



Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, July 7, 2024

10:00 a.m., Sanctuary



Gathering of God's People

PRELUDE Variations and Fugue on "America"

Max Reger

WELCOME

Franklyn C. Pottorff

Please stand, if able.

CALL TO WORSHIP

One To be reconciled to God is to be sent into the world as a reconciling community.

All **With the church universal, we are entrusted with God's message of reconciliation.**

One We share in God's labor of healing the divides which separate one from another.

All **Christ calls the church to this mission that all may eat at Table together.**

One Let us worship the One who calls us to embrace those whom we forget or ignore.

All **Let us worship the God who unites all people under the reign of love!**

HYMN 301 Let Us Build a House

TWO OAKS

CALL TO CONFESSION & PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All **Almighty God, our judge and our redeemer,
We confess that we have tried to hide from you, for we have done wrong.
We have lived solely for ourselves and apart from you.
We have turned from those who call for help and refused to bear the burden of others.
We have ignored the pain of the world, and passed by the hungry, the poor, the oppressed.
In your great mercy, make us aware of our sin and forgive us.**

Free us from selfishness, that we may choose your will and obey your commandments.

Through Jesus Christ, our loving Savior.

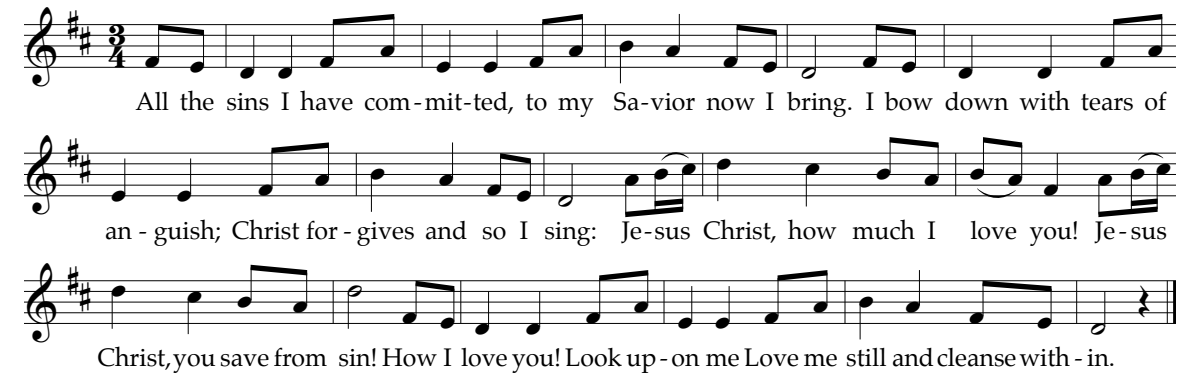
A moment of silence for personal reflection and confession.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

During the Sung Response, children are invited to come forward for the Children's Moment.

SUNG RESPONSE

NETTLETON



All the sins I have com-mit-ted, to my Sa-rior now I bring. I bow down with tears of an - guish; Christ for - gives and so I sing: Je-sus Christ, how much I love you! Je-sus Christ, you save from sin! How I love you! Look up - on me Love me still and cleanse with - in.

Proclamation of the Word

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Rachel Pedersen

SENDING HYMN Go Now, Children, with Our Blessing



Go now, child-ren with our bless-ing, to love and serve the Lord. May God Bless you, May God guard you, May the light of God shine u - pon you, and may God be gra-cious to you. May the pre-sence of God be with you. May the pre-sence of God be with you, and give you peace.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Franklyn C. Pottorff

FIRST LESSON Isaiah 25:1-8
(pg. 652 in pew Bible)

SECOND LESSON Mark 7:24-29
(pg. 42 in pew Bible)

One The Word of the Lord.
All **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON *Crumbs from the Table*
All Creatures Great & Small Summer Series

Leigh DeVries

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Response to the Word

Please stand, if able.

HYMN 692 Spirit, Open My Heart

WILD MOUNTAIN THYME

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Rachel Pedersen

**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.**

- 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.**

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

OFFERTORY ANTHEM Your Hands, O Lord, in Days of Old

Carson Cooman

Your hands, O Lord, in days of old were strong to heal and save;
They triumphed over pain and death, o'er darkness and the grave.
to you they went, the blind, the mute, the palsied and the lame,
The leper set apart and shunned, the sick and those in shame.

And then your touch brought life and health, gave speech and
strength and sight; and youth renewed, with health restored, claimed
you, the Lord of light. And so, O Lord, be near to bless, almighty now
as then, in every street, in every home, in every troubled friend.

