

Third Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, June 14, 2026

10:00 a.m., Sanctuary



Gathering of God's People

Please note that online worshippers join the livestream at 9:50 a.m.

We invite you to prepare for worship in quiet reflection.

PRELUDE Adagio from *Symphonie No. 3*

Louis Vierne

James Kealey, organist

WELCOME

Melanie Hardison

Please stand, if able.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 48:9,10a,14

One We ponder your steadfast love, O God, in the midst of your temple.

All **Your name, O God, like your praise, reaches to the ends of the earth.**

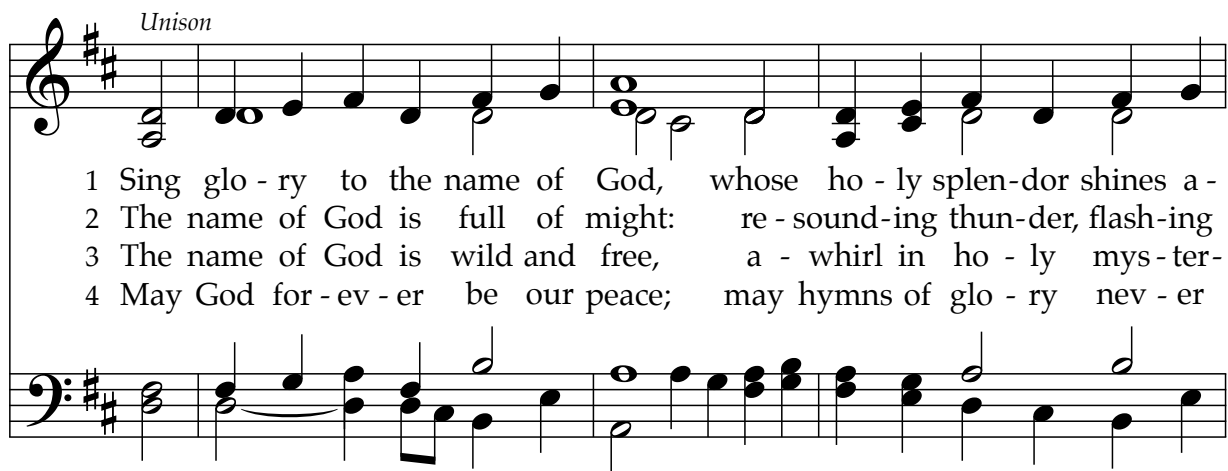
One This is God, our God forever and ever.

All **He will be our guide forever.**

HYMN 10 Sing Glory to the Name of God

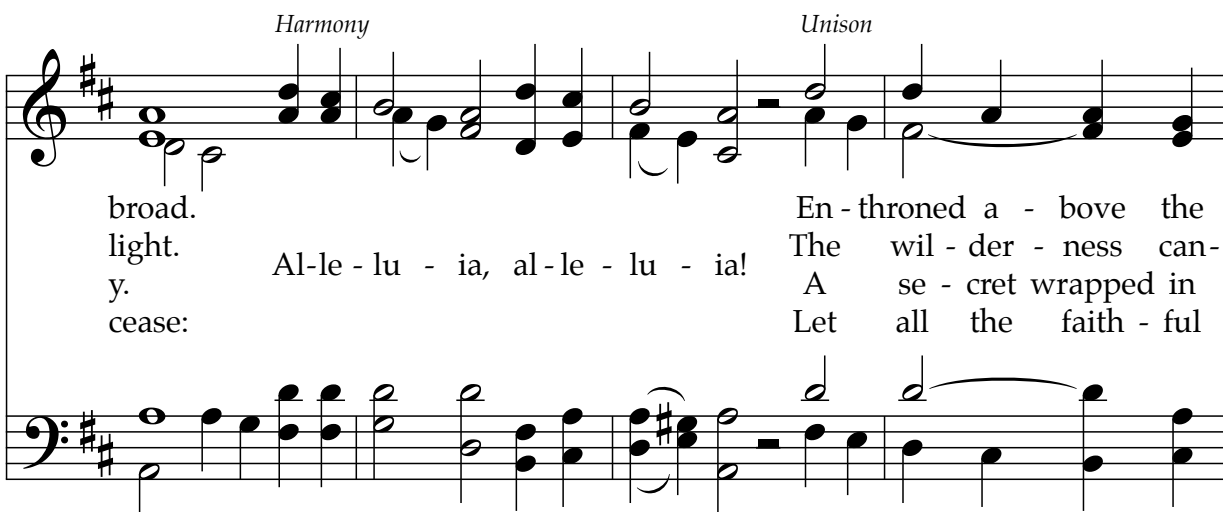
LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Unison



