



# *Sunday Worship*

## *September 10, 2023*

*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**

*Come out of the darkness of despair into the brightness of God's transforming love.*

**We praise God for God's presence with us!**

*Prepare your hearts and spirits to receive God's mercy and healing.*

**We thank God for God's mercy toward us.**

*Come, let us praise and worship God who is always with us.*

**Thanks be to God at all times and in all places. Amen.**

#### **\*OPENING PRAYER**

**Lord, we come this day to worship and thank you for the many ways you guide our lives. We ask that our hearts, our ears, and our spirits may be open to your healing words of love. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.**

#### **\*HYMN #14 For the Beauty of the Earth**

1. For the beauty of the earth, for the glory of the skies,  
 for the love which from our birth over and around us lies:  
 Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

2. For the wonder of each hour of the day and of the night,  
 hill and vale, and tree and flower, sun and moon, and stars of light:  
 Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

3. For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's delight,  
 for the mystic harmony linking sense to sound and sight:  
 Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

4. For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child,  
 friends on earth and friends above, for all gentle thoughts and mild:  
 Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

5. For thyself, best gift divine to the world so freely given;  
 for that great, great love of thine, peace on earth and joy in heaven:  
 Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

### **CALL TO CONFESSION AND RECONCILIATION**

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND BROKENESS***

You do not ask much of us, Almighty God - to love, to serve, to welcome. Yet too often, it is words of bitterness we speak to friends and family. It is our stiff-with-judgment backs we offer to those looking for help. It is our hardened hearts people find, when they reach out, hoping to touch grace.

Compassionate God, forgive us. We are broken, so make us whole through the life of Christ. We are empty of peace, so fill us with the reconciling Spirit of Christ. We are alone, so take us by the hand and lead us into your kingdom of joy and grace, brought to us through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. 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.

***FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON*** Romans 13:8-14

***TIME WITH THE CHILDREN***

***\*HYMN #753*** Make Me a Channel of Your Peace

1. Make me a channel of your peace. Where there is hatred, let me bring your love.  
Where there is injury, your pardon, Lord, and where there's doubt, true faith in you.

2. Make me a channel of your peace. Where there's despair in life, let me bring hope.  
Where there is darkness, only light, and where there's sadness, ever joy.

3. O, Master, grant that I may never seek so much to be consoled as to console,  
to be understood as to understand, to be loved as to love with all my soul.

4. Make me a channel of your peace. It is in pardoning that we are pardoned,  
in giving of ourselves that we receive, and in dying that we're born to eternal life.

***GOSPEL LESSON*** Matthew 18:15-20

***SERMON*** We Can Work It Out

***CALL FOR THE OFFERING AND MOMENT OF FRIENDSHIP***

***OFFERTORY***

***\*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***

Generous God, through your Son, Jesus Christ, you have shown us what it means to love. And you've called us to follow your example—to love our neighbors as we love ourselves, to offer our lives and our resources in your service. Accept the gifts we bring today. May they help to spread the love we have received to the world around us. Amen.

***SHARING 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 #729** Lord, I Want to Be a Christian

1. Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart, in my heart; Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart.  
In my heart, in my heart, Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart.

2. Lord, I want to be more loving in my heart, in my heart; Lord, I want to be more loving in my heart.  
In my heart, in my heart, Lord, I want to be more loving in my heart.

3. Lord, I want to be more holy in my heart, in my heart; Lord, I want to be more holy in my heart.  
In my heart, in my heart, Lord, I want to be more holy in my heart.

4. Lord, I want to be like Jesus in my heart, in my heart; Lord, I want to be like Jesus in my heart.  
In my heart, in my heart, Lord, I want to be like Jesus in my heart.

**\*BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS September 10, 2023**

**This week's carillon is in memory of Sam Gallagher. Sam is the husband of faithful member Josephine Gallagher.**

**Thank you** Susan Lewis for filling in today for Leanne Yerkes while she is away.



**BEGINS TODAY:** Children will be dismissed to class after “Time with the Children” during worship.

Our dedicated teachers will pack each week with Bible stories, music, games and lots and lots of education fun!!



**BEGINS TONIGHT:** 6:30pm to 8:00pm. Hey 7<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> graders, Pastor Su and Missi Dell'Orefice are thinking up some exciting events for the fall and want your input so come on out and share your ideas.

**OUR ANNUAL CHICKEN BARBEQUE:** will be held on Saturday, October 7, 2023 – 4pm-6pm. Tickets; ADULT: \$18, CHILD: \$10 and it includes ½ Chicken for Adults and ¼ Chicken for children along with homemade sides and Dessert. Call the office to pre-order today. A percentage of your purchase will go to the Bucks County Housing Food Pantry.



**HANDBELL CHOIR:** Step out of your comfort zone! Have fun with friends! Experienced and beginner bell ringers are needed for the upcoming year! Join this diverse, fun group as we rehearse weekly to participate in the service monthly and for special events! Handbell rehearsals begin Sunday September 17 at 8 am. Contact Leanne for more information! 215-920-4000



**WELCOME CHURCH WORSHIP AND “COFFEE HOUR”:** On September 24 our church will once again be hosting “Coffee Hour” for the Welcome Church in Philadelphia. This is a church without walls, meeting for worship every other Sunday, rain or shine. It is a congregation proclaiming the hope and love of a gracious God to all people and especially to people experiencing homelessness. Presbyterian and Lutheran churches in the surrounding Philadelphia area provide snacks to the homeless in the area prior to the service to let them know it is happening. The Youth Group, with the help of the congregation, has prepackaged the treats. Any and all from our congregation who would like to go to this very powerful and rewarding experience is welcome. We will leave our church at 1:00 and should return by about 5:00. Please sign up in Fellowship Hall or contact Pastor Su if you would like to go along.

**FOOD PANTRY NEEDS:** This week we are asking for the following items: **Protein** such as: Canned Tuna Fish, canned Chicken or healthy protein bars. Bring your item(s) to the church. Donations are to be placed in the wagon located in the vestibule.

<b><u>Calendar:</u></b>	September 10	10:00 am	Worship Service, Sunday School followed by Fellowship
		6:30 pm	Youth Group
	September 11	10:00 am	Parish Life Meeting.
		7:00 pm	Boy Scout Troop Meeting.
	September 12	6:00 pm	Beekeepers
		7:00 pm	Christian Education Meeting.
	September 13	9:00 am	Worship and Music Meeting.
		12:00pm	Bring your Brown bag lunch for Fellowship.
		6:00 pm	Beekeepers
	September 16	9am-4pm	Beekeepers

**Elder of the month:** Bill Wark  
**Usher:** Sharon Ruth and Bill Wark

**Deacon of the month:** Gerry Stemplewicz  
**Fellowship Hosts:** Beth Conti

***In our thoughts and prayers:***

The Conner/Lang Family, Aleena Lang, Raymond Tinari, Alvin Cornell, Pat Gessner  
Jim Turner, Violet Sanders, Mary Lou Humlhanz, David Posnett, Pat Pizza



**Church Staff**  
**Susan Fall, Pastor**  
**Leanne Yerkes, Director of Music**  
**Susan Flanagan, Office Administrator**  
**Frank Orzechoski, Financial Manager**

