
Lynn M. (Davis) Herlinger '56  
Grace Herter  
Howard E. Hillman '59  
Ann Hofius  
Thomas A. Hower '62  
June Jackson  
Karen L. Jones  
Elaine L. (Mack) Jordan '48  
Donna L. (Henry) Kawinski '01  
William A. Kerpka, Jr. 1983  
Darian J. Keyser  
Carol A. Klingensmith  
Dennis D. Kraft '68  
Jana Kytchak  
J. Kenneth Laber '61  
Raymond D. Lambert '82  
Patricia P. (Patton) Lawrence '50  
Phillip D. Leise  
Steve Letonek  
Ada L. (Banks) Lewis '41  
Rocci Lombard '50  
Ramona (Moorhead) Manning '49  
Mary Jane Marks  
Carole (Nuss) Martin '57  
Helen Martin  
H. Earlyn (Reed) Martz '55  
Hugh N. McCright '53  
Joel McDowell  
Shirley (O'Neal) McElhaney '54  
Mildred McGinnis  
Adrienne McIlvain '60  
Rosemary McKenna  
Janice A. McQuiston  
David L. Miller  
Michael Milliner '84  
Deborah (Ajak) Mogle '75  
Betty Mohra  
Jeffrey B. Moreland  
Edith C. Morneweck  
Jeannette M. Mowry  
Michael Murcko  
Richard J. Murcko

Carol Neifert  
John J. Nestor '74  
Roy R. Neyman '67  
Catherine P. (Hess) Oden '48  
Virginia M. Perrotti  
Darryl Pinney  
Gary J. Preston '77  
James Preston  
Joan Preston  
John T. Quinlan '76  
Mary E. Read '70  
Mildred (Ashe) Reed '52  
Gary Rhodes  
Roy Ritter  
Betty (Sullivan) Rogerson '45  
Donald Rossetti '62  
Lynann Rudert '61  
Thomasine S. Russ  
William H. Satterfield '50  
Wesley H. Schell  
Richard K. Schultz '63  
Deann Shaffer '85  
Harriet (Patrias) Shallo '62  
Judith (Ilvonen) Shannon '58  
William L. Shannon  
Carl H. Shartner  
William S. Shaw '62  
Donald Smith  
Margaret St. John  
Marie M. (Shefsiek) Steighner '45  
J. Bernie Stoeber '54  
Sondra M. (Weston) Stone '60  
David W. Stuyvesant  
Vaughn E. Taylor '61  
Marylou Trimble  
Joseph P. Urbania '88  
Ralph Walter '57  
William A. Watson  
Robert Weidner  
Joel J. Wentling  
Harley P. Weyand, Jr.  
Lawrence Williamson  
Ethel M. Winner  
Stanley Workman

## *About Thiel College*

Thiel College formed in 1866 under the leadership of the Lutheran pastor William A. Passavant, a native of Zelenople, Pa. Believing that Christian faith impels social responsibility, Passavant devoted his life to philanthropic enterprises, establishing numerous hospitals and orphanages in New York, western Pennsylvania and the upper Midwest.

The initial funding for the College came as an initial gift of \$4,000, presented on New Year's Day 1865 to Passavant, by Louis and Barbara Thiel, German immigrants who had settled in Pittsburgh a decade earlier and become active members of the Lutheran church.

Five students enrolled for fall term in 1866 and by the end of the first year enrollment had risen to 30. In 1870, Thiel Hall was reorganized as Thiel College under universal charter from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and relocated to Greenville. Thiel's historic partnership with the community of Greenville began when the borough presented the College its first permanent building, Greenville Hall, in 1874. Later that year, on Nov. 10, the anniversary of Martin Luther's birth, Thiel faculty and students planted 392 trees in two rows forming what became known as Brother Martin's Walk.

Institutional stability and development of Thiel College during its first decades in Greenville were achieved under the leadership of the brothers Henry and Theophilus Roth, Lutheran pastors who served respectively as Thiel president from 1870 to 1887 and 1893 to 1902, all but six of the first 32 years of the College!

Throughout its history, Thiel has striven to reflect the values associated with its founding. A coeducational institution from the outset (three of the first five students enrolled were women), Thiel has prepared both men and women for lives of leadership and service in church and society while providing a holistic education that addresses the ethical, spiritual, vocational and professional development of its students in the liberal arts tradition.

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## *About the Chapel*

The Chapel was named The David Glen Johnson Memorial Chapel, in memory of the son of Glen H'88 and Lavonne Johnson, faithful members of First English Lutheran Church, Pittsburgh, Pa. Glen and Lavonne provided major funding for this important addition to the Thiel College campus. The Chapel was dedicated on May 6, 2006.

The David Johnson Memorial Chapel book resides at the back of the Chapel. It serves as an inspirational documentary history of those who gave graciously and generously to create the beauty of the Chapel, its memorial gardens, meeting spaces, kitchen, worship and music resources and furnishings.

The Northwest and Southwest Synods of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) and the countless gifts of students, faculty, staff, alumni, clergy families, friends of Thiel College, Women of the ELCA, Thrivent Financial for Lutherans and ecumenical friends for the blessing of creating this Chapel of grace and welcome.





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