



Sunday Worship
July 25, 2021
Draw near to God
for God is waiting for you.

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

The foolish say, "There is no God! We are alone, on our own."

We gather to declare the glory of God in our lives.

The foolish say, "It is your life; you are accountable to no one."

We gather, strengthened by the Spirit, trusting that Christ dwells in our hearts.

The foolish say, "Everything I have is mine; I owe nothing to anyone."

We gather to praise the One who calls us to serve others in love.

OPENING PRAYER

O God, there is none like you and so we gather together to worship: to give you thanks, to proclaim your greatness, to sing your praise, to seek your face, and to celebrate your faithful presence with us. We pray that your Spirit would guide and inspire our worship. Open our mouths to sing and speak your praise, open our ears to hear your Word, open our eyes to see to you at work among us, open our hearts to receive your love. We offer ourselves to you, in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

**HYMN #385 All People That on Earth Do Dwell*

1. All people that on earth do dwell, sing to the Lord with cheerful voice;
him serve with mirth, his praise forth tell. Come ye before him and rejoice.
2. Know that the Lord is God indeed; without our aid he did us make;
we are his folk; he doth us feed, and for his sheep he doth us take.
3. O enter then his gates with praise; approach with joy his courts unto;
praise, laud, and bless his name always, for it is seemly so to do.
4. For why? The Lord our God is good; his mercy is forever sure;
his truth at all times firmly stood, and shall from age to age endure.

CALL TO CONFESSION.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND BROKENNESS

O God, when trials come our way, it is natural to fear. Called to be courageous, we find our faith lacking. When asked to take risks, we confess our complacency. By ignoring injustice, we hope that it will subside. You have shown us how you are a God to be trusted. Leading your people, you have stayed by their side. Even Jesus overcame his enemies as he hung on the cross. Forgive our reluctance to believe in your guidance, and grant us the wisdom to seek refuge in Jesus. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE AND BLESSING

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 Isaiah 40:28-31

²⁸ Have you not known? Have you not heard?

The Lord is the everlasting God,
the Creator of the ends of the earth.

He does not faint or grow weary;
his understanding is unsearchable.

²⁹ He gives power to the faint,
and strengthens the powerless.

³⁰ Even youths will faint and be weary,
and the young will fall exhausted;

³¹ but those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength,
they shall mount up with wings like eagles,
they shall run and not be weary,
they shall walk and not faint.

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

**HYMN #43* On Eagle's Wings

1. You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord, who abide in his shadow for life,
say to the Lord, "My refuge, my rock in whom I trust!"

Refrain: And he will raise you up on eagle's wings, bear you on the breath of dawn,
make you to shine with the sun, and hold you in the palm of his hand.

2. The snare of the fowler will never capture you, and famine will bring you no fear:
under his wings, your refuge, his faithfulness your shield. *Refrain*

3. You need not fear the terror of the night, nor the arrow that flies by day;
though thousands fall about you, near you it shall not come. *Refrain*

4. For to his angels he's given his command to guard you in all of your ways;
upon their hands they will bear you up, lest you dash your foot against a stone. *Refrain*

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON Matthew 14:13-33

13 Now when Jesus heard this, he withdrew from there in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. ¹⁴When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. ¹⁵When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, 'This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves.' ¹⁶Jesus said to them, 'They need not go away; you give them something to eat.' ¹⁷They replied, 'We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish.' ¹⁸And he said, 'Bring them here to me.' ¹⁹Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. ²⁰And all ate and were filled; and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. ²¹And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

22 Immediately he made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. ²³And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, ²⁴but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. ²⁵And early in the morning he came walking towards them on the lake. ²⁶But when the disciples saw him walking on the lake, they were terrified, saying, 'It is a ghost!' And they cried out in fear. ²⁷But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, 'Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid.'

28 Peter answered him, 'Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water.' 29He said, 'Come.' So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came towards Jesus. 30But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, 'Lord, save me!' 31Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, 'You of little faith, why did you doubt?' 32When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. 33And those in the boat worshipped him, saying, 'Truly you are the Son of God.'

SERMON Making the Impossible Possible

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*

Lord of sea and storm, of sunshine and meadow, we present these offerings as tokens of our lives in grateful praise for your love for us. Use these gifts for the ministries of hope and justice in this, your broken world. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION AND 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

**HYMN #687* Our God, Our Help in Ages Past

1. Our God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,
our shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal home.

2. Beneath the shadow of thy throne thy saints have dwelt secure;
sufficient is thine arms alone, and our defense is sure.

3. Before the hills in order stood, or earth received its frame,
from everlasting thou art God, to endless years the same.

4. A thousand ages in thy sight are like an evening gone,
short as the watch that ends the night before the rising sun.

5. Time, like an ever rolling stream, bears all our years away;
they fly forgotten, as a dream dies at the opening day.

6. Our God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,
be thou our guard while life shall last and our eternal home.

**BENEDICTION*

POSTLUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS: July 25, 2021

Please wear a mask unless you are fully vaccinated

LUNCH AFTER WORSHIP AUGUST 1

Let's get together for a mid-summer time of fellowship. It is Pastor Su's last Sunday before her vacation so let's take a little extra time to be together and share lunch together. Everyone is invited to bring their own lunch. Dessert will be provided. Weather permitting, we will be outside. If it is too hot or wet, we will be inside. Bring a lawn chair, just in case.

WEDNESDAY NOONTIME LUNCH CONTINUES THROUGH THE SUMMER

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

A family friendly event – Pollinator Palooza – 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.

Calendar: July 28 – 12PM – Noontime lunch outside – bring your lunch and chair.

August 1–10AM- 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

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