



# **Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

Sunday, September 29, 2024

8:00 a.m., Chapel



# Gathering of God's People

PRELUDE

WELCOME

Kirby Lawrence Hill

Please stand, if able.

CALL TO WORSHIP

**One** We have encountered God's living Word in Jesus Christ, calling us into communion with God and with each other.

**All** **God has spoken and still speaks to those who attend the roar and the whisper of the Holy Spirit.**

**One** May the holy speech that has formed us and given life to the church,

**All** **gather us now in worship and in praise.**

HYMN 667 When Morning Gilds the Sky

LAUDES DOMINI

CALL TO CONFESSION & PRAYER OF CONFESSION

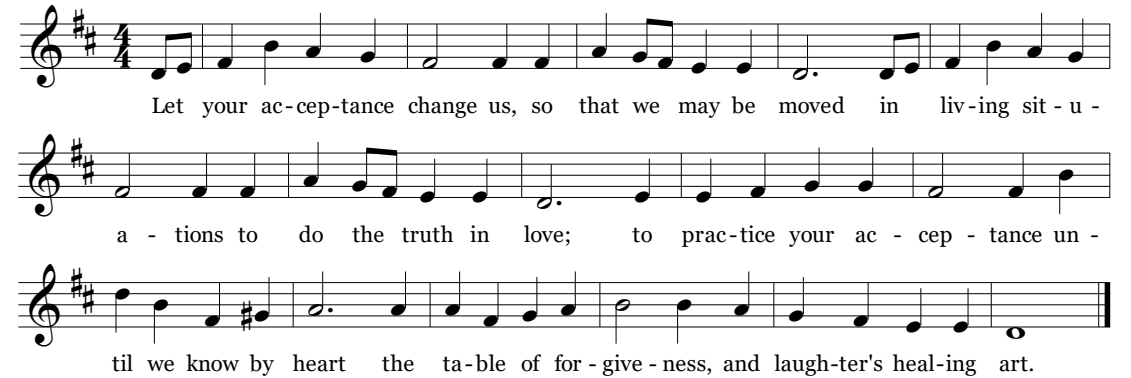
**All** **Creator God, you have called us to glorify you and enjoy you above all else. You have called us to live in community with one another and to support each other by prayer and example. We confess we neglect to be fully attentive to your Word, and we stray from your ways. We further hostilities which tear down community. Forgive us and renew us in your claim upon our lives. Inspire us to pray for one another, to support each other, to serve together, and to live as more faithful followers of Jesus Christ.**

A moment of silence for personal reflection and confession.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

SUNG RESPONSE

MUNICH



Let your ac-cep-tance change us, so that we may be moved in liv-ing sit - u -  
a - tions to do the truth in love; to prac-tice your ac - cep - tance un -  
til we know by heart the ta-ble of for - give - ness, and laugh-ter's heal-ing art.

## Hearing of the Word

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Jennie Jacobson

FIRST LESSON Mark 9:30-32

(pg. 45 in pew Bible)

SECOND LESSON James 5:13-20

Agnes W. Norfleet

(pg. 231 in pew Bible)

**One** The Word of the Lord.

**All** **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON *A Community Forged in Prayer*

Agnes W. Norfleet

Faith that Works: A Series on the Letter of James

# Response to the Word

## THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Kirby Lawrence Hill

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.**

## 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

Agnes W. Norfleet

Please stand, if able.

HYMN 265 Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun

DUKE STREET

## SENDING AND PASSING OF THE PEACE

Agnes W. Norfleet

One

The peace of Christ be with you.

All

**And also with you.**

## POSTLUDE

# Worship Notes

### SANCTUARY FLOWERS

Given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Anne & Bradford Smith and Alec Temoyan.

