



## **Eighth Sunday after Pentecost**

Sunday, July 14, 2024

8:00 a.m., Chapel



# Gathering of God's People

PRELUDE

WELCOME

Rachel Pedersen

Please stand, if able.

CALL TO WORSHIP

- One Blessed is the name of God, from age to age,  
All **To whom belong wisdom and understanding;**  
One Who reveals deep and hidden things,  
All **And comes to us in surprises of mercy and grace.**  
One To you, be glory, honor, and praise.  
All **For you are the saving One; and we are your grateful people.**

HYMN 641 When in Our Music God is Glorified

ENGELBERG

CALL TO CONFESSION & PRAYER OF CONFESSION

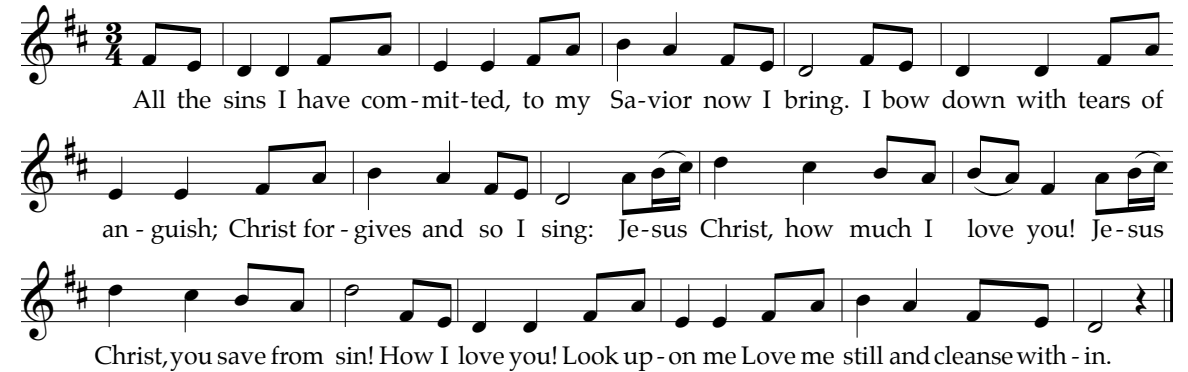
- All **Holy God of provision and care,  
We have grown comfortable with the mundane,  
and suspicious of the spectacular:  
We work and see in it little purpose;  
We play and see in it little pleasure;  
We fret and see in it little point.  
Startle us, we pray,  
With truth that will shake us;  
With love that will not let us go.  
In the name of the surprising Savior.**

A moment of silence for personal reflection and confession.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

SUNG RESPONSE

NETTLETON



All the sins I have com-mit-ted, to my Sa-vior 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.

## Hearing of the Word

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Charlotte Swenson

FIRST LESSON John 1:19-34

(pg. 92 in pew Bible)

SECOND LESSON Genesis 22:1-14

Franklyn C. Pottorff

(pg. 17 in pew Bible)

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

SERMON *The Ram in the Thicket*

Franklyn C. Pottorff

All Creatures Great & Small Summer Series

## Response to the Word

### THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Rachel Pedersen

You are invited to come forward, using the center aisle, to partake of the Lord's Supper by intinction (dipping a piece of bread into the cup); return to your seat using the side aisle.

Gluten- and casein-free elements are on the center table.

You are invited to bring your offering when you come forward.

### THE INVITATION TO COMMUNION

#### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

One The Lord be with you.

All **And also with you.**

One Lift up your hearts.

All **We lift them to the Lord.**

One Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

### PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

**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.**

### COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

#### PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Franklyn C. Pottorff

Please stand, if able.

HYMN 462 | Love to Tell the Story

HANKEY

### SENDING AND PASSING OF THE PEACE

One The peace of Christ be with you.

All **And also with you.**

### POSTLUDE

## Worship & Music Notes

#### ASSISTING WITH COMMUNION

Charlotte Swenson, Deacon

#### USHER

Keith Brinks

#### SANCTUARY FLOWERS

Given to the Glory of God and in honor of Dr. A. James Moser.

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# 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

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## 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](https://www.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](https://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](mailto:RachelPedersen@bmpc.org) or Childcare Coordinator Erika Henry, [childcare@bmpc.org](mailto: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!

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

### NEW ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Mission Co-Worker Cathy Chang.** Sun., Aug. 4. We are glad to welcome PC(USA) Mission Co-Worker Cathy Chang and her husband Juan Lopez to be with us to share an update on their work in the fight against human trafficking in the Philippines. The BMPC Worldwide Ministries Committee has provided financial support to Cathy and Juan for all eight years they have served as Co-

Workers. Cathy will be our preacher at both the 8:00 and 10:00 a.m. services. At 11:15 a.m. that morning, Cathy and Juan will give a more formal update on their work during a presentation held in Congregational Hall.

### UPCOMING

**Deacons' Annual Summer Blood Drive.** Mon., Jul. 15, 2:00-7:00 p.m., Congregational Hall. Volunteers needed to donate blood; register: <https://bit.ly/2024-Blood-Drive>. Contact [MonicaDevane@bmpc.org](mailto:MonicaDevane@bmpc.org)

**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](mailto:heatondavid2@gmail.com) by July 29.

**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](mailto: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 Talisse 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, Talisse 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](mailto: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.

**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](http://libib.com/u/converselibrary). You can even reserve interesting books for pickup!

### CARING AND SHARING

**Sanctuary Flower Donations.** Openings are available in 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](mailto: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 [MaryRichards@bmpc.org](mailto:MaryRichards@bmpc.org).

**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@bmpc.org](mailto:JenniferMcArthur@bmpc.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/bmpc/give/refugee>.

## Calendar

### SUNDAY, JULY 14

- 7:45 a.m. Childcare (Birth-Kindergarten), Ed. Bldg., Rm. 101
- 8:00 a.m. **Worship with Communion, Chapel**
- 8:45 a.m. Digging Deeper Summer Adult Ed. Class, Gloucester Room
- 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 4-12
- 10:15 a.m. Sunday School K-3rd Grade, Ed. Bldg., Rm 202
- 11:00 a.m. Congregational Meeting, Sanctuary
- 11:20 a.m. Atrium Cafe, Atrium  
Youth Mission Trip to Peru

### MONDAY, JULY 15

- 2:00 p.m. Deacons’ Annual Blood Drive, Congregational Hall  
Youth Mission Trip to Peru

### TUESDAY, JULY 16

- 10:30 a.m. Tai Chi (Hybrid), Gymnasium  
Youth Mission Trip to Peru

## Calendar

### WEDNESDAY, JULY 17

- 7:00 p.m. Trustees’ Meeting, Fullerton Room  
Youth Mission Trip to Peru

### THURSDAY, JULY 18

- Youth Mission Trip to Peru

### FRIDAY, JULY 19

- Youth Mission Trip to Peru

### SATURDAY, JULY 20

- 7:00 a.m. Saturday Morning Men’s Connection Group, Converse House Parlor
- 11:00 a.m. **Thomas Quay Memorial Service, Chapel**
- 5:00 p.m. **Pakradooni Wedding, Sanctuary**  
Youth Mission Trip to Peru

### SUNDAY, JULY 21

- 8:00 a.m. **Worship with Communion, Chapel**
- 10:00 a.m. **Worship with Summer Choir, Sanctuary and Livestreamed**  
The Rev. Rachel Pedersen will preach.

## Giving

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