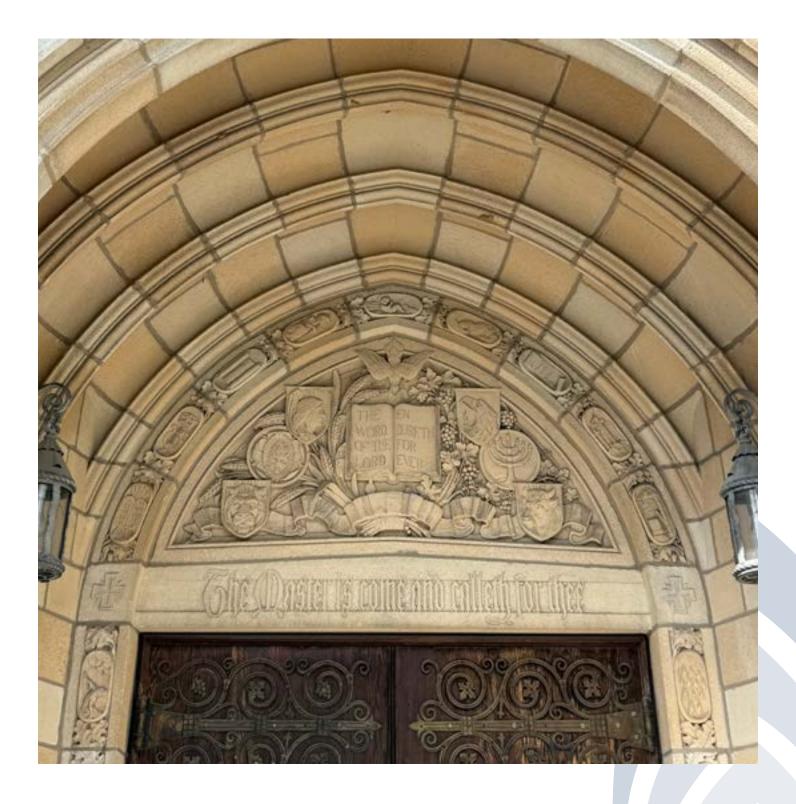


# Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, October 19, 2025 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**

Schmücke dich, o liebe Seele (Bless the Lord, Oh my Soul), BWV 654 Jeffrey Brillhart, organist J. S. Bach

WELCOME Rachel Pedersen

Please stand, if able.

#### **CALL TO WORSHIP**

One Let us come together in the presence of God,

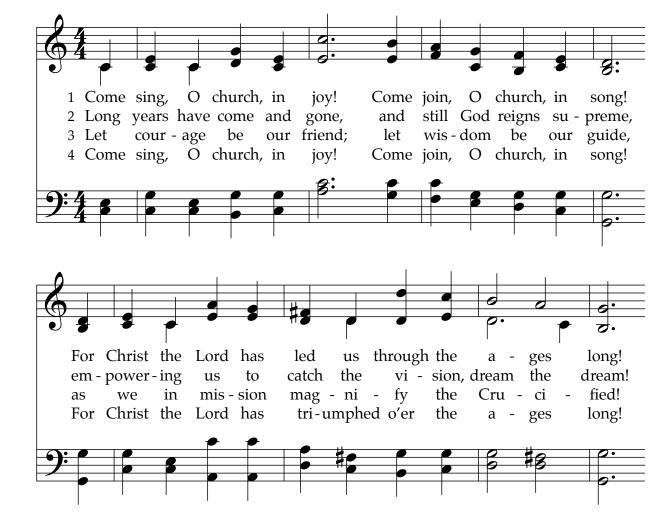
All one in faith and one in spirit.

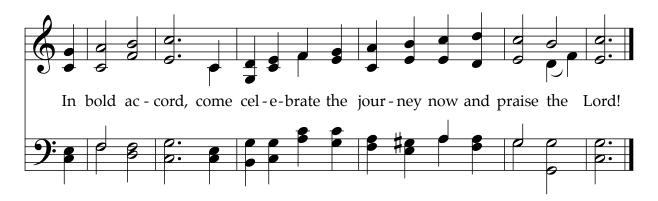
One For it is good to give thanks to the Lord,

All and to sing praises to God's name.

