



**Ninth Sunday after Pentecost
July 21, 2024 at 10:00 am**

GATHERING IN FAITH

The only ones who are afraid are those who think they are alone.

Saint Catherine of Siena

Prelude

Prelude No.15 in G major BWV 860

Eric Waggoner, Guest Musician

J.S. Bach

Welcome

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

Rev. Debbie Blair

Please sign, pass and return Friendship Record pads during this time of announcements.

Trinity Chimes

In the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, Amen.

Call to Worship

Debbie Blair

Leader: Come as you are to worship the Lord.

People: Let us bring our songs, our prayers, and our worries.

Leader: For the Lord is our Shepherd, and we shall not want.

People: The Lord is our redeemer, and we shall be free.

*Hymn of Praise

The King of Love My Shepherd Is

Hymnal, No. 171

**The King of love my Shepherd is, whose goodness faileth never;
I nothing lack if I am His and He is mine forever.**

**Where streams of living water flow my ransomed soul He leadeth,
And where the verdant pastures grow, with food celestial feedeth.**

**Perverse and foolish oft I strayed, but yet in love He sought me,
And on His shoulder gently laid, and home, rejoicing, brought me.**

**In death's dark vale I fear no ill with Thee, dear Lord, beside me;
Thy rod and staff my comfort still, Thy cross before to guide me.**

**Thou spreadest a table in my sight; Thy unction grace bestoweth;
And O what transport of delight from Thy pure chalice floweth!**

**And so through all the length of days Thy goodness faileth never;
Good Shepherd, may I sing Thy praise within Thy house forever.**

*Prayer of the Day (please remain standing)

Ronnie Bailey

Call to Confession
Prayer of Confession

Ronnie Bailey

The Good Shepherd calls to us.

We know our shepherd's voice, but fail to heed.

Merciful God, to walk paths of righteousness

and enjoy Your life abundant, we must follow You in trust and obedience.

Though You beckon us, we go our own way.

Though You defend us, we are filled with fear.

You spread a table before us. Our cup overflows.

We judge those with whom we are seated.

We worry there will not be enough.

In Your mercy, forgive us, Lord.

Take us by the hand, and guide us in Your ways.

Help us to rest in Your company,

and there learn to be grateful and generous.

...time for silent personal confession

Assurance of Pardon

*Act of Praise

Congregation Singing

Gloria Patri/Glory Be to the Father

Hymnal, No. 579

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.

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Deb Nichols

Psalm Reading

Psalm 23

Pew Bible, OT, page 501

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Time with the Children

Ronnie Bailey

As the children gather

Where Children Belong

Congregation Singing

This, this is where children belong, welcomed as part of the worshipping throng.

Water, God's Word, bread and cup, prayers and song:

This is where children belong.

Children go to JAM after time with children.

Sermon

Words to Remember

Tim Spring

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

*Hymn of Response

My Shepherd Will Supply My Need

Hymnal, No. 172

My Shepherd will supply my need; Jehovah is His Name:

In pastures fresh He makes me feed, beside the living stream.

He brings my wandering spirit back when I forsake His ways,

And leads me, for His mercy's sake, in paths of truth and grace.

**When I walk through the shades of death Thy presence is my stay;
One word of Your supporting breath drives all my fears away.
Your hand, in sight of all my foes, does still my table spread;
My cup with blessings overflows, Your oil anoints my head.**

**The sure provisions of my God attend me all my days;
O may Your house be my abode, and all my work be praise.
There would I find a settled rest, while others go and come;
No more a stranger, or a guest, but like a child at home.**

Faith Community Concerns, the Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer Debbie Blair
**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.**

The Offering of Our Tithes and Gifts Debbie Blair
Call to Offering

A Musical Offering Eric Waggoner, Piano
Song without Words Op.19 No.1 Felix Mendelssohn

*Doxology *Hymnal*, No. 592 using tune: *OLD HUNDRETH*

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

*Prayer of Dedication

SENDING INTO THE WORLD

*Hymn of Dedication *The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want* *Hymnal*, No. 170

**The Lord's my Shepherd, I'll not want. He makes me down to lie
In pastures green; He leadeth me the quiet waters by.**

**My soul He doth restore again; and me to walk doth make
Within the paths of righteousness, e'en for His own name's sake.**

**Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale, yet will I fear none ill;
For Thou art with me; and Thy rod and staff me comfort still.**

**My table Thou hast furnished in presence of my foes;
My head Thou dost with oil anoint, and my cup overflows.**

**Goodness and mercy all my life shall surely follow me;
And in God's house forevermore my dwelling place shall be.**

*Charge and Blessing Tim Spring

Postlude Eric Waggoner, Piano
Moderement anime Claude Debussy

WORSHIP INFORMATION

Flowers are given in honor of Ruth Rutter on her 90th birthday today.