O be our mighty healer still, O Lord of life and death;
Restore and strengthen, soothe and bless with your almighty breath,
On hands that work and eyes that see, your healing wisdom pour,
That whole and sick and weak and strong may praise you evermore.

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 Rachel Pedersen

HYMN 338 O Beautiful, for Spacious Skies MATERNA

BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE Leigh DeVries

POSTLUDE Theme and Fughetta on "The Star-Spangled Banner" Dudley Buck

Worship & Music Notes

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

Given to the Glory of God and in memory of Lynn Hardy Yeakel.

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PLAYING THE CARILLON

Klaus Volpert

WELCOME TO BRYN MAWR PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Welcome to Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church, where we gather as a faith community to worship, grow, learn, and serve. As we come together this Sunday, we are reminded of our Creator's abundant grace and boundless love. Whether you are a longtime member, a first-time visitor, or somewhere in between, we extend a warm welcome to you. May our time together be filled with inspiration, fellowship, and a deepening of our connection with God and one another.



The Rev. Dr. Agnes W. Norfleet
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 in the Atrium following the worship service. All of our programs, ministries, and opportunities for mission are open to everyone. Learn more at bmpc.org.

LIVESTREAMED CHURCH SERVICES

In addition to in-person worship, the Sunday worship services are available to watch live at 10:00 a.m. on our live-streaming page: www.bmpc.org/livestream. For your convenience, the service also will be posted on our Worship Services page on Monday.

CHILDCARE AND SUNDAY SCHOOL

Childcare is available on Sundays from 7:45 to 11:15 a.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.

Announcements

TODAY

Summer Choir. Through Sept. 1, 9:00 a.m., Sanctuary Choir Loft. All singers ages 12+ are invited to come to church any Sunday at 9:00 a.m. for a short rehearsal in the choir loft, then stay and sing for the 10:00 a.m. worship service. Summer choir is simple (one anthem, hymns, and a closing response) and informal (no robes). No long-term commitment; no need to sign up in advance. All are welcome!

NEW ANNOUNCEMENTS

Congregational Meeting. Sun., Jul. 14, 11:00 a.m., Sanctuary. The Session has called a Congregational Meeting for Sun., Jul. 14, following 10 a.m. worship for the purpose of dissolving the pastoral relationship with the Rev. Dr. Franklyn C. Pottorff.

Chester Children's Chorus Concerts. Thurs., Jul. 25, 2:00 p.m. or Sun., Jul. 28, 4:00 p.m., Our Mother of Good Counsel, 31 Pennswood Rd., Bryn Mawr. Chester Children's Chorus provides year-round music and math education to the children of Chester, PA. Children and youth ages 7 through 18 develop their vocal talents via rehearsals and concerts as well as their

math skills through small group and individualized instruction. CCC is a recent recipient of a two-year grant from BMPC's Eugene C. Bay Fund for Urban Ministry.

BMPC Hike/Work Day. Sat., Aug. 3, 9:00 - 11:30 a.m., Morris Park. The Environmental Justice Committee invites all to join together for a hike/work day. We will enjoy a hike through Morris Park in the Overbrook section of Philadelphia, followed by a work session. To sign up, contact David Heaton, heatondavid2@gmail.com by July 29.

Summertime and the Readin' Is Easy. Check out our summer reading selection from Converse Library, now available in the Atrium and the Court. Perfect for the beach, backpacking, or backyard lounging—check out a book or two to take on your journey! Explore more titles in the Converse Library, located in the Fullerton Room, or view our catalog online at libib.com/u/converselibrary. You can even reserve interesting books for pickup!

UPCOMING

Deacons' Annual Summer Blood Drive. Mon., Jul. 15, 2:00-7:00 p.m., Congregational Hall. Volunteers needed to donate

blood; register online: <https://bit.ly/2024-Blood-Drive>. Contact MonicaDevane@bmpc.org

BMPC Prayer Partners 2024-2025. We are so grateful to our Prayer Partners from this past year! Would you like to continue or start being a Prayer Partner? Please sign up so we can plan for our 2024-2025 prayer partner team! We will be making assignments in mid-July, so please respond as soon as possible: <https://bit.ly/PrayerPartner2024>. Contact MaryRichards@bmpc.org

Church Officer Nominations. Please submit your recommendations to the 2024 Nominating Committee by Sun., Sept. 15, for Elders, Deacons, Trustees, and Nominating Committee Members-at-Large via the nominating form: <https://bit.ly/BMPCNominations>. Paper copies of the nominating form are available in the Narthex and at the Reception Desk in the Ministries Center.

