



*Fourteenth Sunday after  
Pentecost  
August 29, 2021  
O LORD, who may abide in  
your tent? Who may dwell on  
your holy hill?*

*PRELUDE*

*CALL TO WORSHIP*

In deep gratitude we come to worship God.

**We recognize God as the source of all goodness.**

All good gifts come from the Spirit of God:

**love, peace, joy, patience, kindness, gentleness are all of God.**

We come with grateful hearts, not for things, but for who God is.

**We gather to show our gratitude in song and prayer.**

*OPENING PRAYER*

**Lord God, the source of all good things,  
we pause in your presence and hold our day before you.  
Still us, calm us, guide us as we enter this day. Amen.**

*HYMN #415* Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy

1 Come, ye sinners, poor and needy, weak and wounded, sick and sore;  
Jesus ready stands to save you, full of pity, love, and power.

Refrain: I will arise and go to Jesus; he will embrace me in his arms.  
In the arms of my dear Savior, O there are ten thousand charms.

2 Come, ye thirsty, come, and welcome; God's free bounty glorify,  
true belief and true repentance, every grace that brings you nigh. [Refrain]

3 Come, ye weary, heavy laden, lost and ruined by the fall;  
if you tarry till you're better, you will never come at all. [Refrain]

4 Let not conscience make you linger, nor of fitness fondly dream;  
all the fitness he requireth is to feel your need of him. [Refrain]

*CALL TO CONFESSION*

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND BROKENNESS* (inspired by Psalm 15)

Holy God,

**We do not deserve to be in your dwelling place. We have not led a blameless life.**

**We have not done what is right in your sight or spoken the truth that you have sealed in our hearts.**

**We have done evil to both those we love and to those we refuse to love as we should.**

**We have not been faithful stewards of that which we have been blessed and have hoarded that which should be shared with the least of these. Hear our cry, God of our hope,  
as we confess that which weighs us down...**

Redeeming God,

**Save us from our foolishness and guide us to your wisdom. Gather us in your righteousness and redemption. Forgive us for we are seeking your light and your salvation.**

**Cleanse us of our brokenness that we might do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with you. Amen.**

*WORDS OF ASSURANCE AND BLESSING*

Because we are not worthy to enter God's dwelling, God came to dwell with us through the body and being of God's Son, Jesus Christ. Christ came to be with us, amongst us, and for us. Hear the good news of the Gospel: in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Alleluia! Amen!

*GLORI 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* Song of Songs 2:8-13

<sup>8</sup>The voice of my beloved!

Look, he comes,  
leaping upon the mountains,  
bounding over the hills.

<sup>9</sup>My beloved is like a gazelle  
or a young stag.

Look, there he stands  
behind our wall,  
gazing in at the windows,  
looking through the lattice.

<sup>10</sup>My beloved speaks and says to me:  
"Arise, my love, my fair one,

and come away;

<sup>11</sup>for now the winter is past,  
the rain is over and gone.

<sup>12</sup>The flowers appear on the earth;  
the time of singing has come,  
and the voice of the turtledove  
is heard in our land.

<sup>13</sup>The fig tree puts forth its figs,  
and the vines are in blossom;  
they give forth fragrance.

Arise, my love, my fair one,  
and come away.

*TIME WITH THE CHILDREN*

*HYMN #20* All Things Bright and Beautiful

Refrain: All things bright and beautiful, all creatures great and small,  
all things wise and wonderful, the Lord God made them all.

1 Each little flower that opens, each little bird that sings,  
God made their glowing colors; God made their tiny wings. [Refrain]

2 The purple-headed mountain, the river running by,  
the sunset, and the morning that brightens up the sky: [Refrain]

3 The cold wind in the winter, the pleasant summer sun,  
the ripe fruits in the garden, God made them every one. [Refrain]

4 God gave us eyes to see them, and lips that we might tell  
how great is God Almighty, who has made all things well. [Refrain]

*SECOND SCRIPTURE* James 1:17-26

<sup>17</sup>Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. <sup>18</sup>In fulfillment of his own purpose he gave us birth by the word of truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of his creatures.

<sup>19</sup>You must understand this, my beloved: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger; <sup>20</sup>for your anger does not produce God's righteousness. <sup>21</sup>Therefore rid yourselves of all sordidness and rank growth of wickedness, and welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save your souls.

<sup>22</sup> But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves. <sup>23</sup> For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves in a mirror; <sup>24</sup> for they look at themselves and, on going away, immediately forget what they were like. <sup>25</sup> But those who look into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who act—they will be blessed in their doing.

