



*Sunday Worship*  
*June 9, 2024*  
*Draw near to God*  
*for God is waiting for*

\* indicates where the congregation is to stand if able  
*italic type is spoken by the liturgist – bold is spoken by the congregation*

***HYMN SING***

***\*CALL TO WORSHIP***

*This is the day that the Lord has made!*

**Let us rejoice and be glad in it!**

*This is a day of new beginnings!*

**This is a time for growing into new disciples for Jesus.**

*Come, let us prepare ourselves for worship.*

**Let us be prepared for service to God. Amen.**

***\*OPENING PRAYER***

**Lord, we come this day, having seen the miracles of everyday creation in our world. We have enjoyed both the bright sunshine and the gentle rains. We have marveled over the beauty of flowers and the complexity of your creation. Make our hearts ready to receive your word for us, that we may go forth from this place ready to joyfully serve you all of our days. Amen.**

***\*HYMN #401 Gather Us In***

1. Here in this place the new light is streaming; now is the darkness vanished away;  
see in this space our fears and our dreamings brought here to you in the light of this day.  
Gather us in, the lost and forsaken; gather us in, the blind and the lame;  
call to us now, and we shall awaken; we shall arise at the sound of your name.

2. We are the young, our lives are a mystery. We are the old who yearn for your face.  
We have been sung throughout all of history, called to be light to the whole human race.  
Gather us in, the rich and the haughty; gather us in, the proud and the strong;  
give us a heart, so meek and so lowly; give us the courage to enter the song.

3. Here we will take the wine and the water; here we will take the bread of new birth.  
Here you shall call yours sons and your daughters, call us anew to be salt for the earth.  
Give us to drink the wine of compassion; give us to eat the bread that is you;  
nourish us well, and teach us to fashion lives that are holy and hearts that are true.

4. Not in the dark of buildings confining, not in some heaven, light years away:  
here in this place the new light is shining; now is the kingdom, and now is the day.  
Gather us in and hold us forever; gather us in and make us your own;  
gather us in, all peoples together, fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

***CALL TO CONFESSION AND RECONCILIATION***

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND BROKENESS***

Lord, forgive us when we see your miracles all around us and still doubt your power, presence and love. Forgive us when we treat this world and each other with careless indifference or with malice. You, who have created the most wondrous things from the smallest of particles, can create in our hearts confidence and hope. From our lives you can fashion the most delightful miracles that can serve you through acts of mercy and kindness. Free us, Lord, to receive your blessings and, having received them, to find the numerous ways in which we can serve you. Heal our wounded hearts. Hear our cries. Come to us and bring us home. In Jesus' name, we pray. 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.

***OLD TESTAMENT LESSON*** Psalm 130

***TIME WITH THE CHILDREN***

***\*HYMN #306*** Blest Be the Tie That Binds

1. Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love.  
The fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.
2. Before our Father's throne we pour our ardent prayers.  
Our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, our comforts and our cares.
3. We share our mutual woes; our mutual burdens bear.  
And often for each other flows the sympathizing tear.
4. When we are called to part, it gives us inward pain;  
but we shall still be joined in heart, and hope to meet again.
5. From sorrow, toil, and pain, and sin we shall be free;  
and perfect love and friendship reign through all eternity.

***NEW TESTAMENT LESSON*** Mark 3:20-35

***SERMON*** We Are Family

***CALL FOR THE OFFERING***

***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***

God whose giving knows no ending, we know how to say thank you when we receive. Right now we say thank you as we give. In our giving, hear our heartfelt gratitude for all that you are and all that we have. Bless these gifts for your mission in the world, and bless the other gifts we have to bring to your mission, opening our eyes to how you are calling us to participate. In Jesus' name, Amen.

