

Second Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, June 7, 2026

10:00 a.m., Sanctuary



Gathering of God's People

Please note that online worshippers join the livestream at 9:45 a.m.

We invite you to prepare for worship in quiet reflection.

PRELUDE

Rhapsody in D-flat Major

James Kealey, organist

Herbert Howells

Blessing

Bells of Bryn Mawr

Michael Helman

WELCOME

Rachel Pedersen

Please stand, if able.

CALL TO WORSHIP

One We worship the God who inhabits our world and indwells our lives.

**All We need not look up to find God; we need only look around:
within ourselves, beyond ourselves, into the eyes of another.**

One We need not listen for distant thunder to find God;

**All we need only listen to the music of life, the words of children,
the questions of the curious, the rhythm of a heartbeat.**

One We worship the God who inhabits our world and indwells our lives.

HYMN 645 Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above

MIT FREUDEN ZART

1 Sing praise to God who reigns a - bove, the God of all
2 What God's al-might - y power has made God's gra - cious mer -
3 The Lord is nev - er far a - way, but, through all grief
4 Thus all my toil - some way a - long I sing a - loud

cre - a - tion, the God of power, the God of love,
 cy keep - eth; by morn - ing glow or eve - ning shade
 dis - tress - ing, an ev - er - pres - ent help and stay,
 thy prais - es, that all may hear the grate - ful song

the God of our sal - va - tion. With
 God's watch - ful eye ne'er sleep - eth. With -
 our peace and joy and bless - ing, as
 my voice un - wea - ried rais - es. Be

heal - ing balm my soul is filled, and ev - ery faith - less
 in the king - dom of God's might, lo! all is just and
 with a moth - er's ten - der hand God gent - ly leads the
 joy - ful in the Lord, my heart; both soul and bod - y,

mur - mur stilled:
 all is right: to God all praise and glo - ry!
 cho - sen band:
 take your part:

CALL TO CONFESSION AND PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All **Merciful God, you call us to follow you, yet so often we do not listen. We find it easier to cling to our own comfort, desires, and security rather than turn to you. We know we need your healing touch, yet we choose to rely on ourselves. Forgive us for falling short of your hopes and dreams for us. Make us whole, raise us to new life, and help us to follow you.**

A moment of silence for personal reflection and confession.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

PASSING OF THE PEACE

One The peace of Christ be with you.

All **And also with you.**

Please stand, if able.

SUNG RESPONSE Glory Be to the Father

GLORIA PATRI

The musical score is written in G major (one flat) and 4/4 time. It consists of three staves of music with lyrics underneath. The first staff starts with a treble clef, a key signature of one flat, and a 4/4 time signature. The melody begins with a quarter note G, followed by quarter notes A, B, and C, then a quarter rest, followed by quarter notes D, E, and F. The second staff continues with a dotted quarter note G, followed by quarter notes A, B, and C, then a quarter rest, followed by quarter notes D, E, and F. The third staff continues with a dotted quarter note G, followed by quarter notes A, B, and C, then a quarter rest, followed by quarter notes D, E, and F. The piece ends with a double bar line.

Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly
6 Ghost; as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now; and ev - er shall be,
11 world with - out end. A - men, a - men.

Proclamation of the Word

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Rachel Pedersen

Following the Children's Moment, children K - grade 3 depart for their Sunday School classes.

SENDING HYMN Go Now, Children, with our Blessing



Go now, chil-dren with our blessing, to love and serve the Lord. May God
5 Bless you, May God guard you, May the light of God shine u - pon you, and may
9 God be gracious to you. May the presence of God be with you. May the
13 pre - sence of God be with you, and give you peace.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Rebecca Kirkpatrick

FIRST LESSON Psalm 33:1-9

(pg. 507 in pew Bible)

Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous.
Praise befits the upright. Praise the
Lord with the lyre; make melody to
him with the harp of ten strings.
Sing to him a new song; play skillfully
on the strings, with loud shouts. For
the word of the Lord is upright, and
all his work is done in faithfulness.
He loves righteousness and justice;
the earth is full of the steadfast love

of the Lord. By the word of the Lord
the heavens were made and all their
host by the breath of his mouth.
He gathered the waters of the sea
as in a bottle; he put the deeps in
storehouses. Let all the earth fear
the Lord; let all the inhabitants
of the world stand in awe of him,
for he spoke, and it came to be; he
commanded, and it stood firm.