<sup>26</sup> If any think they are religious, and do not bridle their tongues but deceive their hearts, their religion is worthless. <sup>27</sup> Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

*SERMON*

“Doers of the Word: Being God’s Fig Fruit”

Ryon Herin

*RECOGNITION OF THE OFFERING*

*DOXOLOGY*

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION*

**Almighty God, giver of every good and perfect gift, teach us to give to you all that we have and all that we are, that we may praise you not with our words only, but with our whole lives. Amen.**

*JOYS AND CONCERNS*

*PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION AND THE LORD’S PRAYER*

**Our Father, who is 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.**

Let us pray to God, saying:

Gospel God, **help us be hearers and doers of your Word.**

We are reminded that the great ends of the Church are:  
the proclamation of the gospel for the salvation of humankind,  
the shelter, nurture, and spiritual fellowship of the children of God,  
the maintenance of divine worship,  
the preservation of the truth,  
the promotion of social righteousness,  
and the exhibition of the Kingdom of Heaven to the world.

We acknowledge that these things don’t happen by themselves  
but only by the faithful work that you call us to do.

Help us embrace that work and do it joyfully and faithfully.

Gospel God, **help us be hearers and doers of your Word.**

God of All Nations,

we lament the times when people have suffered  
because of the Church’s silence, complicity, and apathy.

We pray for those who have sought protection but not found it.

We pray for those who have begged for food and water and have left empty handed.

We pray for those who have asked for love and received instead judgment.

Help us remember that how we treat the least of these is how we treat you.

Gospel God, **help us be hearers and doers of your Word.**

God of All Wisdom,

we pray that we might be a people that live the Christian life  
more than one hour a week.

We are reminded that the work of the Gospel is not a part-time job that we can pick up and put down at our convenience.  
Help us heed James' imperative to be a people of action and truth, bound by our duty to serve you in all that we are and in all that we do.  
Gospel God, **help us be hearers and doers of your Word.**  
Gracious God,  
hear us now as we pray silently for those upon our hearts this day...  
Gospel God, **help us be hearers and doers of your Word.**  
Heavenly Parent,  
hear us now as we pray the prayer you taught us to pray, saying:

*HYMN #697 Take My Life*

1 Take my life and let it be consecrated, Lord, to thee;  
take my moments and my days; let them flow in ceaseless praise; let them flow in ceaseless praise.

2 Take my hands and let them move at the impulse of thy love;  
take my feet and let them be swift and beautiful for thee, swift and beautiful for thee.

3 Take my voice and let me sing always, only, for my King;  
take my lips and let them be filled with messages from thee, filled with messages from thee.

4 Take my silver and my gold; not a mite would I withhold;  
take my intellect and use every power as thou shalt choose, every power as thou shalt choose.

5 Take my will and make it thine; it shall be no longer mine.  
Take my heart, it is thine own; it shall be thy royal throne, it shall be thy royal throne.

6 Take my love; my Lord, I pour at thy feet its treasure store;  
take myself and I will be ever, only, all for thee, ever, only, all for thee.

*BENEDICTION*

*POSTLUDE*

**ANNOUNCEMENTS: August 29, 2021**

Due to the prevalence of the delta variant, masks are required for those unvaccinated and highly recommended for everyone else.

**Pastor Su's Summer Vacation:** Pastor Su returns from vacation Monday August 30. If you have a pastoral emergency prior to her return, please contact Maggie Rash or Missi Dell'Orefice.

**Youth Group parents meeting:** A parents meeting will be hosted by Jolie Hyndman and Jason Gordon on August 31st, 2021 @ 7pm at Zero Pine Lane, Newtown, Pa 18940. Please rsvp by calling the church office at 215-794-8575, Upcoming events for the calendar year will be the topic in a casual environment. Jason Gordon, Director of Youth Ministry at Forest Grove.

**September 11<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm at the Ruth farm.** Family and Friends join us for a Picnic Celebration. We will have a picnic with hotdogs and sides as well as toast marshmallows for s'mores as we celebrate us all back together in a Kirkwood Camp style. 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.

**Wednesday noontime** : We resume our lunch together this Wednesday September 1, 2021. Bring your lunch and if it is a nice day we will sit outside under the tree in the back so bring your chair and lunch. If the weather is dreary or too hot we will meet inside. We hope you can join us.

**BLOOD DRIVE SEPT 11<sup>TH</sup>** 8AM to 1PM in Fellowship Hall. Due to ongoing, but thankfully lessening Covid concerns, there will be safety precautions and screening of donors. The Red Cross strongly encourages pre-scheduled appointments instead of walk-ins. **Schedule your appointment today**, please call or email Dana Daniels at 215 450 0705, [dldpineville@verizon.net](mailto:dldpineville@verizon.net). Thank you!

**Calendar:**

**September 1** – 12 noon - Bring your sandwich and join us for lunch.

**September 5**–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, Becky Schroeder, John Thiessen, Lori Tinari, Rebecca Stemplewicz and Phyllis Scarpill.