HYMN 305 Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!

DARWALL'S 148TH





#### CALL TO CONFESSION AND PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, thanks for all your wonderful gifts to us – for life itself freely given; your love that binds us to be your church; and your power that fills the earth and gives us hope. Forgive us when we fail to be grateful and to trust in your benevolent presence. Help us to express our gratitude by the generous gifts of our lives in serving you with abounding joy.

A moment of silence for personal reflection and confession.

#### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

At the conclusion of the Choral Response, children are invited to come forward for the Children's Moment.

#### CHORAL RESPONSE Psalm 150

Jeremiah Clarke

**Bryn Mawr Choristers** 

Praise the Lord who reigns above, celebrate his wondrous love.

Praise the Lord with sounding string, celebrate with tambourine.

Praise the Lord with harp and lute, celebrate with singing flute.

Praise the Lord with organ strong, celebrate with joyful song.

Praise the Father, Praise the Son, Praise the Spirit, Three in One.

Alleluia, Amen.

## **Proclamation of the Word**

#### CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Rachel Pedersen

Following the Children's Moment, children K - grade 5 depart for their Sunday School classes.

#### SENDING HYMN Go Now Children With Our Blessing



#### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Rebecca Kirkpatrick

**FIRST LESSON** Exodus 35:4-9, 20-22; 36:3-7 (pg. 82 in pew Bible)

Moses said to all the congregation of the Israelites, "This is the thing that the Lord has commanded: Take from among you an offering to the Lord; let whoever is of a generous heart bring the Lord's offering: gold, silver, and bronze; blue, purple, and crimson yarns and fine linen; goats' hair, tanned rams' skins, and fine leather; acacia wood, oil for the light, spices for the anointing oil and for the fragrant incense, and onyx stones and gems to be set in the ephod and the breastpiece.

Then all the congregation of the Israelites withdrew from the presence of Moses. And they came, everyone whose heart was stirred and everyone whose spirit was willing, and brought the Lord's offering to be used for the tent of meeting and for all its service and for the sacred vestments. So they came, both men and women; all who were of a willing heart brought brooches and earrings and signet rings and pendants, all sorts of gold objects, everyone bringing an offering of gold to the Lord.

And they received from Moses all the offerings that the Israelites had brought for the work of constructing the sanctuary. They still kept bringing him freewill offerings every morning, so that all the skilled workers who were doing every sort of task on the sanctuary came, each from the task being performed, and said to Moses, "The people are bringing much more than enough for doing the work that the Lord has commanded us to do." So Moses gave command, and word was proclaimed throughout the camp: "No

man or woman is to make anything else as an offering for the sanctuary." So the people were restrained from bringing, for what they had already brought was more than enough to do all the work.

**ANTHEM** Dona Nobis Pacem, from "Mass in B minor" Dona nobis pacem. *Grant us peace*.

J. S. Bach

#### SECOND LESSON Luke 21:1-4

(pg. 85 in pew Bible)

He looked up and saw rich people putting their gifts into the treasury; he also saw a poor widow put in two small copper coins. He said, "Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put

One The Word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Agnes W. Norfleet

in more than all of them, for all of them have contributed out of their abundance, but she out of her poverty has put in all she had to live on."

SERMON More than Enough
Sacred Texts for Beloved Community Series

Agnes W. Norfleet

# Response to the Word

Please stand, if able.



#### PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Melanie Hardison

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.