ANTHEM Jubilate Deo in C

Benjamin Britten

O be joyful in the Lord, all ye lands. Serve the Lord with gladness and come by his presence with a song. Be ye sure that the Lord He is God; it is He that hath made us and not we ourselves; we are the sheep of His pasture. O go your way into His gates with thanksgiving and into His courts with praise; be thankful unto Him and speak good of His name. For the Lord is gracious, His mercy is everlasting, and His truth endureth from generation to generation. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

SECOND LESSON Matthew 9:18-26

Melanie Hardison

(pg. 9 in pew Bible)

While Jesus was saying these things to them, suddenly a leader came in and knelt before him, saying, "My daughter has just died, but come and lay your hand on her, and she will live." And Jesus got up and followed him, with his disciples. Then suddenly a woman who had been suffering from a flow of blood for twelve years came up behind him and touched the fringe of his cloak, for she was saying to herself, "If I only touch his cloak, I will be made well." Jesus turned, and seeing her he

said, "Take heart, daughter; your faith has made you well." And the woman was made well from that moment. When Jesus came to the leader's house and saw the flute players and the crowd making a commotion, he said, "Go away, for the girl is not dead but sleeping." And they laughed at him. But when the crowd had been put outside, he went in and took her by the hand, and the girl got up. And the report of this spread through all of that district.

One The Word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON *More to the Story*

Melanie Hardison

Response to the Word

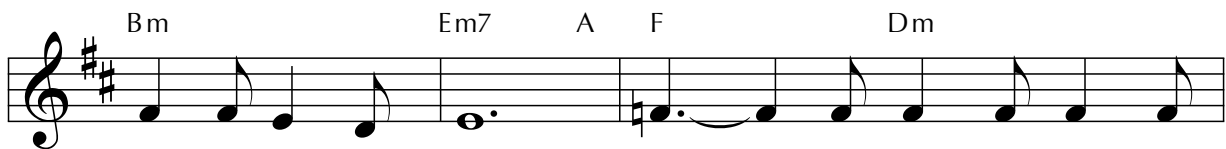
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HYMN 5 God the Sculptor of the Mountains

JENNINGS-HOUSTON



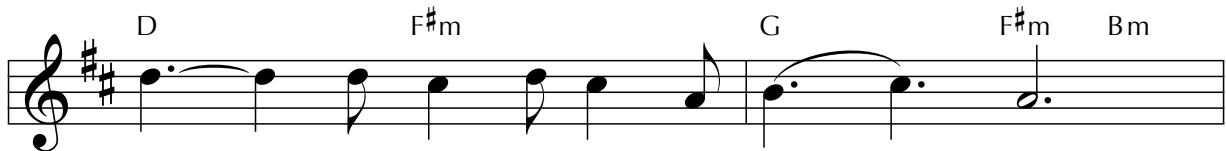
1 God the sculp - tor of the moun - tains, God the
 2 God the nui - sance of the Pha - raoh, God the
 3 God the dress - er of the vine - yard, God the
 4 God the un - ex - pect - ed in - fant, God the



