



The Hamilton Beacon

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THE FLAGS ARE FLYING!

We want Hamilton Church to be seen as a presence in the Hamilton neighborhood. The flags have been white for the Season after Easter. As drive by you will see Red flags.

Red is the color for Pentecost and the following Sunday known as Trinity Sunday. The color reminds us of the coming of the Holy Spirit recorded in Acts, chapter 2. If your neighbors should ask, use this as an opportunity to talk about Hamilton.

CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE!



Our congregation has a new website to “show off Hamilton.” There always adjustments and corrections in a website. If you see some needed adjustments, please call the Church Office, you may get the recording, but we’ll receive the message,

Check us out at: www.hamilton-pres.org

THE SEASON AFTER PENTECOST IS HERE!

This Season in the Church calendar that follows Pentecost Sunday (May 31) is our longest season. It takes us all the way to Advent, which begins on Sunday, November 29th. Each week, we will continue to provide Resources and Reflections for the coming week. We will mail and post it on our website.

OUR PRESBYTERY EXECUTIVE WRITES:

The Rev. Jacqueline Taylor serves as the General or Executive Presbyter of our Baltimore Presbytery. Below, she writes a message of hope and challenge for our day.

“I once heard someone say, “you can't fight ignorance with violence.” I believe that. I believe violence, mayhem, and destructive rioting do nothing to make the naïve suddenly aware, voices heard or problems solved.

“But how long will the ignorant, the naïve and the unaware hide behind their dominant culture safety? And more importantly, how long will those whose delusions of grandeur which translates into unbridled power feel justified in murdering a restrained, unarmed African American man? We have seen this movie before. So have my grandparents. Has nothing changed?

“When I arrived at the Presbytery of Baltimore, I was told that we don't discuss divisive issues, lest we offend one another. We don't argue about sexuality, but instead focus on what we have in common like Jesus. And for God's sake, we do not talk about Donald Trump politics. Let me tell you, Jesus would be sick if he saw that video.

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“Friends, this is not about conservative or progressive. This is not about white and black. This is not about what Biden asserts or Trump tweets. Simply put, the killing of George Floyd is about right and wrong. The action of Derek Chauvin and the apparent complicity of the other three officers is wrong. It is wrong for Republicans and for Democrats. It is wrong for gay and straight. It is wrong for Baltimore City, Carroll County, Harford County and every county in this Presbytery. And if we can't talk about right and wrong for fear of offending someone, then the church is in real lasting trouble and is irrelevant in the face of this travesty.

“Yes, this is where I stand. But don't take my word for it. Someone else said: “[God] has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?” (Micah 6:8).

“Pray Presbytery, that this is what we have in common and can together, do our part to create a just and fair society of all people. Micah's words are for us right now. “Go and do likewise and preach it like you mean it.”

Grace and Peace,
Jackie ✠

A PRAYER FOR THESE TIMES

You are my strength.
Strength like no other,
Strength like no other
Reaches to me.
In the fullness of your grace,
In the power of your name,
You lift me up. You lift me up.