Worship next Sunday, July 28 – 8:30 am and 10:00 am – Tenth Sunday after Pentecost.

Rev. Tim Spring's message will be *Open the Door to Christ* based on Ephesians 3:14-21
Jane Miller will be our Guest Musician for the morning.

Early Worship at 8:30 am in the Sanctuary – a more intimate service, approximately 45 minutes, with a simple worship order including the sermon and two congregational hymns with piano accompaniment.

Service for The Lord's Day - at 10:00am – in the sanctuary. This more traditional service includes a fuller liturgy, with sermon and congregational hymns. A variety of musical styles are offered by our various soloists/ensembles accompanied by the pipe organ, piano and other musical instruments. **Next Sunday:** Sharing in the ministry of music will be Beth Michael, flautist and vocal soloist.

JAM stands for "**Jesus And Me**" and are our 2 classes for children. Kindergarten through Grade 2 and Grades 3-6. We welcome middle schoolers who want to mentor and build relationships with our younger kids. **JAM** will be held after Children's Time that takes place during worship. We will have an engaging, fun, children's sermon. Following that, children will join their classes in the upper level. Contact Ronnie with questions.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

FREE items have been placed on tables in Friendship Hall. Please feel free to take whatever you want. Items will be on the tables Sunday, JUL 14 and Sunday, JUL 21. Anything left after the 21st will be donated.

Chancel Flowers –Contact **Carla Lowman** (412-826-5914) to **RSVP your date** with info and wording for the bulletin. **Available dates: AUG 18 and 25; SEPT 8, 15, 22, 29**

Deacons - Food Donations - continue to place donations in the shopping carts or drop off financial donations to the office/collection plate. Questions – contact Chris Wilson at 412-779-7024. Deacons are **collecting SUMMER CLOTHING**. The bin is in the 5th Street vestibule.

Soups On – **Available soups:** Spicy Black Bean Soup and Pennsylvania Garden Soup. Take a container to a friend, neighbor, or relative who needs a cup of cheer and to see your smiling face!

The Bridge Pastor Team reports Rev. Lee Nichols and Rev. Don Ewing will be our Bridge Pastors in a job-share arrangement. Rev. Ewing will moderate Session. Rev. Nichols will be Head of Staff and handle pastoral care. Their schedules will be posted closer to their OCT 1, start date. *Nick Kokales & Sally Huber-Lewis, Co-Chairs, Chris Hudak, Christine Little, David Geis, James Kinter - moderated by Rev. Dr. Edwin Van Driel*

Maureen Stecik, OPC **Program Staff Assistant, will retire AUG 30**. If interested, contact Sam Anderson, Chair of Personnel at sam128@comcast.net. The position is 25 hr/week and requires strong computer skills, good communication skills, ability to multi-task, and work well as a team.

CHURCH CALENDAR

SUNDAY 8:30 am 10:00 am	July 21 – Ninth Sunday after Pentecost Worship (Sanctuary) Worship (Sanctuary) & Via Livestream & children’s JAM (K-Grade 2 & Grades 3-6)
MONDAY 12:00 pm 7:00 pm	July 22 AA’s (Small Group Room) Boy Scout Troop #854 (Multi-Purpose Room)
TUESDAY 7:00 pm	July 23 Our Journey Without Them (Marie Berg Chapel)
WEDNESDAY 10:00 am 12:15 pm 6:00 pm	July 24 Women’s AA (Dining Room) Staff Meeting (Small Group Room) Lions Club Eyeglass Cleaning (Kitchen)
THURSDAY 8:00 pm	July 25 NA’s (Dining Room)
FRIDAY	July 26
SATURDAY 8:00 pm	July 27 AA’s (Dining Room)
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OPC STAFF

The Rev. Dr. Tim E. Spring	Interim Pastor
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