1 Sing glo - ry to the name of God, whose ho - ly splen - dor shines a -
2 The name of God is full of might: re - sound - ing thun - der, flash - ing
3 The name of God is wild and free, a - whirl in ho - ly mys - ter -
4 May God for - ev - er be our peace; may hymns of glo - ry nev - er

Harmony *Unison*



broad.
light.
y.
cease:

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

En - throned a - bove the
The wil - der - ness can -
A se - cret wrapped in
Let all the faith - ful

crash - ing waves, the God of grace and glo - ry saves.
 not con - tain the ech - oes of the great re - frain:
 smoke and fire, still chant - ed by the tem - ple choir:
 peo - ple come; sing praise to God, the Three - in - One:

Harmony

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia,

Unison

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

CALL TO CONFESSION AND PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All Lord, we confess that we have not always honored your holiness. We have rushed ahead of your leading, leaning on our own understanding rather than your wisdom. At other times, we have lagged far behind, dragging our feet in obedience or allowing the distractions of this world to dim our focus on your presence. Forgive us for our wandering hearts. By your Holy Spirit, give us the courage to follow where you lead, pausing when you bid us pause, and stepping boldly when you go before us into the unknown.

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

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.

The musical score is written on three staves in a 4/4 time signature with a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The lyrics are: "Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now; and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men, a - men." The first staff ends at measure 5, the second at measure 10, and the third at measure 11.

Proclamation of the Word

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Rachel Pedersen

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

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

One Do we, as members of the church of Jesus Christ, promise to guide and nurture these children by word and deed, with love and prayer, encouraging them to know and follow Christ and to be faithful members of Christ's church?

All **We do.**

Je - sus loves me! This I know, for the Bi - ble tells me so.

5
Lit - tle ones to him be - long. They are weak, but he is strong. Yes, Je - sus loves me!

11
Yes, Je - sus loves me! Yes, Je - sus loves me! The Bi - ble tells me so.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Melanie Hardison

FIRST LESSON Matthew 27:57-61

(New Testament pg. 104 in pew Bible)

When it was evening, there came a rich man from Arimathea named Joseph, who also was himself a disciple of Jesus. He went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus; then Pilate ordered it to be given to him. So Joseph took the body and wrapped it

in a clean linen cloth and laid it in his new tomb, which he had hewn in the rock. He then rolled a great stone to the door of the tomb and went away. Mary Magdalene and the other Mary were there, sitting opposite the tomb.

ANTHEM Let the People Praise Thee, O God

William Mathias

Let the people praise thee, O God: yea, let all the people praise thee. O let the nations rejoice and be glad, for thou shalt judge the folk righteously, and govern the nations upon earth. Let the people praise thee, O God: yea, let all the people praise thee. Then shall the earth bring forth her increase, and God, even our own God, shall give us his blessing. God shall bless us: and all the ends of the world shall fear him. God be merciful unto us, and bless us: and shew us the light of his countenance, and be merciful unto us. That thy way may be known upon earth: thy saving health among all nations. Let the people praise thee, O God: yea, let all the people praise thee. O let the nations rejoice and be glad: 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.

(Old Testament pg. 128 in pew Bible)

Moses said to Hobab son of Reuel the Midianite, Moses's father-in-law, "We are setting out for the place of which the Lord said, 'I will give it to you'; come with us, and we will treat you well, for the Lord has promised good to Israel." But he said to him, "I will not go, but I will go back to my own land and to my kindred." He said, "Do not leave us, for you know where we should camp in the wilderness, and you will serve as eyes for us. Moreover, if you go with us, whatever good the Lord does for us, the same we will do for you."

So they set out from the mount of the Lord three days' journey with the ark of the covenant of the Lord going before them three days' journey, to seek out a resting place for them, the cloud of the Lord being over them by day when they set out from the camp. Whenever the ark set out, Moses would say, "Arise, O Lord, let your enemies be scattered and your foes flee before you."

And whenever it came to rest, he would say, "Return, O Lord, to the ten thousand thousands of Israel."

One The Word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

SERMON *Catching Up with God*

John Willingham

Response to the Word

Please stand, if able.

