



Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, August 25, 2024

10:00 a.m., Sanctuary



Gathering of God's People

PRELUDE Berceuse
Scottish Legend

Teresa Carreño
Amy Beach

WELCOME

Rachel Pedersen

Please stand, if able.

CALL TO WORSHIP

One God of all glory, on this first day you began creation,
All **bringing light out of darkness.**
One On this first day you began your new creation,
All **raising Jesus Christ out of the darkness of death.**
One On this Lord's Day grant that we,
the people you create by water and the Spirit,
All **may be joined with all your works in praising you
for your great glory.**
One Through Jesus Christ, in union with the Holy Spirit,
All **we praise you now and forever.**

HYMN 39 Great Is Thy Faithfulness

FAITHFULNESS

CALL TO CONFESSION & PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All **Merciful God,**
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you
with our whole heart and mind and strength.
We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

In your mercy forgive what we have been,
help us amend what we are,
and direct what we shall be,
so that we may delight in your will
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your holy name.

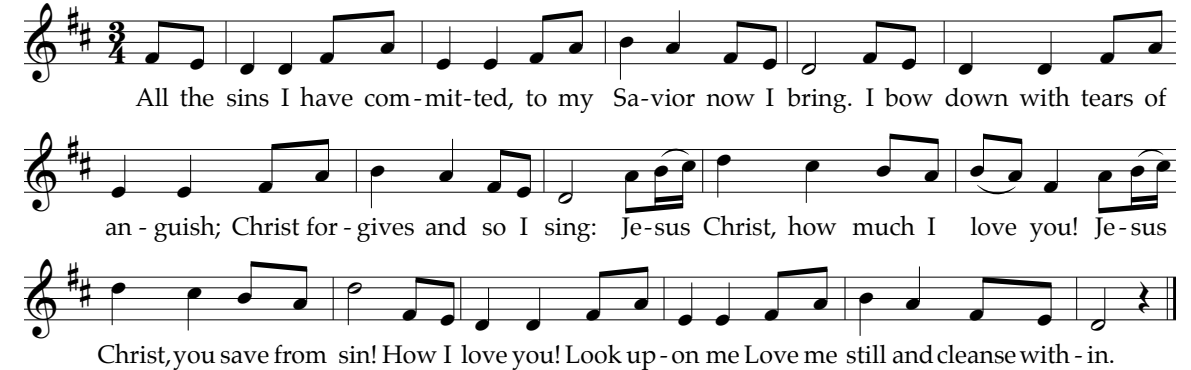
A moment of silence for personal reflection and confession.

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

Following the Children's Moment, children return to their families in the Sanctuary.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST LESSON 1 Timothy 2:8-15
(pg. 208 in pew Bible)

SECOND LESSON Genesis 3:1-21
(pg. 2 in pew Bible)

Rebecca Kirkpatrick

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

SERMON *The Serpent in the Garden*
All Creatures Great & Small Summer Series

Rebecca Kirkpatrick

Response to the Word

Please stand, if able.

HYMN 649 Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound

AMAZING GRACE

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Kirby Lawrence Hill

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 We Shall Not Pass This Way Again Douglas E. Wagner

The road of life is long and wide, with chances lined on either side to treat a stranger as a friend, for we shall not pass this way again. With acts of love and words of praise, in caring service all our days, let us with these each morn begin, for we shall not pass this way again. Let us bring hope to those that doubt, the joy of life to those without, and in helping others understand that we shall not pass this way again. When youth is spent and life leads on, the memories of our work seem gone, but they're left as footprints in the sand and we shall not pass this way again.

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

Kirby Lawrence Hill

HYMN 1 Holy Holy Holy! Lord God Almighty!

NICAEA

BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE

Rebecca Kirkpatrick

POSTLUDE In Pursuit of Excellence (Children of Eden)

Stephen Schwartz

Worship & Music Notes

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

Given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Miriam E. Montgomery, grandmother and great grandmother of Elisha & Ivy Gillette.