#### BRYN MAWR GIVES LOVE MINISTRY MOMENT

Laura Zalewsky

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

Melanie Hardison

**OFFERTORY ANTHEM** i thank you God for most this amazing

Amy Scurria

i thank you God for most this amazing day

for the leaping greenly spirits of trees

blue true dream of sky

and for everything which is natural which is infinite

which is yes

i who died am alive again today

and this is the sun's birthday

this is the birthday of life and love and wings

and of the gay great happening illimitably earth

how should tasting touching hearing seeing

breathing any lifted from the no

of all nothing human merely being

doubt unimaginable you

doubt you

now the ears of my ears awake

now my eyes of my eyes are opened

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 below; praise God above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Melanie Hardison



#### BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE

Agnes W. Norfleet

**POSTLUDE** Fantasia in G minor, BWV 542 Jeffrey Brillhart, organist J. S. Bach

# **Worship Notes**

#### SANCTUARY FLOWERS

Given to the glory of God and in celebration of the marriage of Margaret Gregg and Wesley Chiang.

#### **CHAPEL GARDEN FLOWERS**

Given to the glory of God and in loving memory of The Rev. Dr. David B. Watermulder and Ruth G. Watermulder.

#### RECEIVING THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM AT THE 8:00 A.M. SERVICE

Richard Ehelebe

#### WE WELCOME THE FOLLOWING NEW MEMBERS

Doug and Jen Boyd Madison and Steven Mathews

Esther Chang-Liu and Steven Liu Charles, Stephanie & Luke Moleski

Heather Duncan Emily and Johncarlo Pecorari

Richard Ehelebe Ray and Terry Posey
Charles and Rebecca Everett Jane and Todd Shissler

Kristen Hayden Torrisi Whitney Shissler

Joan Holmes Andrew Stanhope

Elizabeth and Timothy Hoyt Devon Torchiana Ike Jones and Ann Wilson Audrey Wilson

Dan Maskarinec

#### **TODAY'S MUSIC**

Today's music includes a work commissioned for the Sanctuary Choir. "i thank you God for most this amazing," composed by Amy Scurria. Amy Scurria is a multi-award-winning composer whose work continues to be performed worldwide, including on the Perelman Stage at Carnegie Hall and by the Philadelphia Orchestra at the Kimmel Center. Late-diagnosed as autistic, Scurria began composing at age 8, with music serving as her primary language for exploring emotion and experience. Her creative process blends improvisation, movement, and a vivid internal ear—techniques shaped by her unique neurodivergent perspective. We were proud to have Amy in the choir for several seasons in the late 90s through 2002. The other anthem, J. S. Bach's astounding "Dona Nobis Pacem" comes from his Mass in B minor. Regardless of the scope of spirituality in your life, this is music that carries a singularly profound emotional power. From the ascending lines at the beginning, reaching toward heaven, Bach's music stops us in our tracks to remind us that darkness must always give way to light, that sorrow and joy are two sides of the same coin of human experience.

- Jeffrey Brillhart, Director of Music and Fine Arts

#### PLAYING THE CARILLON

Klaus Volpert

# WELCOME TO BRYN MAWR PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Welcome to Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church as we enter this vibrant season of gathering, growing, and reconnecting. In these weeks, our ministries come alive with opportunities to learn, serve, and share in fellowship. Whether you are returning after the summer or visiting for the very first time, we are grateful for your presence in this community of faith. Together, we seek to follow Christ with open hearts and willing hands. Inside this bulletin, you'll find ways to participate in worship, programs, and mission. May this season be a time of renewal and joy as we journey together in faith.

The Rev. Dr. Agnes W. Norfleet

**Senior Pastor** 

Agnes

#### **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 in the Atrium following the worship service. All of our programs, ministries, and opportunities for mission are open to everyone. Learn more at <a href="mailto:bmpc.org">bmpc.org</a>.

#### 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 <a href="www.bmpc.org/live">www.bmpc.org/live</a> or on our YouTube channel. A recording of the service will also be available on our Worship 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**

Explore Our New Website Together. Sun., Oct. 19, 11:15 a.m., Congregational Hall. Join us for a Sunday morning forum introducing our church's new website, designed to keep you connected and informed. We'll walk through how to navigate key features, find important updates, and stay engaged with all that's happening in our church community.