### ASSISTING WITH COMMUNION

Jennie Jacobson, Deacon

### USHER

Tom Hays

# WELCOME TO BRYN MAWR PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

One of our more contemporary hymns, *Let Us Build a House*, includes this refrain: *All are welcome; all are welcome; all are welcome in this place*. It bears repeating! This church is a place to encounter friends who have been here longer than they can remember and first-time visitors, young and old and in between, seasoned disciples of Christ and seekers of spiritual connection. Through worship, program, fellowship, and mission, we are growing as a community of faith, and your presence is a sign of our genuine welcome.



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](http://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](http://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 a.m. to 12:30 p.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

**Child & Youth Protection Training.** Sun., Sept. 29, 11:15 a.m., Ed. Bldg., Rm. 204. All volunteers with children & youth are required to complete or renew Child & Youth Protection Training on a yearly basis. We now have two options to complete training: in-person OR asynchronous on-line through Google Classroom. Register here for in-person training: [bit.ly/BMPCChildandYouthTraining](http://bit.ly/BMPCChildandYouthTraining) Contact, [MaryRichards@bmpc.org](mailto:MaryRichards@bmpc.org)

**Sustaining Democracy Conversation.** Sun., Sept. 29, 11:15 a.m., Congregational Hall. As we look forward to learning from Robert Talisse, our fall Community Forum Speaker, on Sept. 30, all are invited to a conversation on selected portions of his compelling book, *Sustaining Democracy: What We Owe the Other Side*. To receive a paper or digital copy of the book's introduction and chapter 2, contact [JenniferMcArthur@bmpc.org](mailto:JenniferMcArthur@bmpc.org)

**Carillon Tour.** Sun., Sept. 29, 11:15 a.m., Choir Loft. Come see the instrument that welcomes you to worship and leads you out after services. Meet in the Choir Loft following the postlude to climb the tower stairs and see the bells. A second Carillon

Tour will be on Sun., Oct. 27. If you have keyboard skills and wish to take lessons with one of our carillonners, or if you want to become a BMPC carillonneur, contact [ToriFisher@bmpc.org](mailto:ToriFisher@bmpc.org)

**Lyric Fest Concert.** Sun., Sept. 29, 3:00 p.m., Chapel. Lyric Fest presents "Play a Simple Melody – The Historic Songs of Tin Pan Alley." From the clamoring brownstones of Manhattan's Lower East Side came the celebrated songs of Tin Pan Alley - and a genre that came to define America at home and abroad. To buy tickets, visit [lyricfest.org/tickets](http://lyricfest.org/tickets) and enter the code BMPC2425 upon checkout for a \$10 discount.

### NEW ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Peace and Global Witness Offering.** Support our Peacemaking Committee's work against gun violence in Greater Philadelphia by donating to this offering through envelopes in the pews today and next Sun., Oct. 6, or by writing "Peacemaking" on the memo line of your check. You may give online: [bit.ly/BMPCPeaceOffering](http://bit.ly/BMPCPeaceOffering)

**APNC Youth Pastor Open Forum.** Sun., Oct. 6, 9:00 a.m. The APNC for the Associate Pastor for Youth & Their Families will



hold gatherings for Youth and interested parents of Children and Youth to share their dreams for our new Youth Pastor. Gatherings will be held on Oct. 6 at 9 a.m. in the gym (for Youth and parents) and in the Ed. Bldg. (for interested parents of Children). The APNC hopes to hear from as many Youth and parents as possible as they begin their search.

**Digging Deeper.** Sundays, Oct. 13- Nov. 10, 8:45 a.m., Gloucester Room, Ministries Center. This five-week study, led by The Rev. Dick Wohlschlaeger, will explore Dietrich Bonhoeffer's book, *Life Together*, written in 1939 while he directed an underground seminary in Nazi Germany. The book is significant for its profound insights into Christian fellowship, discipleship, and the spiritual practices that sustain believers in times of societal and political turmoil. Visit [bit.ly/BMPCBookpickup](http://bit.ly/BMPCBookpickup) to order a copy of the book.