GUEST MUSICIAN

Susan Ricci Rogel, piano and organ

COVER IMAGE

Benedictine Window, Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church, Sanctuary.

PLAYING THE CARILLON

Brian Middleton

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 ON SUNDAY

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

NEW ANNOUNCEMENTS

Join the Sanctuary Choir. Sept. 1, 11:00 a.m., Choir Loft. The Sanctuary Choir invites new members to sing during the upcoming 2024–2025 season. If you are interested in joining, please go to the choir loft following the postlude on Sept. 1 to learn about this opportunity and audition. Contact, ToriFisher@bmpc.org

Artists' Gathering. Thursdays starting Sept. 5 from 11:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m., Fine Arts Center. Visual artists are once again invited to the Fine Arts Center to collaborate, meet, and create art together. For more info, contact Mimi Barclay Johnson at ArtistMimi@hotmail.com

Horizons Bible Study. Thurs., Sept. 5, 10:00–11:00 a.m., The Mansion at Rosemont. BMPC Parish Nurse Carol Cherry leads this monthly Presbyterian Women Bible study. In *Let Justice Roll Down: God's Call to Care for Neighbors and All Creation*, author Patricia K. Tull calls us to care for neighbors and God's creation with all our hearts and particularly care for society's least powerful members. Future meetings are on the first Thursdays, Oct.–May. All are welcome! For more info and to receive the book, contact CarolCherry@bmpc.org

"Faces of Resilience." Sept. 8–Oct. 27, Gallery. This exhibition of original artwork was created by participants in Mural Arts Philadelphia's Guild program and artists at SCI: Phoenix, southeast Pennsylvania's maximum-security prison for men. The exhibition gives voice to the perspectives of individuals who are otherwise largely silent in our society.

Great Decisions. Mondays, Sept. 9, Oct. 7, Nov. 4, 10:00–11:00 a.m., via Zoom. BMPC member Bob Martin leads our monthly program based on the *Great Decisions Briefing Book*, videos, and information he and other members share with the group. This fall's topics are: "Invisible Indonesia," "High Seas Treaty," and "Pandemic Preparedness." The program is free and open to all, but registration is required to receive materials and the Zoom link. Contact MonicaDevane@bmpc.org to register.

Invitation to Walk the Labyrinth. Tues., Sept. 10, 10:00 a.m.–7:00 p.m., Ed. Bldg. Lawn. All are invited to join in an outdoor walk of remembrance and prayer. Contact, KikiMcKendrick@bmpc.org

Men's Discussion Group. 2nd and 4th Wed. of each month starting Sept. 11, 10:00 a.m., Converse House Parlor. All men are

welcome to join this in-person study and discussion group. This fall we will start with the book *Israel: A Simple Guide to the Most Misunderstood Country on Earth* by Noa Tishby. Although the book was written before the current war with Hamas in Gaza, it gives background on Israel's history and challenges to help us understand a common Israeli mindset. The group will be led by the Rev. Kirby Lawrence Hill. To register and to find out how to purchase the book, contact KirbyLHill@bmpc.org

Wednesday Night Dinner. Starting Wed., Sept. 11, 5:30 p.m., Congregational Hall. All are invited to join us for fun, fellowship, and food at our weekly Wednesday Night Dinner. Cost is \$12 for adults and \$5 for children and students. Join our Wednesday Night Dinner volunteer team by emailing JenniferMcArthur@bmpc.org

American Treasure Museum Tour. Thurs., Sept. 12, 9:30 a.m.–1:30 p.m. The American Treasure Museum houses one of the world's largest collections of automatic music machines and all sorts of American pop culture memorabilia—from historic movie souvenirs, toys, model airplanes, and antique cars to clowns and sideshow art. Our Senior Adult group will take a guided tour aboard a tram and then have time to explore independently. Meet at the BMPC Sanctuary Parking Lot at 9:30

a.m. for roundtrip bus transportation. Tour tickets are \$15. Please reserve your space by contacting MonicaDevane@bmpc.org by Sept. 9.

