



Sunday Worship
August 1, 2021
Draw near to God
for God is waiting for you.

* indicates where the congregation is to stand if able
italic type is spoken by the liturgist – bold is spoken by the congregation

PRELUDE

**CALL TO WORSHIP*

We are here together in the name of Christ Jesus,
in the Presence of an awesome, Holy Love.

A person without God is like a feather in a perpetual wind, blown all over the place without any control or choice in where to rest.

O come, let us return to the living God. Let us bow before the One who is our Maker.

**OPENING PRAYER*

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh upon us. Make us worthy of the calling we have received from you. Teach us to conduct ourselves with humility, gentleness, and patience. Convert our judgment to acceptance. Give us courage to preserve the unity of the Spirit with the bond of peace. Blow upon us new winds of the Spirit. Send your fire to refine, consume, and transform. We pray in Jesus' holy name. Amen.

**HYMN #321 The Church's One Foundation*

1. The church's one foundation is Jesus Christ her Lord. She is his new creation by water and the word.
From heaven he came and sought her to be his holy bride.
With his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.

2. Elect from every nation, yet one o'er all the earth, her charter of salvation: one Lord, one Faith, one birth.
One holy name she blesses, partakes one holy food, and to one hope she presses, with every grace endued.

3. Though with a scornful wonder this world sees her oppressed, by schisms rent asunder, by heresies distressed
yet saints their watch are keeping; their cries goes up: "How long?"
And soon the night of weeping will be the morn of song.

4. Mid toil and tribulation, and tumult of her war, she waits the consummation of peace forevermore:
till with the vision glorious her longing eyes are blest, and the great church victorious shall be the church at rest.

5. Yet she on earth has union with God, the Three in One, and mystic sweet communion with those whose rest
is won: O happy ones and holy! Lord, give us grace that we, like them, the meek and lowly, may live eternally.

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, your word declares that you have taken away our iniquity, and that you remember our sin no more. But we confess that we focus so much on ourselves, and our failures, and our feelings and our

merits that we choose to be consumed by our guilt and shame, and refuse the salvation you offer us freely through the gift of your Son, Jesus Christ.

Forgive us when we forget the comfort of your love, our fellowship with your spirit, and the tenderness and compassion you have called us to show to a world in need. Forgive us when we care so much about ourselves and what we want that we forget to love our neighbor, and in so doing forget to love you.

Almighty Father, take from us all hatred and prejudice and discord. Remind us that there is but one Body and one Spirit, and one hope of our calling, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of us all, so that we may all truly be of one heart and of one soul, united in one holy bond of truth and peace, of faith and charity, and that with one mind and one mouth we may glorify you, through Jesus Christ our Lord who reigns together with you and the Holy Spirit, in a Kingdom without end. Amen.

WORDS OF 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.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Psalm 133

¹How very good and pleasant it is when kindred live together in unity! ²It is like the precious oil on the head, running down upon the beard, on the beard of Aaron, running down over the collar of his robes. ³It is like the dew of Hermon, which falls on the mountains of Zion. For there the Lord ordained his blessing, life forevermore.

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

*HYMN #300 We Are One in the Spirit

1. We are one in the Spirit; we are one in the Lord; we are one in the Spirit; we are one in the Lord, and we pray that all unity may one day be restored:

Refrain: And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love; yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

2. We will walk with each other; we will walk hand in hand; we will walk with each other we will walk hand in hand, and together we'll spread the news that God is in our land: *refrain*

3. We will work with each other; we will work side by side; we will work with each other; we will work side by side, and we'll guard human dignity and save human pride: *refrain*

4. All praise to the Father, from whom all things come, and all praise to Christ Jesus, God's only Son, and all praise to the Spirit, who makes us one: *refrain*

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON Ephesians 4:1-16

⁴ I therefore, the prisoner in the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, ²with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, ³making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. ⁴There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, ⁵one Lord, one faith, one baptism, ⁶one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all.

