

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, July 5, 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 Air
James Kealey, organist

Gerre Hancock

WELCOME

Melanie Hardison

Please stand, if able.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 113:2-4

One Blessed be the name of the LORD
All from this time on and forevermore.
One From the rising of the sun to its setting,
All the name of the Lord is to be praised.
One The LORD is high above all nations,
All and his glory above the heavens.

HYMN 340 This Is My Song

FINLANDIA

1 This is my song, O God of all the na - tions,
2 My coun-try's skies are blu - er than the o - cean,
3 This is my prayer, O Lord of all earth's king - doms:

a song of peace for lands a - far and mine.
and sun - light beams on clo - ver - leaf and pine.
thy king - dom come; on earth thy will be done.

This is my home, the coun - try where my heart is;
 But oth - er lands have sun - light too, and clo - ver,
 Let Christ be lift - ed up till all shall serve him,

here are my hopes, my dreams, my ho - ly shrine;
 and skies are ev - ery - where as blue as mine.
 and hearts u - nit - ed learn to live as one.

but oth - er hearts in oth - er lands are beat - ing
 So hear my song, O God of all the na - tions,
 So hear my prayer, O God of all the na - tions:

with hopes and dreams as true and high as mine.
 a song of peace for their land and for mine.
 my - self I give thee; let thy will be done.

CALL TO CONFESSION AND PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All **God of all nations, we confess that we have taken your blessings for granted. We enjoy freedom and abundance, yet we forget that these are gifts from your hand. We claim to love our neighbors, yet turn away from those in need. We speak of liberty, yet we tolerate injustice in our land. We boast of equality, yet we fail to honor the dignity of every person. Forgive us, O God. By your Spirit, renew our hearts and minds. Make us faithful citizens of your kingdom, seeking the common good, walking in your ways of justice and peace.**

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.

During the singing of the Gloria Patri, children are invited to come forward for the Children's Moment.

SUNG RESPONSE

GLORIA PATRI

The image shows three staves of musical notation for the Gloria Patri. The first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat), and a 4/4 time signature. The melody is written on a five-line staff with lyrics underneath: "Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly". The second staff starts with a measure rest labeled "6" and continues the melody with lyrics: "Ghost; as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now; and ev - er shall be,". The third staff starts with a measure rest labeled "11" and concludes the piece with lyrics: "world with - out end. A - men, a - men." The notation includes various note values, rests, and a double bar line at the end.

Proclamation of the Word

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

John Willingham

Following the Children's Moment, children K - grade 3 return to their families.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Melanie Hardison

FIRST LESSON Nehemiah 9:1-3, 6-8;10:28-29

(Old Testament pg. 437 in pew Bible)

Now on the twenty-fourth day of this month the Israelites were assembled with fasting and in sackcloth and with earth on their heads. Then those of Israelite descent separated themselves from all foreigners and stood and confessed their sins and the iniquities of their ancestors. They stood up in their place and read from the book of the law of the Lord their God for a fourth part of the day, and for another fourth they made confession and worshiped the Lord their God. And Ezra said, "You are the Lord, you alone; you have made heaven, the heaven of heavens, with all their host, the earth and all that is on it, the seas and all that is in them. To all of them you give life, and the host of heaven worships you. You are the Lord, the God who chose Abram and brought him out of Ur of the Chaldeans and gave him the name Abraham; and

you found his heart faithful before you and made with him a covenant to give to his descendants the land of the Canaanite, the Hittite, the Amorite, the Perizzite, the Jebusite, and the Girgashite, and you have fulfilled your promise, for you are righteous. The rest of the people, the priests, the Levites, the gatekeepers, the singers, the temple servants, and all who have separated themselves from the peoples of the lands to adhere to the law of God, their wives, their sons, their daughters, all who have knowledge and understanding, join with their kin, their nobles, and enter into a curse and an oath to walk in God's law, which was given by Moses the servant of God, and to observe and do all the commandments of the Lord our Lord and his ordinances and his statutes.

