



Sunday Worship

June 11, 2021

*Draw near to God
for God is waiting for you.*

PRELUDE

****CALL TO WORSHIP***

Come, give to the Lord your praises of thanksgiving.

We come this day, grateful for God's wondrous gifts to us!

Sing with great enthusiasm of God's mighty power and love.

We celebrate that love that frames our lives.

It is a wonderful thing to praise God!

May God's praise always be in our hearts and in our lives.

****OPENING PRAYER***

O God, we thank you that today you have called us to worship you and learn of you. You alone know our needs. Satisfy them with your unchanging love. In your presence may we find comfort in sorrow, guidance in perplexity, strength to meet temptation, grace to overcome the fascination of disobedience, and courage to face up to the hostility of this rebellious world. Above all, may we meet Jesus and go out from our worship indwelt by his spirit. This prayer we ask to your glory and in his name. Amen.

****HYMN #35 Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty***

1. Praise ye the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation! O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation! All ye who hear, now to his temple draw near; join me in glad adoration!

2. Praise ye the Lord who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth, shelters thee under his wings, yea, so gently sustaineth! Hast thou not seen how thy desires e'er have been granted in what he ordaineth?

3. Praise ye the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him! All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before him! Let the amen sound from his people again; gladly for aye we adore him.

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND BROKENNESS

O God, we want to come into your presence as honest and loving people. But we swing back and forth on opinions. We find it easy to take ourselves more seriously than we take you. Forgive us, merciful God. Examine our hearts and minds and show us where we fall short of your truth. Show us where our thoughts need to be pruned, our attitudes brought into the light of your love. Show us our neighbors, and help us to respond to their needs, becoming your hands and your heart in the world. Amen.

WORDS OF BLESSING AND ASSURANCE

...Jesus died for me. Jesus forgives me. Jesus loves me. Jesus is good to me. Amen.

****GLORIA PATRI***

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON Amos 7:7-15

⁷ The Lord showed me a vision of himself standing beside a wall and holding a string with a weight tied to the end of it. The string and weight had been used to measure the straightness of the wall. ⁸ Then he asked, “Amos, what do you see?”

“A measuring line,” I answered.

The Lord said, “I’m using this measuring line to show that my people Israel don’t measure up, and I won’t forgive them anymore. ⁹ Their sacred places will be destroyed, and I will send war against the nation of King Jeroboam.”

¹⁰ Amaziah the priest at Bethel sent this message to King Jeroboam of Israel, “Amos is plotting against you in the very heart of Israel. Our nation cannot put up with his message for very long. ¹¹ Here is what he is saying: ‘Jeroboam will be put to death, and the people will be taken to a foreign country.’”

¹² Then Amaziah told me, “Amos, take your visions and get out! Go back to Judah and earn your living there as a prophet. ¹³ Don’t do any more preaching at Bethel. The king worships here at our national temple.”

¹⁴ I answered: I’m not a prophet! And I wasn’t trained to be a prophet. I am a shepherd, and I take care of fig trees. ¹⁵ But the Lord told me to leave my herds and preach to the people of Israel.

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

HYMN #722 Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak

1. Lord, speak to me that I may speak in living echoes of your tone.

As you have sought, so let me seek your erring children, lost and lone.

2. O lead me, Lord, that I may lead the wandering and the wavering feet.

O feed me, Lord, that I may feed your hungering ones with manna sweet.

3. O teach me, Lord, that I may teach the precious truths which you impart.

And wing my words that they may reach the hidden depths of many a heart.

4. O fill me with your fullness, Lord, until my very heart o’er flow

in dwindling thought and glowing word, your love to tell, your praise to show.

5. O use me, Lord, use even me, just as you will, and when, and where

until your blessed face I see, your rest, your joy, your glory share.

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON Mark 6:14-29

¹⁴ Jesus became so well-known that Herod the ruler heard about him. Some people thought he was John the Baptist, who had come back to life with the power to work miracles. ¹⁵ Others thought he was Elijah or some other prophet who had lived long ago. ¹⁶ But when Herod heard about Jesus, he said, “This must be John! I had his head cut off, and now he has come back to life.”

¹⁷⁻¹⁸ Herod had earlier married Herodias, the wife of his brother Philip. But John had told him, “It isn’t right for you to take your brother’s wife!” So, in order to please Herodias, Herod arrested John and put him in prison.

¹⁹ Herodias had a grudge against John and wanted to kill him. But she could not do it ²⁰ because Herod was afraid of John and protected him. He knew that John was a good and holy man. Even though Herod was confused by what John said, he was glad to listen to him. And he often did.

²¹ Finally, Herodias got her chance when Herod gave a great birthday celebration for himself and invited his officials, his army officers, and the leaders of Galilee. ²² The daughter of Herodias came in and danced for Herod and his guests. She pleased them so much that Herod said, “Ask for anything, and it’s yours! ²³ I swear that I will give you as much as half of my kingdom, if you want it.”

²⁴ The girl left and asked her mother, “What do you think I should ask for?”