Alice Dustin: Flora & Fauna - Gallery Reception. Sun., Oct. 19, 2:00 p.m., Gallery. Meet the artist one last time! Alice Dustin will be on hand to host a special gallery reception with light refreshments and snacks, sharing her intimate oil portraits of pets, farm animals, and imagined creatures. Enjoy this chance to see the work up close, talk with the artist, and celebrate creativity before the exhibition closes on Sun., Oct. 26. All works are for sale, with a portion of proceeds supporting climate action. To inquire about purchasing a piece, please email <a href="mailto:ToriFisher@bmpc.org">ToriFisher@bmpc.org</a>

#### Member Perspectives: Artists of BMPC.

Submission form due Sun., Oct. 19. BMPC invites members to share their creativity in Member Perspectives: Artists of BMPC, an exhibition on view Nov. 2 - Dec. 21. Artists may submit two-dimensional, hangable works in any medium by completing the intent-to-participate form and delivering installation-ready artwork on Tues., Oct. 28, from 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. in the BMPC Gallery. The show opens on Sunday, November 2, at 11:15 a.m. Submit works using the online form at <a href="https://bit.ly/MembersShow2025">bit.ly/MembersShow2025</a>

#### **UPCOMING & ONGOING**

Bryn Mawr Gives Love. The annual budget, set by our Trustees, includes an increase to cover higher operational costs (utilities, insurance, salaries, and much more) and also provides increased support for mission and outreach. To achieve this goal, we would need a 6% increase in congregational giving. The majority of the budget comes from the pledges each of us makes to support the church. Please consider increasing your pledge, or pledging if you have not previously done so, to support this ambitious budget.

Rehearsing Scripture Bible Study. Mon., Oct. 20, 27, and Nov. 3, 7:00 p.m., Witherspoon Parlor. In her book, *Rehearsing Scripture*, Dr. Anna Carter Florence, our fall Theologian in Residence, invites readers into a dynamic, participatory approach to reading the Bible, to engage Scripture with curiosity, imagination, and community. This three-week class, led by the Rev. Rebecca Kirkpatrick and Dr. Joshua Yoder, will draw upon these techniques for reading scripture with one another, as we look forward to Anna's time with us in November. Contact JenniferMcArthur@bmpc. org to register for the class. No book required.

#### Which Medicare Drug Plan is Best for You?

Mon., Oct. 27, 10:00 a.m., Witherspoon Parlor. The Medicare Open Enrollment Season ends on December 7. This is a vital time to compare plans to be sure which will be the best for you in 2026. BMPC member Louisa Mygatt, a volunteer Medicare counselor, leads a workshop on how to make a drug plan com-

parison online. The workshop is open to all, so bring your laptop, your list of medications, and your questions.

The Rev. Dr. Agnes W. Norfleet's Final Sunday. Sun., Oct. 26, at 10:00 a.m., Sanctuary. Join us for a single worship service (no 8:00 a.m. service) as we celebrate Agnes' 13 years of faithful leadership and ministry. The service will include special tributes and the presentation of a love offering as we send Agnes and Larry off to North Carolina with gratitude and affection. A festive reception will follow in Congregational Hall and the Gymnasium to honor Agnes and her family.

Halloween Silent Film with Live Organ Accompaniment. Fri., Oct. 31, 8:00 p.m., Chapel. Join us for a special Halloween event featuring the 1923 silent film classic The Hunchback of Notre Dame with live organ accompaniment. BMPC Organ Scholar Daniel Carroll will bring the film to life with an improvised score, recreating the authentic silent-era movie experience. Carroll, a nationally recognized young organist from the Curtis Institute of Music, is known for his expressive playing and award-winning improvisation. Don't miss this thrilling evening of music, film, and popcorn concessions in the Chapel!

