



Sunday Worship

May 22, 2022

*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 together this day, drawn by the light of God's love!

In God's eternal kingdom, darkness and despair are vanquished.

In God's eternal realm, peace and hope reign!

Let all the people praise God with their music and their voices!

Let all the people praise God with their deeds of loving-kindness!

Praise be to God. Amen!

OPENING PRAYER

Eternal God, you have called us to be members of one body. Join us with those who in all times and places have praised your name, that, with one heart and mind, we may show the unity of your church, and bring honor to our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

***HYMN #301 "Let Us Build a House"**

1. Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safely live, a place where saints and children tell how hearts learn to forgive. Built of hopes and dreams and visions, rock of faith and vault of grace; here love of Christ shall end divisions: all are welcome; all are welcome; all are welcome in this place.
2. Let us build a house where prophets speak, and words are strong and true, where all God's children dare to seek to dream God's reign anew. Here the cross shall stand as witness and as symbol of God's grace; here as one we claim the faith of Jesus: all are welcome; all are welcome; all are welcome in this place.
3. Let us build a house where love is found in water, wine, and wheat; a banquet hall on holy ground where peace and justice meet. Here the love of God, through Jesus, is revealed in time and space; as we share in Christ the feast that frees us: all are welcome; all are welcome; all are welcome in this place.
4. Let us build a house where hands will reach beyond the wood and stone to heal and strengthen, serve and teach, and live the Word they've known. Here the outcast and the stranger bear the image of God's face; let us bring an end to fear and danger: all are welcome; all are welcome; all are welcome in this place.
5. Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and visions heard and loved and treasured, taught and claimed as words within the Word. Built of tears and cries and laughter, prayers of faith and songs of grace; let this house proclaim from floor to rafter: all are welcome; all are welcome; all are welcome in this place.

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND BROKENNESS

Lord, You know how easy it is for us to sit here, tethered to our darkness and fear. We get bound up by chains of mistrust. We dare not to hope, for so many times before we have been disappointed. So we sit here and wonder where you are. We are not unlike the disciples who wondered also, who feared. Lord, come to us in our darkness. Flood us with your powerful light of love and mercy. Help open our eyes to the good news of your eternal glory. Give to us visions of the place in which love and hope will reign. Forgive our stubborn resistance to your mercy and your love. For we ask this in Jesus' Name. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE AND BLESSING

... Remember the good news and say it aloud with me: 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 Acts 16:9-15

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

****HYMN #287*** "Gracious Spirit Heed Our Pleading"

1. Gracious Spirit, heed our pleading; fashion us all anew. It's your leading that we're needing; help us follow you. Come, come, come, Holy Spirit, come.

2. Come to teach us; come to nourish those who believe in Christ. Bless the faithful; may they flourish, strengthened by grace unpriced. Come, come, come, Holy Spirit, come.

3. Guild our thinking and our speaking done in your holy name. Motivate all in their seeking, freeing from guilt and shame. Come, come, come, Holy Spirit, come.

4. Not mere knowledge, but discernment, nor rootless liberty; turn disquiet to contentment, doubt into certainty. Come, come, come, Holy Spirit, come.

5. Keep us fervent in our witness, unswayed by earth's allure. Ever grant us zealous fitness, which you alone assure. Come, come, come, Holy Spirit, come.

GOSPEL LESSON John 14:23-29

SERMON NONE!!

Rev. Ashley Rossi

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

Living God, you have given us so much in Jesus Christ: hope, joy, and peace. Above all, you have given us life! What can we give in return? If the whole world were ours, it would not be enough. What little we have we humbly offer to you. Thousand, thousand thanks are due, dearest Jesus, unto you. Amen.

SHARING 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 #65** “Guide Me O Thou Great Jehovah”

1. Guide me, O thou great Jehovah, pilgrim through this barren land. I am weak, but thou art mighty. Hold me with thy powerful hand. Bread of heaven, bread of heaven, feed me till I want no more; feed me till I want no more.

2. Open now the crystal fountain, whence the healing stream doth flow.

Let the fire and cloudy pillar lead me all my journey through.

Strong deliverer, strong deliverer, be thou still my strength and shield; be thou still my strength and shield.

3. When I tread the verge of Jordan, bid my anxious fears subside.

Death of death, and hell's destruction, land me safe on Canaan's side.

Songs of praises, songs of praises I will ever give to thee; I will ever give to thee.

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE



Church Staff
Susan Fall, Pastor
Leanne Yerkes, Director of Music
Susan Flanagan, Office Administrator
Frank Orzechoski, Treasurer
Mark Lempp, Grounds Keeper



ANNOUNCEMENTS: May 22, 2022

This week's carillon is in memory of Earl and Pinky Hampton.

WELCOME REV. ASHLEY ROSSI: We welcome Rev. Rossi to our pulpit today. She was the former Associate Pastor of the Carmel Presbyterian Church and is now serving as the Director of Donor Relations at The Common Place, a Presbytery supported organization serving families in Southwest Philadelphia. She also works alongside the staff of Salt & Light Church in pastoral ministry. Welcome to Forest Grove!

PASTOR SU'S STUDY LEAVE Pastor Su has been on study leave and will return tomorrow, May 23rd. Thanks to our deacons and elders who have been on call for pastoral needs while Pastor Su was away.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL SIGN UP: VBS will be held on June 27 – July 1 for preschool – 6th graders. Online registration is available at <http://vbspro.events/p/c805d3>. This year we are joining with The Anchor Presbyterian Church which is why you will find Anchor's name listed. This registration is for both churches.

YOUTH ADVENTURE CAMP – July 11 – 15, 2022: This camp is for those in 6th – 12th grade. Monday – Friday, 9:00-4:00, youth are invited to participate in a weeklong series of adventures. Registration numbers are restricted to 10. Friends are welcome. There is a \$50 registration fee. Scholarships are available. Sign up by calling the church office. This program will be led by Pastor Su who is also looking for volunteers to help with transportation.

STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL – June 10, 2022 at 6:00 PM -

There will be hot dogs, baked beans, vegetables and of course, STRAWBERRY SHORTCAKE! If you would like to help with preparing the berries, please contact Susan in the church office. Cleaning will take place at the church on June 10 at 9:30 but they can also be cleaned at home and brought to the church.

BOXES NEEDED: We need empty medium and large boxes. Please drop off at church anytime within the next 3 weeks. Thank you.

Calendar:

May 22	10:00am	Worship Service and Sunday school followed by Coffee and Fellowship.
May 23	10-11am	Viewing Carol Fegley.
	11:30am	Memorial service for Carol Fegley followed by interment and reception.
May 24	7:00pm	Boy Scouts, Bell Choir rehearsal in Church.
	9:30am	Christian Ed. mtg.
May.25	12:00pm	Lunch group.
	12:30pm	Blanket group.

Elder of the Month: Bill Wark Deacon of the Month: Dee Tori Coffee Host: Dee Tori

In our thoughts and prayers:

The Conner/Lang Family, Aleena Lang, Bill Wark, Raymond Tinari, and Jim Turner