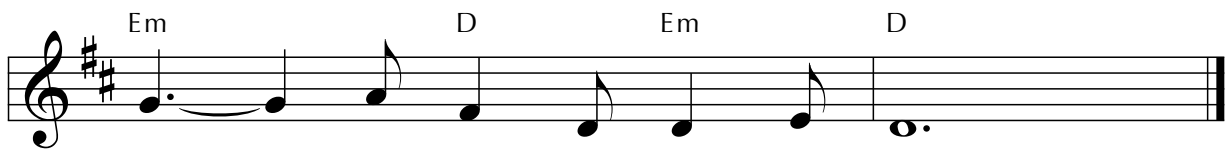
mill - er of the sand, God the jewel - er of the
 cleav - er of the sea, God the pil - lar in the
 plant - er of the wheat, God the reap - er of the
 calm, de - ter - mined youth, God the ta - ble - turn - ing



heav - ens, God the pot - ter of the land:
 dark - ness, God the bea - con of the free:
 har - vest, God the source of all we eat:
 proph - et, God the res - ur - rect - ed truth:



you are womb of all cre - a - tion;
 you are fount of all de - liv - erance;
 you are host at ev - ery ta - ble;
 you are pres - ent ev - ery mo - ment;



we are form - less; shape us now.
 we are aim - less; lead us now.
 we are hun - gry; feed us now.
 we are search - ing; meet us now.

All **We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father. In sovereign love God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God's image, to live as one community. In everlasting love, the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people to bless all families of the earth. Hearing their cry, God delivered the children of Israel from the house of bondage. Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant. Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child, like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home, God is faithful still.**

~ from A Brief Statement of Faith

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

All **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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

MINISTRY MOMENT: Mission Study Task Force

Tom Willcox

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

OFFERTORY ANTHEM Ev'ry Time I Feel the Spirit

arr. Moses Hogan

Mike Hogue, tenor

Every time I feel the Spirit, moving in my heart, I will pray. On the mountain my Lord spoke, out His mouth came fire and smoke. Down the valley, on my knees, asked my Lord have mercy please. Jordan river, chilly and cold, chills the body not the soul. All around me looked so fine, asked my Lord if all was mine. Ain't but one train on this track, runs to heaven and right back. St. Peter waiting at the gate, said come on sinner, don't be late.

Please fill in the Friendship Pad at the end of your pew; pass it down your row and back again.

Please stand, if able.

DOXOLOGY 606 Praise God, from whom all Blessings Flow

OLD HUNDREDTH

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow, praise God, all creatures here be-low; praise
 5 God a-bove, ye heaven-ly host, praise Fa-ther, Son, and Ho-ly Ghost. A-men.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Rebecca Kirkpatrick

HYMN 684 Faith Begins by Letting Go

LUX PRIMA

1 Faith be-gins by let-ting go, giv-ing up what
 2 Faith en-dures by hold-ing on, keep-ing mem-ory's
 3 Faith ma-tures by reach-ing out, stretch-ing minds, en-

had seemed sure, tak-ing risks and press-ing on,
 roots a-live so that hope may bear its fruit;
 larg-ing hearts, shar-ing strug-gles, liv-ing prayer,

though the way feels less se-secure: pil-grim-age both
 prom-ise-fed, our souls will thrive, not through mer-it
 bind-ing up the bro-ken parts; till we find the

right and odd, trust - ing all our life to God.
 we pos - sess but by God's great faith - ful - ness.
 com - mon - place ripe with wit - ness to God's grace.

BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE

Melanie Hardison

POSTLUDE Improvisation: Prelude & Fugue

Daniel Carroll, organist

Worship & Music Notes

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

Given to the Glory of God and in honor of the 64th wedding anniversary of John and Sandi Stouffer.

TODAY'S MUSIC

Themes of faith, trust, and giving grateful thanks to God are on full musical display today. The Sanctuary Choir sings two contrasting works: "Ev'ry time I feel the Spirit," an African American Spiritual dating back to before the Civil War, has been treated musically in countless ways. We sing an arrangement by Moses Hogan, a prolific and beloved composer, especially for his arrangements of spirituals. Last week, we sang Benjamin Britten's "Te Deum in C major," and this week, we sing the "Jubilate in C major," its sister piece. A song of praise, the Jubilate is full of rhythmic energy, with Britten's typical approach to choral composition: a series of well-crafted musical lines that interweave, making it always more than the sum of its parts. The prelude "Rhapsody in D-flat major" by the British composer Herbert Howells always reminds me of the calm and unseen aspects of our individual faith in this introspective and profound musical offering.