Her mother answered, “The head of John the Baptist!”

²⁵ The girl hurried back and told Herod, “Right now on a platter I want the head of John the Baptist!”

²⁶ The king was very sorry for what he had said. But he did not want to break the promise he had made in front of his guests. ²⁷ At once he ordered a guard to cut off John’s head there in prison. ²⁸ The guard put the head on a platter and took it to the girl. Then she gave it to her mother.

²⁹ When John’s followers learned that he had been killed, they took his body and put it in a tomb.

SERMON Truth and Consequences

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH The Apostle's Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

RECOGNITION OF THE OFFERING

**DOXOLOGY*

Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise him, all creatures here below. Praise him above, ye heavenly hosts. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

**PRAYER OF DEDICATION*

Great and Good God, accept our gifts: gifts of our lives, our souls, and our treasure. Multiply and bless these gifts and consecrate them to the praise of your glory. Amen.

JOYS AND CONCERNS

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

LORD'S SUPPER

Feed Us, Lord

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1 Feed us, Lord. Feed us, Lord. In the bro - ken bread,
2 Quench us, Lord. Quench us, Lord. On this thirst - y ground,
3 Fill us, Lord. Fill us, Lord, with the bread and wine
4 Lead us, Lord. Lead us, Lord, nour-ished here by Christ,



be re - vealed a - gain. Come and feed our hearts, O Lord.
may your love flow down. Come and quench our hearts, O Lord.
of the ris - en Christ. Come and fill our hearts, O Lord.
giv - en strength for life. Come and lead our hearts, O Lord.

Not many Lord's Supper hymns call attention to the post-Resurrection meals Christ shared with his disciples, but the first stanza here alludes to the meal at Emmaus, when he was made known in the breaking of the bread (Luke 24:13-35), and stanza three refers to "the risen Christ."

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION AND SHARING THE ELEMENTS

UNISON PRAYER

Loving God, we thank you that you have fed us in this sacrament, united us with Christ, and given us a foretaste of the heavenly banquet in your eternal realm. Send us out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

HYMN #747 The Lord Now Sends Us Forth

1. The Lord now sends us forth with hands to serve and give, to make of all the earth a better place to live. *Repeat*
The angels are not sent into our world of pain to do what we were meant to do in Jesus' name;
that falls to you and me and all who are made free. Help us, O Lord, we pray, to do your will today. *Repeat*

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

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* indicates where the congregation is to stand if able

italic type is spoken by the liturgist – **bold is spoken by the congregation**

ANNOUNCEMENTS: July 11, 2021

WEDNESDAY NOONTIME LUNCH CONTINUES THROUGH THE SUMMER

Bring your lunch, a lawn chair and your good company as we share fellowship together at noon.

CELEBRATION OF CAMPING MINISTRY AT KIRKWOOD

For a variety of reasons, Kirkwood has been closed. We want to honor its impact by holding a Kirkwood celebration on **July 24th at 6:00pm at the Ruth farm**. We will have a picnic with hotdogs and sides as well as toast marshmallows for s'mores. There will be games and a sing-a-long. Bring a lawn chair and your favorite camping memories! Please call the church office to sign up or stop by the church.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL – July 19 – 23 2021, 9AM – noon. Check our Website

www.forestgrovechurch.org for more information and/or go to vbspro.events/p/dp9219 to sign up. Share the information with your friends or family with children. You do not need to be a member of FGPC to attend VBS. Or call the Church office at 215-794-8575. Call Kim King 215-340-0530 or Beth Conti 267-491-5646 to volunteer.

A family friendly event – Pollinator Palooze – August 7 @ 10:00am – 3:00pm hosted by Heritage Conservancy of Bucks County.

Jackson Pond Preserve
Parking at Forest Grove Presbyterian Church
1856 Forest Grove Road
Forest Grove, Pa 18922

Join Heritage Conservancy and DCNR for an exciting day full of activities and events about pollinators! This

family friendly event will have something for everyone –games, crafts, native plants, butterflies, nature exploration, an ice cream truck, and much more. Educational opportunities for all ages abound at this event with exploration around Jackson Pond and the 4-acre pollinator meadow. Several local partners will be there to provide additional informational and interactive activities. We encourage you to bring your picnic and join us for a lovely afternoon of learning and fun!

To sign up go to the webpage below or google Heritage Conservancy.

<https://heritageconservancy.org/our-events/pollinator-palooza-2/>

Calendar: **July 12 – 16** Middle School Explorers camp

July 14 – 12PM – Noontime lunch outside – bring your lunch and chair.

July 11–10AM- Sunday services in church and on Zoom.

<https://zoom.us/j/127591875> Meeting ID: 127 591 875 or by phone:

301-715-8592 or 253-215-8782 Followed by refreshments on the Front Porch.

In our thoughts and prayers: The Conner/Lang Family, Diane Dauer, Aleena Lang, Natalie Pizza, Bill Wark, Raymond Tinari, Dick Wright, Gail Shaffer, Phyllis Scarpill