⁷ But each of us was given grace according to the measure of Christ's gift. ⁸Therefore it is said, 'When he ascended on high he made captivity itself a captive; he gave gifts to his people.'

⁹(When it says, 'He ascended', what does it mean but that he had also descended into the lower parts of the earth? ¹⁰He who descended is the same one who ascended far above all the heavens, so that he might fill all things.) ¹¹The gifts he gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors

and teachers, ¹²to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, ¹³until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ. ¹⁴We must no longer be children, tossed to and fro and blown about by every wind of doctrine, by people's trickery, by their craftiness in deceitful scheming. ¹⁵But speaking the truth in love, we must grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, ¹⁶from whom the whole body, joined and knitted together by every ligament with which it is equipped, as each part is working properly, promotes the body's growth in building itself up in love.

SERMON Togetherness

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

HYMN #521 In Remembrance of Me

Capo 3: (G) (Bm) (C) (D7)
 B^b Dm E^b F7

1 In re - mem - brance of me, eat this bread. In re -
 2 In re - mem - brance of me, heal the sick. In re -

mem - brance of me, drink this wine. In re - mem - brance of
 mem - brance of me, feed the poor. In re - mem - brance of

me, pray for the time when God's own will is
 me, o - pen the door and let your neigh - bors

done. in, let them in.

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(E^b) (G) (E^b)
G^b B^b G^b

Take, eat, and be com - fort - ed; drink and re -

(Cm) (G) (Em) (D)
E^bm B^b Gm F

mem - ber too, that this is my bod - y and

(C) (G) (A) (A7) (D7sus) (D7)
E^b B^b C C7 F7sus F7

pre - cious blood shed for you, shed for you.

(G) (Bm) (C) (D7)
B^b Dm E^b F7

3 In re - mem - brance of me, search for truth. In re -

(C) (Am) (D) (D7) (Em)
E^b Cm F F7 Gm

mem - brance of me, al - ways love. In re - mem - brance of

(C) (F) (D) (G) (D7sus) (D7)
E^b A^b F B^b F7sus F7

me, don't look a - bove, but in your heart, look for

(G) (D7sus) (D7) (G)
B^b F7sus F7 B^b

God. Do this in re - mem - brance of me.

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 #749 Come! Live in the Light!

1. Come! Live in the light! Shine with the joy and the love of the Lord!

We are called to be light for the kingdom, to live in the freedom of the city of God.

Refrain: We are called to act with justice; we are called to love tenderly;
we are called to serve one another, to walk humbly with God.

2. Come! Open your heart! Show your mercy to all those in fear!

We are called to be hope for the hopeless so hatred and violence will be no more. *Refrain*

3. Sing! Sing a new song! Sing of that great day when all will be one!

God will reign, and we'll walk with each other as sisters and brothers united in love. *Refrain*

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS: August 1, 2021

Please wear a mask unless you are fully vaccinated

Pastor Su's Summer Vacation: Pastor Su will be away from August 2 – 29. While she is away, pastoral emergencies will be handled by our deacons and elders. If you have a need, please contact Maggie Rash or Missi Dell'Orefice. Pulpit supply will be provided by some of our favorites. It is always wonderful to hear different voices speaking God's truth from the pulpit. Please pray for Pastor Su that she will enjoy refreshment and renewal while she is away.

Wednesday noontime lunch continues through the summer: Bring your lunch and your good company as we share fellowship together at noon.

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

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/>

Parking is in our church parking lot.

Our Industrial Stove and Oven: When using our stove or oven in the kitchen, would you be so kind as to complete the usage in the notebook which is located by the stove. We are just trying to keep track of our Propane usage. Thank you.

Fall Focus: Our next newsletter will be emailed/mailed the beginning of September. Any articles, updates and pictures that you would like included, please have to Susan in the office no later than August 24th.

Calendar:

August 4 – 12PM – Lunch continues through the summer. Bring your lunch.

August 7 – 9am – 3pm – Pollinator Palooza event at FGPC.

August 8–10AM- 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. Rev. Susan Wonderland will be our Pulpit Supply for the morning.

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