



*Sunday Worship*  
*September 19, 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 come here today not because we are clever but because God welcomes the slow learners.

**We come here not because we are wise, but because God loves us in spite of our folly.**

We come knowing that the greatest persons will be found among those who humbly serve like Jesus did, and that the brightest ideas and the deepest truth will come from those who see themselves as little children in Christ's school.

**O Lord, open up our mind and our hearts and enable our lives to declare your praise.**

*OPENING PRAYER*

**Lord, be with us this day, helping us to put our priorities in order; so that we may faithfully serve you by serving your people. Heal our spirits. Enable us to follow your ways all the days of our lives. Amen.**

*HYMN #4* Holy God, We Praise Your Name

1. Holy God, we praise your name; Lord of all, we bow before you. All on earth your scepter claim; all in heaven above adore you. Infinite your vast domain, everlasting is your reign.

2. Hark! The glad celestial hymn angel choirs above are raising; cherubim and seraphim, in unceasing chorus praising, fill the heavens with sweet accord: "Holy, holy, holy Lord!"

3. All apostles join the strain as your sacred name they hallow; prophets swell the glad refrain, and the blessed martyrs follow, and from morn to set of sun, through the church the song goes on.

4. Holy Father, Holy Son, Holy Spirit: three we name you, while in essence only one; undivided God we claim you, and adoring, bend the knee whole we own the mystery.

*CALL TO CONFESSION*

*PRAYER OF BROKENESS/CONFESSION*

**All-wise and understanding God, hear our prayer as we confess our sin. Have mercy upon us, for we are deceitful and foolish. At times our ambition controls our relations with others; cheating and lying help us gain more control. We are surrounded by values that bring disorder. We are victims of selfishness that distorts your truth. Save us from boasting and serving unworthy ends. Save us for Christ, in whom alone abides peace.**

*WORDS OF BLESSING/ASSURANCE*

*... The waters of our baptism remind us that we are given new life and hope because **Jesus died for me. Jesus forgives me. Jesus loves me. Jesus is good to me. Amen.***

*FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON* James 3:13-4:3

<sup>13</sup> Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom. <sup>14</sup> But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be boastful and false to the truth. <sup>15</sup> Such wisdom does not come down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish. <sup>16</sup> For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind. <sup>17</sup> But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. <sup>18</sup> And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace.

**4** Those conflicts and disputes among you, where do they come from? Do they not come from your cravings that are at war within you? <sup>2</sup> You want something and do not have it; so you commit murder. And you covet something and cannot obtain it; so you engage in disputes and conflicts. You do not have, because you do not ask. <sup>3</sup> You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, in order to spend what you get on your pleasures.

*TIME WITH THE CHILDREN*

*HYMN #188* Jesus Loves Me

1. Jesus loves me! This I know, for the Bible tells me so. Little ones to him belong. They are weak but he is strong. Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.

2. Jesus loves me he who died, heaven's gate to open wide. He will wash away my sin, let his little child come in. Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.

3. Jesus loves me! This I know, as he loved so long ago, taking children on his knee, saying, "Let them come to me." Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.

4. Jesus loves me—he will stay, close beside me all the way. Then his little child will take, up to heaven for his dear sake. Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.

*SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON* Mark 9:30-37

<sup>30</sup> They went on from there and passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it; <sup>31</sup> for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, "The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again." <sup>32</sup> But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him.

<sup>33</sup> Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, "What were you arguing about on the way?" <sup>34</sup> But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest. <sup>35</sup> He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, "Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all." <sup>36</sup> Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, <sup>37</sup> "Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me."

*SERMON*

*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*

**Rather than boast of all that we have and are, may we humble ourselves, as we offer our lives, our hearts, and our gifts, in putting others first, that they might discover the wonders of the kingdom of grace and hope. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.**

*JOYS AND CONCERNS*

*PASTORAL PRAYER 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 #702 Christ Be Beside Me*

1. Christ be beside me; Christ be before me; Christ be behind me, King of my heart.  
Christ be within me; Christ be below me; Christ be above me, never to part.

2. Christ on my right hand, Christ on my left hand, Christ all around me, shield in the strife.  
Christ in my sleeping, Christ in my sitting, Christ in my rising, Light of my life.

3. Christ be in all hearts thinking about me; Christ be on all tongues telling of me.  
Christ be the vision in eyes that see me; in ears that hear me Christ ever be.

*\*BENEDICTION*

*POSTLUDE*

**ANNOUNCEMENTS: September 19, 2021**

**Today's Greeter:** Maggie Rash/Bill Wark

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

**Wednesday noontime :** This Wednesday September 22, 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. If the weather is dreary or too hot we will meet inside. We hope you can join us.

**Congratulations and Happy Birthday Leanne Yerkes:** The flowers have been placed in the sanctuary today in honor of Leanne: for her 60<sup>th</sup> birthday as well as her well-earned retirement from teaching middle school. Most of her over 35 years were spent in Unami Middle School in the Central Bucks School District. Literally thousands of students have enjoyed the benefit of Leanne's use of her God-given gifts. What a blessing to so many! Well done, good and faithful servant!

**Youth Group TONIGHT:** Calling all 7<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> graders! Youth Group is starting up again! After a long hiatus, the group will start meeting again with their new Youth Leader, Jason Gordon. Come and meet Jason TONIGHT, 6:30 – 8:00. There will be pizza, games, and for the upcoming year! Recognizing that youth have incredibly busy schedules, the youth will regularly meet every-other Sunday. Friends are welcome!

**Calendar:**

**September 20** – 1PM Chicken Barbeque mtg.

**September 22** – 12noon, bring your lunch and chair and join us for lunch.  
7PM Worship and Music Committee Meeting

**September 26** – 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.

**Looking ahead:** **October 2 – 4:00 – 7:00, Chicken BBQ.** Due to COVID, it is take-out only. You can get your tickets now by calling the church office.

**In our thoughts and prayers:** The Conner/Lang Family, Diane Dauer, Aleena Lang, Natalie Pizza, Bill Wark, Raymond Tinari, Dick Wright, Gail Shaffer, John Thiessen, Rebecca Stemplewicz, Rick Wiggins.