



# *Sunday Worship*

## *September 17, 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**

*Sing and rejoice! The Lord reaches out to you with healing love!*

**The Lord is our strength and our power!**

*Dance before the Lord, a dance of joy and hope!*

**The Lord brings us joy and lifts us up in hope.**

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

**Let us celebrate the good news God brings to us each day.**

### **OPENING PRAYER**

**We sing and speak your praise, O God, grateful for the many ways in which you have healed us. Keep our hearts, our minds, and our spirits open to learn ways in which we can offer healing love for others. For we ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.**

#### **\*HYMN #620 Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven**

1. Praise my soul, the King of heaven; to his feet your tribute bring; ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven, evermore his praises sing: Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise the everlasting King.

2. Praise him for his grace and favor to his people in distress; praise him still the same as ever, slow to chide, and swift to bless: Alleluia! Alleluia! Glorious in his faithfulness.

3. Father-like, he tends and spares us; well our feeble frame he knows; in his hands he gently bears us, rescues us from all our foes. Alleluia! Alleluia! Widely yet his mercy flows.

4. Angels, help us to adore him; you behold him face to face. Sun and moon, bow down before him, dwellers all in time and space: Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise with us the God of grace.

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

#### **PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND BROKENESS**

**Lord, your grace and mercy are ever-present in our lives, your forgiveness is boundless in mercy when we fail to live in Christ-like ways. And yet, we are quick to carry a grudge—quick to find fault, quick to assign blame, quick to harden our hearts toward others. Set us apart, loving God, to extend and model the grace you have shown us by offering grace to others. We pray in the name of the One who died so that we might fully live. 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 READING** 2 Corinthians 4:7-5:1

**TIME WITH THE CHILDREN** Third and Fourth Graders Receive Bibles

Braden Fullman, Joseph Foster, Riley Lucera, Gianna Schroeder, Eloise Squillace, Maria Tidd

**\*HYMN #840** It Is Well With My Soul

1. When peace like a river attendeth my way, when sorrows like sea billows roll,  
whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say, it is well, it is well with my soul.

*Refrain:* It is well with my soul; it is well; it is well with my soul.

2. Thou Satan shouldst buttet, though trials should come, let this blest assurance control,  
that Christ hath regarded my helpless estate, and hath shed his own blood for my soul. *Refrain*

3. He lives: O the bliss of this glorious thought. My sin, not in part, but the whole,  
is nailed to the cross and I bear it no more. Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul! *Refrain*

4. Lord, hasten the day when our faith shall be sight, the clouds be rolled back as a scroll,  
the trumpet shall sound and the Lord shall descend; even so it is well with my soul. *Refrain*

**SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON** Psalm 103:1-13, 22

**SERMON** How Can We Keep From Singing?

**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**

**Lord, you have blessed our lives in so many ways. In gratitude for all these blessings and in confidence that our gifts will be used for ministries of peace and hope, we offer these gifts. 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 #833** O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go

1. O Love that wilt not let me go, I rest my weary soul in thee;  
I give thee back the life I owe, that in thine ocean depths its flow may richer fuller be.

2. O Light that followest all my way, I yield my flickering torch to thee;  
my heart restores its borrowed ray, that in thy sunshine's blaze its day may brighter, fairer be.

3. O Joy that sleekest me through pain, I cannot close my heart to thee;  
I trace the rainbow through the rain, and feel the promise is not vain that morn shall tearless be.

4. O Cross that liftest up my head, I dare not ask to fly from thee;  
I lay in dust life's glory dead, and from the ground there blossoms red life that shall endless be.

**\*BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS September 17, 2023

This week's carillon is in memory of Sarah H. Smith. Sarah was the wife of faithful member George Smith.



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

**NEXT SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24:** We will again be hosting "Coffee Hour" for the Welcome Church in Philadelphia. We will leave our church at 1:00 and should return by about 5:00.

**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.



**WELCOME CHURCH WORSHIP AND "COFFEE HOUR":** On September 24 our church will once again be hosting "Coffee Hour" for the Welcome Church in Philadelphia. 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.

**Tentative Schedule for Replacement of FGPC Steeple:** It is getting pretty exciting! Be prepared for a lot of construction activity. Tentative plans call for our General Contractor to start removing our current Steeple next week followed by installation of the new attic structural support system. This is all to be done in time for installation of the new Steeple the week of Sept 25<sup>th</sup>. That effort is to be followed in the beginning of October with installation of a new church-wide Lightning Protection System. The Congregation is commended for all their support in making this possible for the benefit of the current and all future FGPC Congregations. Thank you!

**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>Calendar:</b>	September 17	8:30 am	Handbell Choir Rehearsal
		10:00 am	Worship Service, Sunday School followed by Fellowship
	September 18	7:00 pm	Boy Scout Troop Meeting.
	September 19	6:00 pm	Beekeepers
		7:00 pm	Property Meeting
	September 20	12:00pm	Bring your Brown bag lunch for Fellowship.
	September 21	5:00 pm	Stewardship meeting
		6:00pm	Beekeepers

**Elder of the month:** Bill Wark  
**Ushers:** Gerry and Louise Stemplewicz

**Deacon of the month:** Gerry Stemplewicz  
**Fellowship Hosts:** Emilie Cullerton

### *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, Kara Holton



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