***RECOGNITION OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES*** Samuel Holton and Liam Hyndman

***SHARING JOYS AND CONCERNS***

## ***PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER***

**Creator and Kin, as near as breath, and yet far beyond our understanding, holy is your name. Your new reality come, your justice be done, here and now. May we feed each other, as you feed us. You hold us in grace when we don't 'get it.' May we hold others in grace too. May we resist complacency, and strive for justice and peace, for all people, and all times. Amen.**

**\*HYMN #769** For Everyone Born

1. For everyone born, a place at the table, for everyone born, clean water and bread,  
a shelter, a space, a safe place for growing, for everyone born, a star overhead,

*REFRAIN:* and God will delight when we are creators of justice and joy, compassion and peace:  
yes, God will delight when we are creators of justice, justice and joy!

2. For woman and man, a place at the table, revising roles, deciding the share,  
with wisdom and grace, dividing the power, for woman and man, a system that's fair, *REFRAIN*

3. For young and for old, a place at the table, a voice to be heard, a part in the song,  
the hands of a child in hands that are wrinkled, for young and for old, the right to belong, *REFRAIN*

4. For just and unjust, a place at the table, abuser, abused, with need to forgive,  
in anger, in hurt, a mindset of mercy, for just and unjust, a new way to live, *REFRAIN*

5. For everyone born, a place at the table, to live without fear, and simply to be,  
to work, to speak out, to witness and worship, for everyone born, a right to be free, *REFRAIN*

**\*BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE***

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS, June 9, 2024**

**This week's carillon is in memory of Myrl Worthington. Myrl was a faithful member of the church and grandmother of Leanne Yerkes.**

**RECOGNITION OF OUR SENIORS:** Congratulations to our graduating High School Seniors: Samuel Holton and Liam Hyndman. In the fall, Sam will be attending the University of Connecticut and Liam will be attending Boston College. We pray for God's blessing to go with them on this next step in their life's journey.

**YOUTH GROUP:** Tonight, June 9<sup>th</sup>, 6:30pm – end of the year Pool Party at Missi Dell'Orefice. Please respond to either Su or Missi if you will be attending.

**SUMMER MISSION PROJECT:** Every Monday the Welcome Church in Philadelphia holds a Bible study that is open to everyone but is especially designed for those who are homeless. To help foster fellowship and to meet some of the needs of that population, lunch is provided. To do this, the Welcome Church needs volunteers to donate the meal. Through the Parish Life and Mission Committee, we have volunteered to provide this on June 17. We will therefore be making sandwiches and packing the lunch during Coffee Hour after worship on June 16<sup>th</sup> (yes, this is Father's Day). If you are able, please plan to stay about 30 minutes to help out. We are also asking for donations of the necessary items for the lunch. Donation slips with specific items needed will be posted in Fellowship Hall beginning June 2. The items will need to be brought to the church on June 16.

**Vacation Bible School:** We have a wish list of items needed for the snacks. You can find slips on the divider in Fellowship Hall. Please select an item or two if you are able and sign out on the sheet what you chose. Bring those items back to our church kitchen no later than June 20. Thank you in advance for your contributions.

**FOOD PANTRY NEEDS:** This week we are asking for the following items: 100% Whole Grains such as:

Rolled oats, Whole-grain cereal, Brown or wild rice or couscous. Donations are to be placed in the wagon found in the vestibule.

**This week's calendar of events:**

- June 9** 10:00 am Worship followed by Fellowship  
4:00 pm Iglesia Pentecostal Asamblea De Dios Worship Service  
6:30 pm Youth end of the year Pool Party
- June 10** 7:00 pm Boy Scout Troop 71 Meeting
- June 12** 12:00 pm Bring your Brown bag lunch for Fellowship  
6:00 pm Beekeepers meeting

**Elder of the month:** Sharon Ruth                      **Deacon of the month:** Dana Daniels

**Ushers:** Sharon Ruth and Paul Wachendorf

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

The Conner/Lang Family, Aleena Lang, Raymond Tinari, Jim Turner, Violet Sanders,  
Mary Lou Humlhanz, Pat Pizza, Kara Holton, Becky Schroeder, Wes Schroeder, Eloise Hyndman, David Posnett,  
Dick Wright, Shannon Foster



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