SECOND LESSON 1 Peter 2:9-10

(New Testament pg. 233 in pew Bible)

But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the excellence of him who called you out of darkness into his

One The Word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

marvelous light. Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

John Willingham

SERMON *An Ever-More Perfect Union*

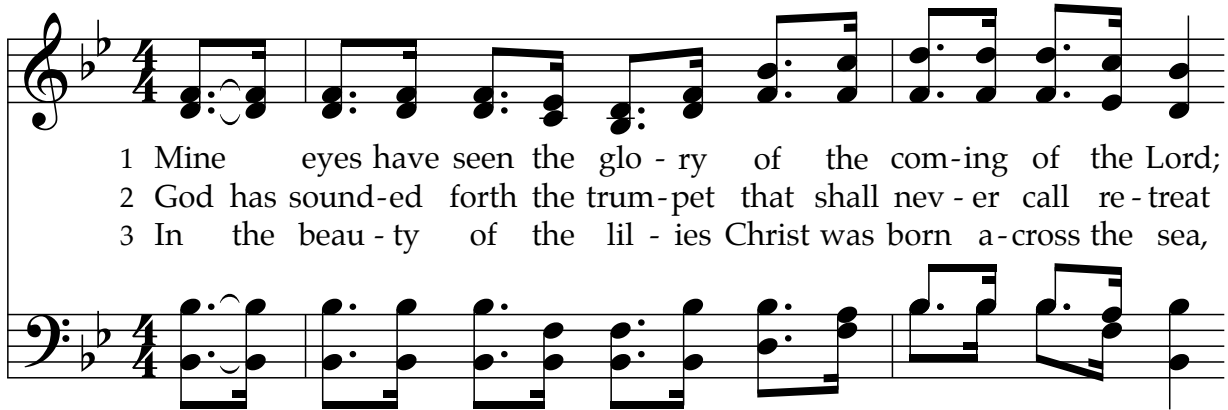
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Response to the Word

Please stand, if able.

HYMN 354 Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory


BATTLE HYMN



1 Mine eyes have seen the glo - ry of the com - ing of the Lord;
2 God has sound - ed forth the trum - pet that shall nev - er call re - treat
3 In the beau - ty of the lil - ies Christ was born a - cross the sea,



he is tram - pling out the vin - tage where the grapes of wrath are stored;
and is sift - ing out all hu - man hearts be - fore the judg - ment seat;
with a glo - ry in his bos - om that trans - fig - ures you and me;



he has loosed the fate - ful light - ning of his ter - ri - ble swift sword.
O be swift, my soul, to an - swer; O be ju - bi - lant my feet!
as he died to make us ho - ly, let us live to make all free,

Refrain

God's truth is march - ing on.
 Our God is march - ing on. Glo - ry, glo - ry hal - le -
 while God is march - ing on.

lu - jah! Glo - ry, glo - ry hal - le - lu - jah! Glo - ry,

glo - ry hal - le - lu - jah! God's truth is march - ing on.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Rebecca Kirkpatrick

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 male and female, of every race and people, to live as one community. But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator. Ignoring God's commandments, we violate the image of God in others and ourselves, accept lies as truth, exploit neighbor and nature, and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care. We deserve God's condemnation. Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation. 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.**

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.**

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

OFFERTORY ANTHEM All Things Bright And Beautiful Richard Shephard

Mindy Rubinlicht, soprano

All things bright and beautiful, All creatures great and small, All things wise and wonderful, The Lord God made them all.

Each little flower that opens, Each little bird that sings, He made their glowing colours, He made their tiny wings.

The cold wind in the winter, The pleasant summer sun, The ripe fruits in the garden, –He made them every one:

He gave us eyes to see them, And lips that we might tell, How great is God Almighty, Who has made all things well.

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

OLD HUNDREDTH

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

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Rebecca Kirkpatrick

1 O beau-ti-ful for spa-cious skies, for am-ber waves of grain,
 2 O beau-ti-ful for he-ros proved in lib-er-at-ing strife,
 3 O beau-ti-ful for pa-triot dream that sees be-yond the years

for pur-ple moun-tain maj-es-ties a-bove the fruit-ed plain!
 who more than self their coun-try loved, and mer-cy more than life!
 thine al-a-bas-ter cit-ies gleam, un-dimmed by hu-man tears!