Sunday Morning Discussion Group. Sundays starting Sept. 15, 8:30 a.m., Cannon Room and via Zoom. This longstanding Sunday morning class is led by the Rev. Dr. Paul MacMurray. This fall, the class will read Parker Palmer's book, *Healing the Heart of Democracy: The Courage to Create a Politics Worthy of the Human Spirit*. Palmer writes about what we can do to restore civil discourse, reach for understanding across lines of difference, and focus on our shared values. For info about joining the class, receiving the Zoom link, and purchasing a book, contact Paul MacMurray at katrmac2@icloud.com

"Faces of Resilience," Gallery Talk. Sun., Sept. 15, 11:15 a.m., Gallery and Fullerton Room. William Perthes, Director of Adult Education at The Barnes Foundation, alongside Mural Arts Philadelphia, has curated our first exhibit of the fall, "Faces of Resilience." Meet in the Gallery to walk through the exhibit and then move to the Fullerton Room for a more formal presentation on the workshops in which the art is created, the experiences of men incarcerated at SCI: Phoenix, as well as the work of restorative justice.

UPCOMING

Rally Day. Sun., Sept. 8, 11:00 a.m., Ministries Center. Join us for worship at 10:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary, and then stay to enjoy food, fellowship, and activities. All are welcome; bring a friend!

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. Candidates must be members for at least two years, faithfully participate in the worship and program life of the church, and regularly contribute to the church.

“Frida Kahlo and the Art of Portraiture” Class with Teaching Artist George Apotsos. 11:00 a.m.–1:30 p.m. on Fridays, Sept. 20–Oct. 25, in the Fine Arts Center. This art class will explore how Frida Kahlo used the self-portrait as a means of self-discovery and personal mythmaking and how to draw inspiration from one’s own life story to depict thoughts, emotions, and identity in painting. This is primarily an acrylic painting class; however, collage and photomontage can be utilized, and oil painters are welcomed. Classes are free and

limited to 8 registrants. To register, email ToriFisher@bmpc.org or visit <https://bit.ly/fridakahloclass>

2025 Sanctuary Choir Tour to France. Jun. 13–24, 2025. It is with open arms that the Sanctuary Choir extends an invitation to you to join them in France next summer. Typically, 20–30 fellow travelers join in on the adventures. Contact, EdwardLandinSenn@bmpc.org or visit bmpc.org/france2025

Join the Pew Crew. We are seeking volunteers to help refill our pew racks in the Sanctuary and the Chapel. This team typically restocks information like visitor cards, special offering envelopes, and prayer request cards roughly ten times a year. This is a small and easy way to help prepare our church for worship and make us more welcoming to members and guests. Contact, CSingley@bmpc.org

IN THE MINISTRIES CENTER

Seeking Freedom: Portraits of Mass Incarceration. This is the last Sunday to view the exhibit in the 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.

Calendar

SUNDAY, AUGUST 25

- 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
- 10:00 a.m. **Worship with Summer Choir, Sanctuary and Livestreamed**
Worship Together Sunday Grades K-12

MONDAY, AUGUST 26

- 1:00 p.m. Congregational Life Council Meeting, Gloucester Room

TUESDAY, AUGUST 27

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

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 28

- 11:30 a.m. Child and Youth Protection Training, Gloucester Room
- 6:30 p.m. Adult Ed. Committee Meeting, Cannon Room

THURSDAY, AUGUST 29

No events scheduled.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 30

No events scheduled.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 31

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

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 1

- 8:00 a.m. **Worship with Communion, Chapel**
- 10:00 a.m. **Worship with Summer Choir, Sanctuary and Livestreamed**
The Rev. Dr. Kirby Lawrence Hill will preach.

Giving

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