- James Kealey, Director of Music & Fine Arts

PLAYING THE CARILLON

Francis Betkowski

BULLETIN COVER

The Woman with a Hemorrhage (Who Touched Me?) © Jen Norton

WELCOME TO BRYN MAWR PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Welcome to Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church during this season after Pentecost, when we are reminded that the Holy Spirit continues to guide, sustain, and renew the church. In these summer weeks, we gather to worship, reflect, and grow together in faith, trusting that God is at work in every season of our lives.

Whether you are a longtime member, returning after time away, or visiting with us for the first time, we are glad you are here. Through worship, fellowship, and service, we seek to follow Christ with faithfulness and joy. May our time together today deepen your sense of God's presence and strengthen our shared calling as Christ's disciples in the world.



John M. Willingham
Interim Senior Pastor

NEW HERE?

We are pleased that you are joining us as we worship God this morning. We invite you to introduce yourself to one of our pastors following the worship service. All of our programs, ministries, and opportunities for mission are open to everyone. Learn more at bmpc.org

T-COIL HEARING LOOP AVAILABLE

BMPC's Sanctuary and Congregational Hall are equipped with a T-Coil hearing loop system to enhance sound clarity for those with hearing aids or cochlear implants with a telecoil ("T" setting). Portable receiver units are also available in the Sanctuary upon request. We hope this technology enriches your worship experience!

CHILDCARE ON SUNDAY

Childcare is available on Sundays from 7:45 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. for children ages six months and older. Please contact the Rev. Rachel Pedersen, RachelPedersen@bmpc.org or Childcare Coordinator Erika Henry, childcare@bmpc.org with any questions.

LIVESTREAMED CHURCH SERVICES

Our Sunday 10:00 a.m. service is livestreamed and can be viewed at www.bmpc.org/live or on our YouTube channel. A recording of the service will also be available on our Past Services website page and Vimeo channel starting Monday. If you are attending in person and prefer not to be on camera, please speak with an usher who will seat you in an area off camera.

Announcements

TODAY

Digging Deeper – Hearing the Message of Ecclesiastes. Sundays, Jun. 7–28, 8:45 a.m., Gloucester Room. Explore Ecclesiastes with Christopher J. H. Wright’s “Hearing the Message of Ecclesiastes.” This class engages life’s hardest questions—meaning, injustice, work, and time—through Qoheleth’s searching voice. Together, we’ll embrace faithful uncertainty, honest reflection, and a deeper trust in God’s goodness amid life’s unresolved tensions and enduring mysteries. This class will be led by Dr. Joshua Yoder. Reserve a book and sign up for the class at bit.ly/BMPCBookpickup

Sundae Sunday. Sun., Jun. 7, 11:15 a.m., Congregational Hall. Join us for a special celebration marking the end of the school year and the start of summer Sunday School! Enjoy fellowship, refreshments, and ice cream (including non-dairy options).

CeaseFirePA’s Block Party & Rally. Sun., Jun. 7, 2:00 p.m., Front Lawn. (Rain location: Gym) Join CeaseFirePA, in partnership with BMPC’s Peacemaking Committee, for an afternoon of speakers, music, food and drinks, kid-friendly activities, and community tabling as we come together to honor victims and survivors of gun violence and advocate for safer communities. All are welcome. Register at www.mobilize.us/ceasefirepa/event/957244/

UPCOMING & ONGOING

Help Shape the Future Vision of BMPC. Thank you to everyone who has already completed the Mission Study Survey. If you haven’t yet participated, please consider taking the anonymous, 15-minute survey before it closes on June 15. As we prepare to call our next Senior Pastor, your perspective is an important part of understanding who we are as a church and where God may be leading us next. The survey can be accessed at bit.ly/MissionStudySurvey.