A-mer-i-ca! A-mer-i-ca! God shed his grace on thee,
 A-mer-i-ca! A-mer-i-ca! God mend thine ev-ery flaw;
 A-mer-i-ca! A-mer-i-ca! May God thy gold re-fine

and crown thy good with *broth-er-hood from sea to shin-ing sea!
 con-firm thy soul in self-con-trol, thy lib-er-ty in law!
 till all suc-cess be no-ble-ness and ev-ery gain di-vine!

*Or "servanthood"

BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE

John Willingham

POSTLUDE Fanfare

John Cook

James Kealey, organist

Worship & Music Notes

PLAYING THE CARILLON

Rob Mygatt

BULLETIN COVER

The Nation Window in the BMPC Chapel

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

UPCOMING & ONGOING

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! On July 26 and Aug. 16, the Summer Choir will sing from the front of the Sanctuary. These dates may be especially convenient for anyone who prefers to avoid stairs, as the front chancel is accessible without them.

Nurturing New Life: Playground Playdates. Fri., July 10, 9:15 a.m., Ed. Bldg. Playground. (Rain location: Gym.) 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

4th-7th Grade Water Balloon Event. Wed., July 8, 3:00 p.m., Front Lawn. Rising 4th-7th graders, join us on the front lawn for a water balloon fight! Sign up at bit.ly/4th7thWaterBalloons

Dynamic Watercolors: Domenic DiStefano Gallery Tour. July 12, 11:15 a.m., Gallery. Join us for a special gallery tour as we unveil seven newly installed watercolor paintings by Domenic DiStefano, replacing seven works that have been on display since the exhibition

opened. Discover fresh perspectives on the artist's beloved coastal and marine landscapes and enjoy this renewed presentation of the exhibition.

CARING AND SHARING

Gemma Backpack and School Supply Collection. Drop off by Sun., Aug. 2, Narthex. Help children served by Gemma Services start the school year strong by participating in our Backpack and School Supply Collection! You can donate a "completed backpack" filled with supplies or purchase individual items from our Amazon list: bit.ly/GemmaBackpacks2026 A complete backpack checklist can be found at bmpc.org/BackpackCollection Contact: MaryRichards@bmpc.org

Supporting Our Hunger Ministry Partners. Summer giving often declines, but the needs faced by our partner organizations do not. A gift of \$800 helps fund the quarterly grants we provide to each of our hunger ministry partners. Donate in the pew envelopes or online at onrealm.org/bmpc/give/hunger

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 as a Prayer Partner or start as one? Please sign up at bit.ly/PrayerPartner2026 so we can plan for our 2026-2027 prayer partner team. Contact: MaryRichards@bmpc.org

Calendar

SUNDAY, JULY 5

- 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
- 9:00 a.m. Summer Choir Rehearsal, Choir Loft
- 10:00 a.m. Worship Together Sunday (Rising K-12), Sanctuary
- 10:00 a.m. **Worship, Sanctuary and Livestreamed**
- 11:15 a.m. Atrium Cafe, Atrium

MONDAY, JULY 6

- 7:30 p.m. Fit4Mom, Gymnasium

TUESDAY, JULY 7

- 10:30 a.m. Tai Chi (hybrid), Gymnasium

WEDNESDAY, JULY 8

- 9:30 a.m. Yoga 206, Gymnasium
- 3:00 p.m. 4th-7th Grade Water Balloon Event
- 5:30 p.m. Taizé Youth and Parents Meeting, virtual

THURSDAY, JULY 9

- 2:00 p.m. Visual Arts Committee Meeting, Gloucester Room

FRIDAY, JULY 10

Youth Pilgrimage to Taizé

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

SATURDAY, JULY 11

Youth Pilgrimage to Taizé

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

SUNDAY, JULY 12

- 8:00 a.m. **Worship with Communion, Chapel**
- 10:00 a.m. **Worship, Sanctuary and Livestreamed**
The Rev. Tom Kort 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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