



*Sunday Worship with
The Anchor and Forest Grove Churches
July 3, 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

Please take something from the “Creation Table” before you take your seat.

***CALL TO WORSHIP** God Creates
*In the beginning, the Spirit of God moved over the waters,
and God said “Unbind creation and let her out!” and God declared it to be Good.*

*God said, “let there be light” and called the light “Day” and the darkness “Night.”
God spoke the word to call the land from the water, pulling the Delaware River down to the depths and
raising Buckingham Mountain above the waters, and in God’s eyes they were Good.*

*God’s word called to life the soybean and the milking cow, the robin and the earthworm,
the honey bee and the white tailed deer, the brook trout and the box turtle, (SHOUT OUT YOUR
FAVORITE ANIMAL) and God’s heart saw them to be Good.*

*Then God spoke a final time, making creatures who carry the divine image: us.
Forming humans by holy word, male and female together, to tend and steward all that God had made.*

*And God saw that it was all Very Good.
And God declared that it is all Very Good.*

*On the seventh day, God rested.
And on this seventh day, we come to worship and remember our role as partners in creation.*

***SONG** All Creatures of Our God and King
**1. All creatures of our God and King, lift up your voice with us and sing: Alleluia! Alleluia!
O burning sun with golden beam and silver moon with softer gleam,
O praise him! O praise him! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! (Repeat 2 more times)**

SCRIPTURE LESSON Psalm 104:10-30 *by the VBS kids*

LITANY OF CONFESSION God Cares for All Creation
*(Please hold your creation item as you pray the following litany):
Almighty and everlasting God, maker of all things, judge of all people: You created the universe, its
unsearchable wonders, and this planet Earth, our island home. You have given the Earth’s care into our hands,
that we might be wise stewards of its bounty. We give you humble thanks for the gift of Creation and confess
our sin in failing to care for it. O Lord,
help us to do better.*

*You created the heavens and the perfect blend of elements in the air we breathe to sustain all life on Earth. Yet
we have taken this clear, exquisite air, fresh with the fragrance of green and growing things, and have polluted
it heedlessly with the waste products of our lives. O Lord,
help us to do better.*

You created the Earth: its fertile soil and its minerals, to nourish all your countless forms of life, to give growth to plants and forests, to bring forth food to sustain your creatures. Yet we have abused the soil and the Earth through reckless extraction and greed. O Lord,
help us to do better.

You created the waters: the sparkling springs, ponds, streams, lakes, rivers and the vast seas to supply the most essential of life's needs. Your waters not only sustain us, but also fill us with wonder, joy and awe. Yet in our lives of conspicuous consumption we have contaminated them shamelessly with waste and refuse. O Lord,
help us to do better.

You created all the green things of Earth: mosses and ferns, flowers and shrubs, towering trees and woodlands, interlacing them in a wondrous web of existence. They nourish and heal us, and they astonish us with their beauty, diversity, and splendor. Yet we misuse and destroy them through the replacement of natural forests with the cultivation of a single crop, greedy logging, and depletion of the water and soil that sustain plant life. O Lord,
help us to do better.

You made all the creatures of the Earth: from the smallest microorganisms to elephants and blue whales—and all the creatures in between! They also nourish, heal, and bring us delight and wonder. Yet these, too, we abuse and destroy for profit of exploitation or expropriation of their habitats or the thrill of the hunt. O Lord,
help us to do better.

Almighty God, in giving us dominion over things on Earth, you made us fellow workers in your creation: Give us wisdom and reverence so to use the resources of creation that no one may suffer from our abuse of them, and that generations yet to come may continue to praise you for your bounty, through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

WORDS OF FORGIVENESS AND BLESSING

God declares the creation good. We are among God's creatures, and humbled that God calls on us to till and keep the earth. With hope and inspiration to answer that call, we place our trust in God to show us the way.