Sustaining Democracy: What We Owe the Other Side. We look forward to welcoming Dr. Robert Talise as our fall Community Forum speaker on Mon., Sept. 30. Copies of his most recent book, *Sustaining Democracy: What We Owe the Other Side*, are available from the church now for those who would like to read it over the summer. In his book, Talise explores what it means to preserve democratic

principles, what our obligations and values are as citizens of a democracy, and how we open ourselves to being in honest dialogue with those who hold differing political views from our own. Discounted books can be ordered for \$10 online at <https://bit.ly/BMPCBookpickup>. Contact JenniferMcArthur@bmpc.org.

IN THE MINISTRIES CENTER

Seeking Freedom: Portraits of Mass Incarceration. May 5 through Sept. 1, Gallery. Several large portraits, created in batik, quilting, and embroidery by textile artist Carolyn Harper, form a dramatic exhibition that combines the portraits with texts written by the artist in collaboration with the sitters, telling the stories of these currently and formerly incarcerated people.

CARING AND SHARING

Sanctuary Flower Donations. Openings are available in July and August for donors who wish to give flowers in memory of or in honor of loved ones. Later, our Deacons deliver small arrangements of the flowers to homebound church members. Contact SusanThorkelson@mac.com

2024 Backpack and School Supply Collection. Help children served by Gemma Services start school on the right foot! Bring completed backpacks

(3 composition or spiral notebooks, 4 pocket folders, box of pencils, large eraser, box of 24 crayons, colored pencils or markers, 2 glue sticks) to the Narthex in the Sanctuary by Sun., Jul. 28. You may bring a “completed backpack” or help by purchasing individual supplies from our Amazon list or contact Mary Richards for more info.

Habitat for Humanity Philadelphia.

Sat., Aug. 10, 8:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m., off campus. Looking for a meaningful way to volunteer? Habitat for Humanity Philadelphia welcomes you! Habitat works alongside volunteers toward a vision of a city where everyone has a decent place to live. We invite you to help provide shelter for others. Email JenniferMcArthur@bmipc.org to register. Limited spots available.

Non-Perishable Food Donations Needed.

During the summer, our local food pantries need extra support through the donations of non-perishable items. You can bring items for donation - soup, canned chicken, fruit cups/canned fruit,

oatmeal, box cereal, pasta, paper goods, juice, and brown rice - during the week to the Church Office reception desk or leave them in the Narthex of the Sanctuary or Chapel on Sunday mornings. Thank you in advance for your support of the fight against hunger.

Support Our Local Refugee Efforts. The BMPC Refugee Support Committee continues its work to support local families and individuals who are making a new home in our community and greater Philadelphia. Supporting refugees and asylum seekers means walking with them as they navigate legal, governmental, educational, and community resources. The Committee’s work also includes providing financial resources to supplement the limited government assistance they receive. If you would like to contribute financially to the work of the BMPC Refugee Support Committee, please donate by writing “Refugee Support” on the memo line of a check or give a one-time or recurring gift online at <https://onrealm.org/bmipc/give/refugee>.

Calendar

SUNDAY, JULY 7

- 7:45 a.m. Childcare (Birth-Kindergarten), Ed. Bldg., Rm. 101
- 8:00 a.m. **Worship with Communion, Chapel**
- 9:00 a.m. “Seeking Freedom” Exhibit, Gallery
- 9:55 a.m. Sunday School Ages 3s and 4s, Ed. Bldg.
- 10:00 a.m. **Worship with Summer Choir, Sanctuary and Livestreamed**
Worship Together Sunday Grades K-12
- 11:00 a.m. Atrium Cafe, Atrium

MONDAY, JULY 8

No events scheduled

TUESDAY, JULY 9

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

WEDNESDAY, JULY 10

Youth Mission Trip to Peru

THURSDAY, JULY 11

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FRIDAY, JULY 12

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SATURDAY, JULY 13

- 10:00 a.m. Searching for Still Waters Bereavement Group, Witherspoon Parlor
- 3:00 p.m. **Clothier/Dell Wedding, Sanctuary**
Youth Mission Trip to Peru

SUNDAY, JULY 14

- 8:00 a.m. **Worship with Communion, Chapel**
- 10:00 a.m. **Worship with Summer Choir, Sanctuary and Livestreamed**
The Rev. Dr. Franklyn C. Pottorff will preach.
- 11:00 a.m. Congregational Meeting, Sanctuary
Youth Mission Trip to Peru

Giving

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