All Saints' Sunday. Sun., Nov. 2, 10:00 a.m., Sanctuary. This All Saints' Sunday, our Sanctuary Choir will lift their voices in a moving celebration of faith and remembrance. Through stirring anthems and reflective hymns, we'll honor the saints who have gone before us and rejoice in the promise of eternal life. Come and be part of this beautiful service of worship, music, and community.

#### **Anti-Racism Prayer Walk to Bryn Mawr**

College. Sun., Nov. 2, 11:30 a.m. You are invited to gather in front of the Sanctuary following our All Saints service, as we walk together to view a new memorial on Bryn Mawr College's campus. "Don't Forget to Remember (Me)" is a braided clay and illuminated-glass pathway installation by artist Nekisha Durrett honoring and reclaiming the overlooked contributions of Black staff from the early 20th century while symbolically retracing the journey of the college's first Black female graduate. Contact RebeccaKirkpatrick@bmpc.org

#### Sign Up for the Christmas Eve Pageant.

Sign up by Mon., Nov. 3, if your child wants to participate in the 4:30 p.m. Christmas Eve Service on Wed., Dec. 24. Our youngest participants must be at least three years old (our sheep!). Registration required: <a href="mailto:bit.ly/ChristmasParticipant2025">bit.ly/ChristmasParticipant2025</a> Volunteers needed! Contact <a href="mailto:MaryRichards@bmpc.org">MaryRichards@bmpc.org</a>

The Labyrinth Ministry. Tues., Nov. 4, 10:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m., Congregational Hall. All are invited to walk our Chartres canvas labyrinth on Election Day. Our theme for November is peace and gratitude, although any intention is welcome. Quiet your mind, calm your anxieties, welcome insight, and reduce stress. If your group is over five people, kindly let <u>KikiMc Kendrick@bmpc.org</u> know ahead of time.

Theologian In Residence, Anna Carter Florence. Sat., Nov. 8, 10:00 a.m. and Sun., Nov. 9, 11:15 a.m., Congregational Hall. Join us for our annual lecture series featuring Homiletics Scholar Anna Carter Florence. Anna is known for her creative reading and explorations of scripture, and in both gatherings will help us experience and understand the Bible in new and imaginative ways.

#### Glow in the Dark Capture the Flag. Sun.,

Nov. 9, 6:00 p.m., Gym & Harcum College Lawn. Current 6th-12th graders are invited to the annual Glow in the Dark Capture the Flag event. Arrive at 6:00 p.m. in the gym for pizza and 6:30 p.m. for the games. Registration required: <u>bit.ly/GlowCTF2025</u> Contact <u>Andy</u> <u>Greenhow@bmpc.org</u>

#### Middle School Retreat at Johnsonburg.

Fri., Dec. 5- Sun., Dec. 7. Students in grades 6-8 are invited to a Middle School Retreat at Johnsonburg Camp & Retreat Center. The cost is \$175, with scholarships available. Register by Thurs., Nov. 20: bit. ly/MiddleSchoolRetreat2025 Contact AndyGreenhow@bmpc.org

#### **CARING AND SHARING**

# welcoming presence for members and visitors! Front Desk Receptionists greet guests, answer and transfer calls, and use our online church directory. Shifts are flexible—just 2 hours or more—and a brief screening helps ensure a good fit. If you're comfortable with people phones and computers this

helps ensure a good fit. If you're comfortable with people, phones, and computers, this could be a wonderful way to serve. Contact <a href="mailto:LizEllis@bmpc.org"><u>LizEllis@bmpc.org</u></a>

## Join Us in the Fight Against Hunger.

Through the BMPC Hunger Fund, our congregation supports more than eighteen food pantries and feeding programs in Greater Philadelphia and helps provide over 1,000 casseroles each year. Your gifts make this possible and strengthen the work of our partners serving neighbors in need. Give using the white Hunger Envelopes in your pew rack or make a one-time or recurring gift online: <a href="mailto:onrealm.org/bmpc/give/hunger">onrealm.org/bmpc/give/hunger</a>

