



Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, June 23, 2024

10:00 a.m., Sanctuary



Gathering of God's People

PRELUDE Improvisation

Jeffrey Brillhart

WELCOME

Franklyn C. Pottorff

Please stand, if able.

CALL TO WORSHIP

- One Give thanks to the Lord, who is good,
All for the mercy of God endures forever.
One Give thanks to the God of gods,
All who alone does great wonders.

HYMN 20 All Things Bright and Beautiful

ROYAL OAK

CALL TO CONFESSION & PRAYER OF CONFESSION

- All Almighty God, you love us, but we have not loved you. You call, but we have not listened. We walk away from neighbors in need, wrapped in our own concerns. We condone evil, prejudice, warfare, and greed. God of grace, help us to admit our sin, so that as you come to us in mercy, we may repent, turn to you, and receive forgiveness; through Jesus Christ our Redeemer.**


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 Psalm 145:1-8

(pg. 581 in pew Bible)

SECOND LESSON Jonah 3:10-4:11
(pg. 861 in pew Bible)

Agnes W. Norfleet

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

SERMON *Jonah and God's Appointed Worm*
All Creatures Great & Small Summer Series

Agnes W. Norfleet

Response to the Word

Please stand, if able.

HYMN 30 O God, in a Mysterious Way

DUNDEE

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Leigh DeVries

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 All Things Bright and Beautiful

John Rutter

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 colors, He made their tiny wings. The purple-headed mountain, the river running by, the sunset and the morning, that brightens up the sky; 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. All things bright and beautiful, all creatures great and small, all things wise and wonderful, the Lord God made them all.

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

Leigh DeVries

HYMN 547 Go, My Children, with My Blessing

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BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE

Agnes W. Norfleet

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

"I AM THE RESURRECTION AND THE LIFE."

Thomas Quay - June 13, 2024

Worship & Music Notes

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PLAYING THE CARILLON

Rob Mygatt

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

NEW ANNOUNCEMENTS

Urban Suburban Book Group. Tues., Jun. 25, 12:00 p.m., Fullerton Room. This longstanding book group will meet this week to discuss Barbara Kingsolver's book *Demon Copperhead*. All women are invited to attend. Bring a sandwich; beverage and dessert provided. Contact Anna May Charrington, grandebay1@gmail.com

TODAY

Digging Deeper-Devotional Classics. Sun., Jun. 16 – Jul. 28, 8:45 a.m., Gloucester Room. This Sunday morning Adult Education class will meet for six weeks this summer (skipping Jul. 7) to study Richard Foster's Devotional Classics. This collection includes excerpts from the works of great spiritual writers of the past as well as contemporary spiritual leaders. Members of the class will take turns facilitating the discussion. Contact JenniferMcArthur@bmpc.org

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. The Session has called a Congregational Meeting for Sun., Jun. 23, following 10 a.m. worship for the purposes of dissolving the pastoral relationship with the Rev. Leigh DeVries and electing the Associate Pastor Nominating Committee for Pastoral Care and Senior Adults. The Nominating Committee will propose the following people to serve on the APNC: Susan Bravo, Tony Brown, Ted Collett, Patricia Danzon, Beverly Johnson Fleuter, Linda Griska and David Heaton. These members represent the diversity of the congregation as well as the constituencies that fall under the leadership of this position, including Pastoral Care for all ages, Deacons, Middleton Center, Senior Adult Council, and its educational and missional ministries.

Lessons in Light, Conversations on the Sanctuary Stained Glass. Sun., Jun. 16, 23, 30, 11:15 a.m., Sanctuary. We will spend three weeks looking closely at the five Sanctuary stained glass windows

located in the Chancel and Transepts. The class will explore the design process, the theological and biblical details they illuminate, and the ways that the windows capture a particular moment in the church's history. This class will be taught by the Rev. Rebecca Kirkpatrick.

UPCOMING

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

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

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.

Pride Month Resources. During June, a variety of books on topics related to LGBTQ+ inclusion in the world and the church are available on the Converse in the Court shelves in the Ministries Center. These resources are part of our Converse Library collection and are available to borrow. As we work to build a more inclusive world, may these resources help us increase our understanding, broaden our welcome, and deepen our faith in an expansive God.

CARING AND SHARING

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

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 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, JUNE 23

- 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
Atrium Cafe, Atrium
- 11:30 a.m. Lessons in Light Summer Class, Sanctuary

MONDAY, JUNE 24

No events scheduled

TUESDAY, JUNE 25

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

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 26

No events scheduled

THURSDAY, JUNE 27

No events scheduled

FRIDAY, JUNE 28

No events scheduled

SATURDAY, JUNE 29

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

SUNDAY, JUNE 30

- 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.

Giving

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