



Sunday Worship

July 21, 2024

*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

HYMN SING

****CALL TO WORSHIP***

We are here....

In the name of Jesus Christ.

He came and preached peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near.

**We are no longer like outsiders in a foreign land,
but are fellow citizens with the saints in the household of God.**

Let every one praise the Lord!

The Lord's name be praised!

****OPENING PRAYER***

Spirit of God, enlighten our hearts to the reality of divine presence in our midst. Let our worship be pleasing in your sight, so that our gathering is an experience of deep communion with you and one another. In the name of Jesus Christ, this is our prayer. Amen.

****HYMN #327*** From All That Dwell Below the Skies

1. From all that dwell below the skies let the Creator's praise arise: Alleluia! Alleluia!

Let the Redeemer's name be sung through every land, in every tongue.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

2. In every land begin the song; to every land the strains belong: Alleluia! Alleluia!

In cheerful sound all voices raise and fill the world with joyful praise.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

3. Eternal all thy mercies Lord; eternal truth attends thy word: Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thy praise shall sound from shore to shore, till suns shall rise and set no more.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

CALL TO CONFESSION AND RECONCILIATION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND BROKENESS

Steadfast God, we confess that we are so busy putting up walls between ourselves and others, we cannot see the home you are building for all of us. We spend so much time noting the differences between us and others, while you are embracing everyone as your child. We run to welcome those who look, talk, and act like us, and you throw open your doors to the stranger, the alien, in our midst.

Forgive us, Merciful God. By your grace, help us to see the household you are building for all people: there are no plastic protectors on the furniture; there are no rooms that are off-limits; and even the smallest child is welcome to sit at the big peoples' Table and be fed by your grace. We pray this in the name of Jesus Christ, our peace, our hope, our Lord, our 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 John 17:20-26

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

****HYMN #761*** Called As Partners in Christ's Service

1. Called as partners in Christ's service, called to ministries of grace,
we respond with deep commitment fresh new lines of faith to trace.

May we learn the art of sharing, side by side and friend to friend,
equal partners in our caring to fulfill God's chosen end.

2. Christ's example, Christ's inspiring, Christ's clear call to work and worth,
let us follow, never faltering, reconciling folk on earth.

Men and women, richer, poorer, all God's people, young and old,
blending human skills together gracious gifts from God unfold.

3. Thus new patterns for Christ's mission, in a small or global sense,
help us bear each other's burdens, breaking down each wall or fence.
Words of comfort, words of vision, words of challenge, said with care,
bring new power and strength for action, make us colleagues, free and fair.

4. So God grant us for tomorrow ways to order human life
that surround each person's sorrow with a calm that conquers strife.
Make us partners in our living, our compassion to increase,
messengers of faith, thus giving hope and confidence and peace.

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON Ephesians 2:11-22

SERMON There Are No Barriers with God

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***

Because you have compassion on us, Giving God, you do not hold anything back, but fill us with your good gifts. May we share from our abundance, as well as from our need, so our offerings might be an enduring witness to your hope, your peace, and your healing for all. Amen.

SHARING JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

(Response) ... Please reveal your compassion, Loving God, bring wholeness to all...

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 #300**

1. We are one in the Spirit; we are one in the Lord; we are one in the Spirit; we are one in the Lord, and we pray that all unity may one day be restored: And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love, yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.
2. We will walk with each other; we will walk hand in hand; we will walk with each other; we will walk hand in hand, and together we'll spread the news that God is in our land: And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love, yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.
3. We will work with each other; we will work side by side; we will work with each other we will work side by side, and we'll guard human dignity and save human pride: And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love, yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.
4. All praise to the Father, from whom all things come, and all praise to Christ Jesus, God's only Son, and all praise to the Spirit, who makes us one: And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love, yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS, July 21, 2024

This week's carillon is in memory of Ruth S. Rathgeber. Ruth was a faithful member of the church and was the mother of Becky Rathgeber Schroeder.

WELCOME SUSAN LEWIS: Susan is filling in for Leanne while she is away. Susan grew up in Huntingdon, PA, then graduated from Mansfield University with a Bachelor's and master's in music education with an organ major. She taught in Montrose Area School District and recently returned to PA from FL, where she played in churches and conducted a community chorus for 20 years. Welcome and thank you Susan!!

POLLINATOR PALOOZA: Saturday, August 10th from 10AM – 2:00PM at Heritage Conservancy's Jackson Pond Preserve (Located just beyond our property, parking at Forest Grove Presbyterian Church) Celebrate the summertime with us at our Jackson Pond Nature Preserve and immerse yourself in the beauty of the outdoors and nature in a day filled with joy and excitement for the whole family. Located at a hotspot for pollinator habitats, Pollinator Palooza is a family-friendly festival. Guided walks, crafts, science, food trucks, games, and more. Save the date for this popular community event.

AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE: Saturday Sept 14th we will host our annual blood drive from 8AM to 12noon. Whether donating blood to help someone in need or to honor a loved one, we hope you'll join us in this important community outreach event. To schedule an appt, and for detailed information about donor eligibility, please visit <https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/donation-time> or call 1 800 Red Cross.

HELP WITH ZOOM NEEDED: Every Sunday morning there is an average of ten people coming to worship on Zoom. This is possible only because of the help we get from folks in the congregation who run the computer. These include Dana Daniels, Aaron Myers, Bill Wark and Nathan Holton. Nathan will be going off to college the end of August and we not only need to find his replacement, but we need a few extras for fifth Sundays as well as substitutes

FOOD PANTRY NEEDS: This week we are asking for the following items: Tooth paste and Tooth brushes, deodorant, bar soap and body cream. Donations are to be placed in the wagon found in the vestibule.

SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP: We are looking for Sunday volunteers to help with set-up and clean-up of coffee and Tea. If you wish you can bring a snack to share. We provide coffee, tea, iced tea and paper products. To link to our Sign-up: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040444AAA729A4FB6-coffee1> or you can find a sign-up sheet in Fellowship Hall. The following dates are currently available: July 28, August 4, 18 and the months of September through December.

This week's calendar of events:

July 21	10:00 am	Worship followed by Fellowship
	4:00 pm	Iglesia Pentecostal Asamblea De Dios Worship Service
July 22	7:00 pm	Boy Scout Troop 71 Meeting
July 24	12:00 pm	Bring your Brown bag lunch for Fellowship
July 27	6:00 pm	Wedding – Pentecostal Church

Elder of the month: Donna Jencks

Ushers: Paul Wachtendorf and Beth Conti

Deacon of the month: Merrily Henley

Fellowship: Emilie Cullerton



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