# Calendar

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 19	
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.	Art@9, Ed. Bldg., Rm. 102
8:45 a.m.	Digging Deeper, Witherspoon Parlor
8:45 a.m.	Filling the Well, Ed. Bldg., Rm. 105
9:00 a.m.	Flora & Fauna Exhibit, Gallery
9:00 a.m.	Chorister Rehearsal, Rehearsal Room
9:00 a.m.	New Member Breakfast, Congregational Hall
9:55 a.m.	Sunday School Ages 2s, 3s, and Pre-K, Ed. Bldg.
10:00 a.m.	Worship with Sanctuary Choir, Sanctuary & Livestreamed
10:00 a.m.	Youth Gathering (Gr. 6-12), Gymnasium
10:15 a.m.	Sunday School K-5th Grade, Ed. Bldg.
11:00 a.m.	Family Fellowship, Ed. Bldg. Hall
11:00 a.m.	Atrium Cafe, Atrium
11:15 a.m.	BMPC Website Reveal, Congregational Hall
2:00 p.m.	Gallery Reception with Alice Dustin, Flora & Fauna Artist, Gallery
3:00 p.m.	Yoga for Life Make Up Class (hybrid), Gymnasium
MONDAY, OCTOBER 20	
10:00 a.m.	Which Medicare Drug Plan is Best for You?, Witherspoon Parlor
7:00 p.m.	Hunger Committee Meeting, Cannon Room
7:00 p.m.	Monday Night Study, Witherspoon Parlor
7:00 p.m.	Nominating Committee Meeting, Gloucester Room
7:30 p.m.	Fit4Mom, Gymnasium
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 21	
9:00 a.m.	Yoga for Life (hybrid), Gymnasium
10:30 a.m.	TaiChi (hybrid), Gymnasium

Urban Suburban Book Group, Fullerton Room

12:00 p.m.

1:00 p.m. Dance for Parkinson's Disease, Gymnasium 6:00 p.m. Bells of Bryn Mawr Rehearsal, Rehearsal Room 6:45 p.m. BMPC Tutoring Program, Ed. Bldg. Hall WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 22 9:30 a.m. Yoga206 Bone Boost, Gymnasium 10:00 a.m. Coffee Cup Bible Study, Cannon Room Wednesday Connection Group, Converse House Parlor 4:30 p.m. 4:30 p.m. Piano Class A, Fine Arts Center 4:30 p.m. Wednesday Connection Group, Converse House Parlor Chorister Rehearsal, Rehearsal Room 5:00 p.m. Junior Chorister Rehearsal, Ed. Bldg. Hall 5:00 p.m. Wednesday Night Dinner, Congregational Hall 5:30 p.m. Piano Class B, Fine Arts Center 6:00 p.m. Outreach Committee Meeting, Cannon Room 7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. Student Serve, Gymnasium Youth Lounge THURSDAY, OCTOBER 23 9:30 a.m. Singing for Life Rehearsal, Rehearsal Room 7:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal, Fine Arts Center FRIDAY, OCTOBER 24 8:30 a.m. Foundation Investment Committee Meeting, virtual. SATURDAY, OCTOBER 25 7:00 a.m. Fit4Mom, Gymnasium 7:00 a.m. Saturday Morning Men's Connection Group, Converse House Parlor Searching for Still Waters Bereavement Group, Converse House Parlor 10:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m. **Judith Steck Memorial Service, Chapel** 1:00 p.m. Byrle Sloan Walters Reception, Ed. Bldg. Hall SUNDAY, OCTOBER 26 10:00 a.m. Worship with Sanctuary Choir, Sanctuary and Livestreamed

# 10:00 a.m. Worship with Sanctuary Choir, Sanctuary and Livestreamed The Rev. Dr. Agnes W. Norfleet will preach.

11:00 a.m. Farewell Reception Honoring the Rev. Dr. Agnes W. Norfleet,
Congregational Hall

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