Dynamic Watercolors: Domenic DiStefano. Through Sun., Aug. 30, Gallery. This exhibition showcases the evocative watercolors of Domenic DiStefano (1924-2011), a painter and teacher for over 50 years, celebrated for his dynamic depictions of coastal and marine landscapes. His work captures the interplay of light and shadow on water, reflecting both his passion for watercolor and his deep connection to Rockport, Massachusetts. His vivid portrayals of New England’s seascapes continue to inspire through their expressive use of color and form.

Nurturing New Life: Playground Playdates. Fridays beginning Jun. 12, 9:15 a.m., Ed. Bldg. Playground. (Rain location: Gym. We will not meet Jun. 26 or Jul. 3) Summer is a great time to connect, play, and explore! Join us at 9:15 a.m. in the Education Building for a story and activity before playtime outside. We’ll have space set up for babies and toddlers on the porch, and the playground available for older siblings. Sign up at bit.ly/NurturingNewLife Contact ColleenCatania@bmpe.org

Lemonade on the Lawn. Sundays, Jun. 14 – Sept. 6, 11:15 a.m., Front Lawn. This summer, join us for Lemonade on the Lawn in place of the Atrium Café. We'll gather outside for lemonade, refreshments, and fellowship after the 10:00 a.m. worship service. Rain location: Atrium.

Window into American History. Sun., Jun. 14, 11:15 a.m., Chapel. Explore BMPC's Nation Window as a work of sacred art shaped by history, theology, and American memory. This class, taught by the Rev. Rebecca Kirkpatrick, will examine the window's symbols of liberty, justice, faith, and equality while reflecting on the evolving moral questions it continues to raise today.

Summer Choir. Sundays starting Jun. 21, 9:00 a.m., Choir Loft. All singers ages 12+ are invited to join Summer Choir! Come any Sunday at 9:00 a.m. for a brief rehearsal, then sing at the 10:00 a.m. service. We sing one anthem, hymns, and a closing response - no robes, no sign-up, no long-term commitment. Come lend your voice and help lead worship!

CARING AND SHARING

Pride Month Resources. During June, a variety of books on topics related to LGBTQ+ inclusion in the world and the church are available on the shelves outside Fullerton and in the Atrium. These resources are part of our Converse Library collection and are available to borrow. As we work to build a more inclusive world, may these resources help us increase our understanding, broaden our welcome, and deepen our faith in an expansive God.

Casserole Blitz. Sat., Jun. 13, 8:30 a.m., Congregational Hall. Join the Hunger Committee for the last Casserole Blitz of the season—a fun, family-friendly event (for ages 5 and up) to make casseroles and new friends! Work alongside fellow BMPC members to prepare casseroles for area shelters and help feed neighbors in need. Sign up at bit.ly/Blitz-RSVP

Hunger Doesn't Take a Break in the Summer! While donations to the BMPC Hunger Fund often decline during the summer months, the need for food assistance continues year-round. A gift of \$600 can provide a freezer full of casseroles for families in need. Donate using the Hunger envelopes found in the pews or visit onrealm.org/bmpc/give/hunger to make a one-time or recurring gift. Thank you for your support!