**Leadership in Lower Merion.** Sun., Oct. 13, 11:15 a.m., Fullerton Room. As part of our fall conversations around dialogue and relationships across differences, we will be in conversation with Lower Merion Township Commissioners Scott Zelov and Shawn Kraemer. They will discuss leading together despite political differences for the sake and future of the LM Community. Both provided leadership in the development of the LM Code Blue Shelter last

winter, and we will discuss different ways that we can all work for the common good.

**Youth Environmental Committee Intergenerational Hike.** Sun., Oct. 13, 1:00 p.m. Location TBD. The congregation is invited to a community hike led by the Youth Environmental Committee & David Heaton. Sign up at [bit.ly/intergenerationalhike](http://bit.ly/intergenerationalhike) All ages are welcome!

### UPCOMING

**Community Forum.** Mon., Sept. 30, 7:00 p.m., Sanctuary. The Community Forum will host Dr. Robert B. Talisse, a distinguished professor from Vanderbilt University, to speak on the principles of democracy and the ethics of citizenship. Dr. Talisse will discuss how we can engage in honest dialogue with those who hold differing political views and explore our responsibilities as citizens in a democratic society. Author of over 100 scholarly articles and 15 books, including *Sustaining Democracy: What We Owe the Other Side*, Dr. Talisse's work focuses on public discourse, political polarization, and democracy's role in fostering understanding.

**Singing for Life.** Thursdays, Oct. 3-Dec. 12, 9:30 a.m.-10:45 a.m., Fine Arts Center. This is the last week to register for Singing for Life, a weekly program taught by Jeffrey Brillhart and Kara Goodrich

that focuses on singing and physical/vocal exercises specifically geared toward people aged fifty-five and older. Registration costs \$75. Sign up at [bit.ly/S4L2024](http://bit.ly/S4L2024) Contact, [ToriFisher@bmpc.org](mailto:ToriFisher@bmpc.org)

**Holy Leisure Potluck.** Fri., Oct. 4, 6:00 p.m., home of Barbara Cobb, Wayne. Join us for a Holy Leisure Potluck and discussion with speaker Rev. Carolyn Cavaness. RSVP online with a shared food item: [bit.ly/HolyLeisureOct42024](http://bit.ly/HolyLeisureOct42024) Contact, [MaryRichards@bmpc.org](mailto:MaryRichards@bmpc.org)

**Joining Hands Peru – Mission Trip Reports.** Sun., Oct. 6, 11:15 a.m., Congregational Hall. Join participants from the Spring Study and Summer Youth Work Trips to Peru as they share about the work of Joining Hands Peru and reflect on their personal experiences. As BMPC continues in our long-term commitment to the activists, community members, youth, and faith leaders in Lima and LaOroya, we are called to learn and engage as an entire congregation around the challenges and possibilities in their work of environmental activism and creation care.

**Blessing of the Animals.** Sun., Oct. 6, 4:00 p.m., Front Lawn. Gather for fellowship, singing, scripture, prayers, and individual blessings of companion animals. Tookany Creek Bluegrass Band will provide music for the service.

**Finding Meaning: The Sixth Stage of Grief.** Mon., Oct. 7, 14, 21, 28, 7:00 p.m. via Zoom. Elisabeth Kübler Ross, author of *On Grief and Grieving*, now introduces a critical sixth stage—*Finding Meaning*. Spiritual director Patricia Danzon will bring a spiritual perspective to the sessions as we explore this book. To register, contact [KikiMcKendrick@bmpc.org](mailto:KikiMcKendrick@bmpc.org)

**Going Inside: A Meditation Sampler.** Wed., Oct. 9, 23, Nov. 6, 13, 7:00 p.m., Wither-spoon Parlor. Join us for these classes to demystify meditation and make it more accessible for people. This class will be taught and guided through an ecumenical approach to breath work, meditation, and mindfulness by BMPC member Terry Charlton. Contact, [KikiMcKendrick@bmpc.org](mailto:KikiMcKendrick@bmpc.org)

**Luncheon for BMPC's 50+ Years Members.** Sun., Oct. 13, 11:15 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Congregational Hall. The Senior Adult Council will host its bi-annual luncheon to honor long-time members and their commitment to the church and its ministries. Members and their families are invited to share fellowship and memories of their time in the church. Contact [Monica Devane@bmpc.org](mailto:MonicaDevane@bmpc.org) by Oct. 1 to attend.

