



Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, June 30, 2024

10:00 a.m., Sanctuary



Gathering of God's People

PRELUDE "Siciliano" from Sonata No. 2 in E-flat Major J. S. Bach
"Adagio and Allegro" from Sonata No. 1 in c minor G. F. Handel

WELCOME Rebecca Kirkpatrick
Please stand, if able.

CALL TO WORSHIP

One Behold, the reign of God is at hand.
All **Daily it draws closer, yet its movement is slow.**
One It is so slow we almost lose sight of it.
Our spirits falter and our hope wanes.
All **Let us renew our trust in God and commit ourselves to God's work,**
One Then we shall see the New Day.
All **With boldness, let us worship God.**

HYMN 35 Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty LOBE DEN HERREN

CALL TO CONFESSION & PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All **O God of comfort and justice, forgive the suffering we have caused others: The malicious comment or hasty word, the self-indulgence that ignores real need, and the violence we wish upon our enemies. Forgive us for blaming you for the evil we could have avoided or prevented. Pardon us when we use you to explain that which we don't understand. Guide us to an understanding of you, not as the source of our troubles, but as "our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble." In the name of the Suffering and Conquering Savior we pray.**

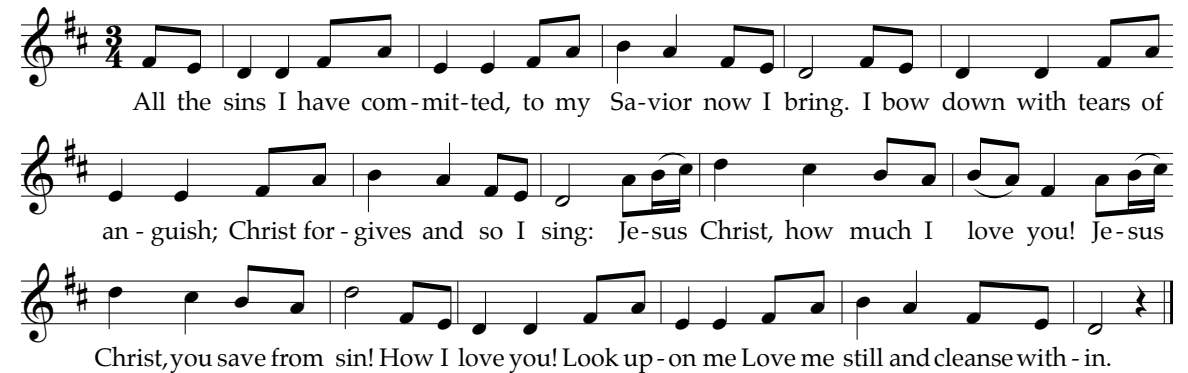
A moment of silence for personal reflection and confession.

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-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.

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

Rebecca Kirkpatrick

FIRST LESSON Joel 2:21-27

(pg. 846 in pew Bible)

SECOND LESSON Revelation 12:1-17

(pg. 252 in pew Bible)

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

SERMON *The Great Dragon*

All Creatures Great & Small Summer Series

Franklyn C. Pottorff

Response to the Word

Please stand, if able.

HYMN 357 The Days are Surely Coming

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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 God of the Ages

arr. Arlen Clarke

God of the ages, whose almighty hand
leads forth in beauty all the starry band
of shining worlds in splendor through the skies,
our grateful songs before thy throne arise.

Thy love divine hath led us in the past;
in this free land with thee our lot is cast;
be thou our ruler, guardian, guide, and stay,
thy Word our law, thy paths our chosen way.

From war's alarms, from deadly pestilence,
be thy strong arm our ever sure defense;
thy true religion in our hearts increase;
thy bounteous goodness nourish us in peace.

Refresh thy people on their toilsome way;
lead us from night to never-ending day;
fill all our lives with love and grace divine,
and glory, laud, and praise be ever thine.

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 HUNDRETH
**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 772 Live into Hope TRURO

BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE Franklyn C. Pottorff

POSTLUDE Praise to the Lord, the Almighty arr. Mark Hayes

"I AM THE RESURRECTION AND THE LIFE."
Roberta Hollingshead - June 25, 2024

Worship & Music Notes

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

Given to the Glory of God and in honor of M. Donald Wright.

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GUEST MUSICIANS

Amanda Rogel, oboe; Susan Ricci Rogel, organ and piano

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 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

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!

Lessons in Light, Conversations on the Sanctuary Stained Glass. Sun., Jun. 30, 11:15 a.m., Sanctuary. This is the final of three classes 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 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

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 30

- 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. Atrium Cafe, Atrium
- 11:15 a.m. Lessons in Light Summer Class, Sanctuary

MONDAY, JULY 1

No events scheduled

TUESDAY, JULY 2

- 10:30 a.m. Tai Chi, virtual only

WEDNESDAY, JULY 3

- 11:00 a.m. **Roberta Hollingshead Memorial Service, Sanctuary**

THURSDAY, JULY 4

Campus is closed for Independence Day

FRIDAY, JULY 5

No events scheduled

SATURDAY, JULY 6

No events scheduled

SUNDAY, JULY 7

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

Giving

Your generosity can make a profound difference at Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church. Join us in spreading love and hope by giving at <https://bit.ly/BMPCGiveOnline> or simply scan the QR code to the right. Every donation, no matter the size, fuels our mission to create a more faithful, just, and compassionate community. Together, let's make a lasting impact!



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