Serve Dinner at the Ardmore Food Pantry. The Ardmore Food Pantry offers a community meal on Monday evenings during pantry hours. On the second Monday of each month, they serve BMPC Hunger Casseroles. Two to three volunteers from BMPC are needed on those Monday nights to serve dinner from 5:15 to 7:00 p.m. If you are interested in volunteering for one month or on a regular basis, sign up at bit.ly/AFPdinner Contact: JenniferMcArthur@bmpc.org

BMPC Meal Train. Join us in this caring ministry that provides meal support to congregants in times of need. This act of caring has been described as an actual lifeline for some of our recipients. If you are interested in periodically making (or purchasing) and delivering a meal, please contact BMPC Deacon Kara Udicious at udicious@comcast.net

BMPC Prayer Partners 2026-2027. Prayer Partners commit to praying for a small group of students throughout an academic year. Prayer Partners may also connect with students through post cards and special events. This ministry serves more than 500 children and youth. Would you like to continue being a Prayer Partner or start being a Prayer Partner? Please sign up at bit.ly/PrayerPartner2026 so we can plan for our 2026-2027 prayer partner team. Contact: MaryRichards@bmpc.org

Volunteer at Vacation Bible Camp. Mon., Jun. 22–Fri., Jun. 26, 8:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m., BMPC Campus. This summer, we will welcome over 150 children to Vacation Bible Camp, and we need YOU to make camp special for each one. Register at bit.ly/VBCVolunteer2026 Contact: MaryRichards@bmpc.org

Calendar

SUNDAY, JUNE 7

- 7:45 a.m. Childcare (infant - age 5), Ed. Bldg., Rm. 101
- 8:00 a.m. **Worship with Communion, Chapel**
- 8:30 a.m. Sunday Morning Discussion Group, Cannon Room
- 8:45 a.m. Digging Deeper, Gloucester Room
- 9:00 a.m. Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal, Choir Loft
- 9:30 a.m. Handbell Rehearsal, Sanctuary
- 10:00 a.m. Worship with Families (Rising Gr. 4-12), Sanctuary
- 10:00 a.m. **Worship, Sanctuary and Livestreamed**
- 10:15 a.m. Summer Sunday School (Rising K-Gr. 3)
- 11:00 a.m. Sundaes Sunday, Congregational Hall
- 11:00 a.m. Dynamic Watercolors: Domenic DiStefano, Gallery
- 12:00 p.m. Eugene C. Bay Fund Committee Meeting, Cannon Room
- 2:00 p.m. CeaseFire PA Block Party & Rally, Front Lawn
- 4:00 p.m. Senior Adult Spring Social, off campus

MONDAY, JUNE 8

- 7:00 p.m. Peacemaking Committee Meeting, Gloucester Room
- 7:30 p.m. Fit4Mom, Gymnasium

TUESDAY, JUNE 9

- 10:30 a.m. Tai Chi (hybrid), Gymnasium
- 1:00 p.m. Dance for Parkinson's Disease Class, Gymnasium
- 7:00 p.m. Session Meeting, Fullerton Room

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 10

- 9:30 a.m. Yoga206, Gymnasium

THURSDAY, JUNE 11

- 6:00 p.m. Refugee Support Committee Meeting, Cannon Room

FRIDAY, JUNE 12

- 9:15 a.m. Nurturing New Life Playground Playdate, Ed. Bldg. Playground

SATURDAY, JUNE 13

- 7:00 a.m. Saturday Morning Men's Connection Group, Converse House Parlor
- 8:30 a.m. Casserole Blitz, Congregational Hall
- 10:00 a.m. Searching for Still Waters Bereavement Group, Converse House Parlor

SUNDAY, JUNE 14

- 8:00 a.m. **Worship with Communion, Chapel**
- 10:00 a.m. **Worship, Sanctuary and Livestreamed**
The Rev. John Willingham will preach.

Giving

Your generosity can make a profound difference at Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church. Join us in spreading love and hope by giving at bit.ly/BMPCGiveOnline or simply scan the QR code to the right. Every donation, no matter the size, fuels our mission to create a more faithful, just, and compassionate community. Together, let's make a lasting impact!



Sanctuary Flower Donations. Openings are available throughout the year for donors who wish to give flowers in memory of or in honor of loved ones. After Sunday services, our Deacons deliver small arrangements of the flowers to homebound church members. For more information, contact SusanThorkelson@mac.com



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