## Calendar

### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

- 7:45 a.m. Childcare (Birth-Kindergarten), Ed. Bldg., Rm. 101  
8:00 a.m. **Worship with Communion, Chapel**  
8:30 a.m. Sunday Morning Discussion Group, Cannon Room  
8:45 a.m. Art@9, Ed. Bldg., Rm. 102  
8:45 a.m. Filling the Well, Children's Library, Ed. Bldg.  
9:00 a.m. "Faces of Resilience" Exhibit, Gallery  
9:55 a.m. Sunday School Ages 2s, 3s, and Pre-K, Ed. Bldg.  
10:00 a.m. Youth Gathering, Gymnasium  
10:00 a.m. **Worship with Sanctuary Choir, Sanctuary and Livestreamed**  
10:15 a.m. Sunday School K-5th Grade, Ed. Bldg.  
11:00 a.m. Family Fellowship, Ed. Building Hall  
11:00 a.m. Atrium Cafe, Atrium  
11:15 a.m. Sustaining Democracy Conversation, Congregational Hall  
11:15 a.m. Carillon Tour, Choir Loft  
11:15 a.m. Child & Youth Protection Training, Ed. Bldg., Rm. 204  
3:00 p.m. Lyric Fest Concert, Chapel

### MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

- 7:00 p.m. Community Forum, Sanctuary and Livestreamed

### TUESDAY, OCTOBER 1

- 8:30 a.m. APNC for Congregational Care Meeting, Gloucester Room  
9:00 a.m. RePose Yoga (Hybrid), Gymnasium  
10:30 a.m. Tai Chi (Hybrid), Gymnasium  
1:00 p.m. Dance for Parkinson's Disease Class, Gymnasium  
6:00 p.m. BMPC Tutoring Program - Tutor Training, Ed. Building Hall  
7:00 p.m. Deacons' Meeting, Fullerton Room

## Calendar

### WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 2

- 9:30 a.m. Yoga206 Bone Boost, Gymnasium  
10:00 a.m. Coffee Cup Bible Study, Cannon Room  
4:30 p.m. Wednesday Connection Group, Converse House Parlor  
4:45 p.m. Beginner's Choir Rehearsal, Ed. Bldg. Hall  
4:45 p.m. Children's Choir Rehearsal, Children & Youth Rehearsal Room  
5:30 p.m. Wednesday Night Dinner, Congregational Hall  
5:45 p.m. Youth Chorale Rehearsal, Children & Youth Rehearsal Room  
7:00 p.m. Student Serve, Gym Youth Lounge  
7:00 p.m. Worldwide Ministries Council Meeting, Cannon Room

### THURSDAY, OCTOBER 3

- 8:00 a.m. Joint Budget Management Committee Meeting, Cannon Room  
9:00 a.m. Doing Good Together Service Day, Congregational Hall  
9:30 a.m. Singing for Life, Rehearsal Room  
10:00 a.m. Thursday Discussion Group, Virtual  
11:00 a.m. Artists' Gathering, Fine Arts Kitchen  
6:00 p.m. Refugee Support Committee Meeting, Cannon Room  
7:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal, Rehearsal Room

### FRIDAY, OCTOBER 4

- 10:00 a.m. Senior Adult Council Meeting, Virtual  
11:00 a.m. Frida Kahlo and the Art of Portraiture, Fine Arts Kitchen  
6:00 p.m. Holy Leisure, off campus

### SATURDAY, OCTOBER 5

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

### SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6

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

## Giving

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