HYMN 65 Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

CWM RHONDDA

1 Guide me, O thou great Je - ho - vah, pil - grim through this
 2 O - pen now the crys - tal foun - tain, whence the heal - ing
 3 When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, bid my anx - ious

bar - ren land. I am weak, but thou art might - y. Hold me
stream doth flow. Let the fire and cloud - y pil - lar lead me
fears sub - side. Death of death, and hell's de - struc-tion, land me

with thy power - ful hand. Bread of heav - en, bread of heav - en,
all my jour - ney through. Strong de - liv - erer, strong de - liv - erer,
safe on Ca - naan's side. Songs of prais - es, songs of prais - es

feed me till I want no more; feed me till I want no more.
be thou still my strength and shield; be thou still my strength and shield.
I will ev - er give to thee; I will ev - er give to thee.

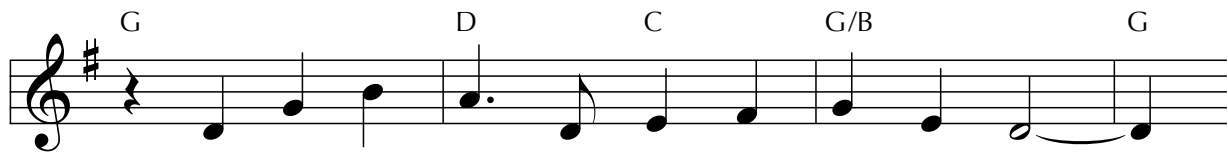
AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Rebecca Kirkpatrick

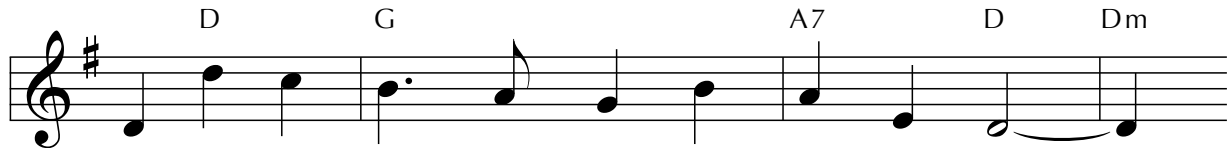
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The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me. Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

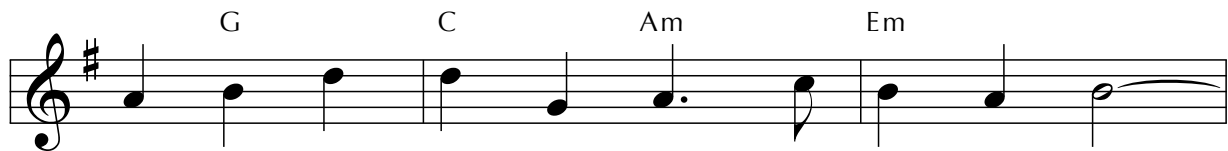
~Psalm 23



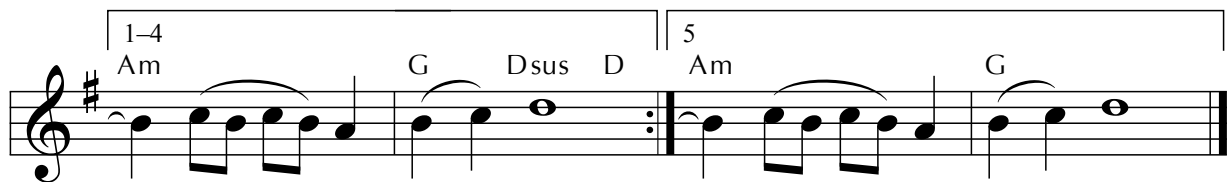
1 When in our mu - sic God is glo - ri - fied,
 2 How of - ten, mak - ing mu - sic, we have found
 3 So has the church, in lit - ur - gy and song,
 4 And did not Je - sus sing a psalm that night
 5 Let ev - ery in - stru - ment be tuned for praise!



and ad - o - ra - tion leaves no room for pride,
 a new di - men - sion in the world of sound,
 in faith and love, through cen - tu - ries of wrong,
 when ut - most e - vil strove a - gainst the light?
 Let all re - joice who have a voice to raise!



it is as though the whole cre - a - tion cried:
 as wor - ship moved us to a more pro - found
 borne wit - ness to the truth in ev - ery tongue:
 Then let us sing, for whom he won the fight:
 And may God give us faith to sing al - ways:



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE

John Willingham

POSTLUDE Te Deum, Op. 11

Jeanne Demessieux

James Kealey, organist

"I AM THE RESURRECTION AND THE LIFE."