SCRIPTURE LESSON Mark 4:26-32

RECEIVING SPECIAL OFFERING God's Kingdom is Like a Seed

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL SONGS

Stand Together
Everlasting God
Get Down

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Generous God, you have blessed us with the resources to share the good news of your love for all creation. We dedicate these gifts and pray that they may bring healing, wholeness, and hope to the world, that future generations may also know your graciousness and love. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION We are Like Trees

CHARGE TO THE CONGREGATION God Will Make All Things New

***SONG** How Great Thou Art

**1. O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder consider all the worlds your hand has made,
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder, your power throughout the universe displayed:
Then sings my soul, my Savior God to thee: How great thou art! How great thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Savior God to thee: How great thou art! How great thou art! (Repeat)**

***BENEDICTION**

ANNOUNCEMENTS: July 3, 2022

This week's carillon is in memory of Richard A. Rathgeber.

TODAY OUR WORSHIP WILL BE HELD AT Anchor Presbyterian Church: To celebrate a great week of Vacation Bible School, Forest Grove and The Anchor Presbyterian Church will have a joint worship service. Since awesome decorations from that week will still be in place, the service will be held there: 980 Durham Rd, Newtown, PA 18940. It's located just a few miles from our church on Rte. 413. **The service will be held at our usual time, 10:00 AM and will also be available on Anchor's Zoom link:**

<https://zoom.us/j/781999216?pwd=Nk8rMXhKeEFKenErNzA1c05LelQwZz09> Meeting ID: 781 999 216.

Those who phone in can use the same phone number: **301-715-8592 or 253-215-8782. Please use the different meeting ID – 781 999 216.**

After worship all are invited to remain for a potluck picnic lunch and fellowship.

THE SOUND OF MUSIC: Gather with us on July 31st at 2pm at **The Town and Country Players in Buckingham** for an afternoon at the musical **The Sound of Music**. Tickets are \$26 for an adult seat and \$16 for children. Call Susan at the church office to purchase your ticket(s). At this time, we cannot guarantee a seat since our deadline was June 26th. Checks and cash can be sent to our office.



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.

FOOD PANTRY NEEDS: Throughout the summer we are going to be collecting different food items to be donated to the Doylestown Food Pantry. Each week there will be a different "asked for item." **This week we are asking for either vegetable oil or individual servings of fruit.** You only need to choose one but feel free to bring as much as you like. Bring your item(s) to the church during the week or next Sunday morning. There will be a wagon in the vestibule for donations. Any and all donations of any kind are greatly appreciated!

CPR CLASS AT CHURCH: It's a win-win! Want to learn CPR, and donate to church at the same time? We're pleased to announce a CPR class for church members and friends. Whether you are renewing your certification, or taking a class for the first time, this 2-hour class is for you. The skills presented include CPR, use of a defibrillator, & of relief of choking in adult and in child victims. The training will prepare you to respond in an emergency that may occur at home or work, during worship or the church nursery, or in the community. The cost is \$40 per person, same as in previous years. Also, as in previous years, after the material costs are met (\$25.50 per person), the remainder will be donated to church for each attendee (\$14.50 per person). Two dates are offered: Thursday July 14 at 7PM, or Saturday July 23 at 9AM. (The classes are identical- you only need to attend one class). If interested, please see the sign-up sheets on the bulletin board in Fellowship Hall. For questions, please contact Dana Daniels 215 450 0705, dpineville@verizon.net.

PLEASE SAVE THE DATE, BLOOD DRIVE SEPT 10TH

<u>Calendar:</u>	July 3	10:00am	Worship Service at Anchor Presbyterian Church.
	July 4		Happy 4 th of July – Office Closed.
	July 5	9:00am	Garden Club – Flower Show.
		7:00pm	Session mtg.
	July 6	12:00pm	Lunch Bunch then blanket making

Elder of the Month: Sharon Ruth Deacon of the Month: Merrily Henley

In our thoughts and prayers:

The Conner/Lang Family, Aleena Lang, Bill Wark, Raymond Tinari, Jim Turner,
Linda Bowers, Mary Reinhardt, Sally Thiessen