Virginia Mattison - May 2026

Roberta (Bobbie) Willoughby - June 6, 2026

Worship & Music Notes

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

Given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Ralph and Kathryn Himmelberger.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Today's prayer of confession comes from Christ Community Church of Bloomington, Indiana.

RECEIVING THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Cooper Lee Graf, son of Jill & Richard Graf

Charlotte Eve Overhiser, daughter of Ashton Rathgeber & John Overhiser

Matthew Groves Reed, son of Emma & Josh Reed

TODAY'S MUSIC

Today marks the end of the Music & Fine Arts program year. Rehearsals have ceased for the summer, thousands of copies of music are being returned to their rightful places, handbells are being sent away for much-needed refurbishment, and Summer Choir begins next week. This is juxtaposed by the message of rejection in our Gospel Lesson. Even in times of distress and hardship, perhaps we can still praise God, as evidenced by today's two anthems. William Mathias is known for his joyful, rhythmically intense works, and "Let All the People Praise Thee" is no exception. Its caffeinated organ part, exuberant vocal lines, and all-around joy pervade any other feeling of worry or grief. Allen Pote's "The Journey is Our Home" is a sending anthem for the summer; one that reminds us of the strength of community, and our shared work as Christians in this most amazing place.

- James Kealey, Director of Music & Fine Arts

PLAYING THE CARILLON

Brian Middleton

BULLETIN COVER

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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, June 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

Lemonade on the Lawn. Sundays, June 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., June 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.

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 June 12, 9:15 a.m., Ed. Bldg. Playground. (Rain location: Gym. We will not meet June 26 or July 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, and the playground available for older siblings. Sign up at bit.ly/NurturingNewLife Contact: ColleenCatania@bmpc.org

Youth World Cup Watch Party. Fri., June 19, 3:00-5:00 p.m., Youth Lounge. Youth are invited to watch the World Cup soccer game together! Pizza and games will be in the Youth Lounge. Contact: AndyGreenhow@bmipc.org

Summer Choir. Sundays starting June 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.

Hunger Doesn't Take a Break in the Summer! Even during the summer months, many families in our community continue to rely on food assistance. A gift of \$2,000 can support the Box Lunch and a Book summer program for Lower Merion students. Donate using the Hunger envelopes in the pews or visit onrealm.org/bmipc/give/hunger 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/AFPDDinner Contact: JenniferMcArthur@bmipc.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@bmipc.org

Calendar

SUNDAY, JUNE 14

- 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
- 9:55 a.m. Sunday School (Ages 2s, 3s), and Pre-K, Ed. Bldg.
- 10:00 a.m. Worship with Families (Rising Gr. 4-12), Sanctuary
- 10:00 a.m. **Worship with Baptism, Sanctuary and Livestreamed**
- 10:15 a.m. Summer Sunday School (Rising K-Gr. 3), Ed. Bldg.
- 11:15 a.m. Lemonade on the Lawn, Front Lawn
- 11:15 a.m. Windows into American History, Chapel
- 11:15 a.m. Dynamic Watercolors: Domenic DiStefano, Gallery
- 12:30 p.m. Sanctuary Choir Picnic, off campus
- 1:00 p.m. Taizé Young Adult Cohort Meeting, virtual

MONDAY, JUNE 15

- 7:00 p.m. Hunger Committee Meeting, Cannon Room
- 7:30 p.m. Fit4Mom, Gymnasium

TUESDAY, JUNE 16

- 10:30 a.m. Tai Chi (hybrid), Gymnasium
- 12:00 p.m. Urban Suburban Book Group, Fullerton Room
- 1:00 p.m. Dance for Parkinson's Disease Class, Gymnasium

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 17

- 5:30 p.m. Taizé Youth and Parents Meeting, virtual
- 7:00 p.m. Trustee Meeting, Fullerton Room

THURSDAY, JUNE 18

No events scheduled

FRIDAY, JUNE 19

- 9:15 a.m. Nurturing New Life Playground Playdate, Ed. Bldg. Playground
- 3:00 p.m. Youth World Cup Watch Party, Gym Youth Lounge

SATURDAY, JUNE 20

7:00 a.m. Saturday Morning Men's Connection Group, Converse House Parlor

SUNDAY, JUNE 21

8:00 a.m. **Worship with Communion, Chapel**

10:00 a.m. **Worship, Sanctuary and Livestreamed**

The Rev. Rebecca Kirkpatrick will preach.

Giving

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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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