

Welcome to worship followed by our annual picnic, a time to reconnect and form new connections. May the Lord enrich our time together.

This worship service can be watched live on YouTube, as it happens, anywhere you have an internet connection. Additionally, past services will be archived so you can stay up-to-date or relive your favorite Sunday morning moments. You can find the link on our website or check it out at <https://bit.ly/FPCLive>

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NOTE: Sheet music for hymns can be found at the end of this document.



Order of Worship
September 13, 2020

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JUDGY**

**THE ORDER OF MORNING WORSHIP
TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

10:00 AM

SEPTEMBER 13, 2020

THE FIRST NOTE OF THE PRELUDE begins our worship. Please use the prelude time to turn your attention to God's presence and help. Nurturing our relationships and friendships in fellowship is essential to our life as a congregation, so please continue to do so following our time of worship.

**Those who are able are invited to stand.*

FOCUSING UPON GOD'S PRESENCE AND VOICE

PRELUDE

"How Firm a Foundation"

EDWARD BROUGHTON

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Give praise to God! Praise the Lord, for it is God who saves. It is God who forgives.
It is God who delivers. Give thanks and praise the Lord!

People: Let us worship God!

*OPENING PRAYER

HYMN #385

"He's Got the Whole World In His Hands"

He's got the whole world in His hands

He's got the whole world in His hands

He's got the whole world in His hands

He's got the whole world in His hands

He's got the itty bitty baby in His hands (repeat 3X)

He's got the whole world in His hands

He's got all of His Children in His hands (repeat 3x)

He's got the whole world in His hands

LITANY OF AFFIRMATION

Leader: God has gathered us for worship. God does not gather us to scold us for the times we messed up this week, but welcomes us when we come to confess where we might have done things or left things undone. Let us pray together.

Gracious and loving God, you lived for us -- we have not always lived for you. You have forgiven us. We have not always forgiven others. You have loved us. We have not always loved ourselves nor have we loved one another. Take pity on us and forgive us, God. Help us to forgive. Help us to live for you. Help us to love through Jesus Christ our Lord. Lord, in your mercy

People: hear our prayers.

A moment of silence for personal confession

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

*SHARING THE PEACE

Leader: Since God has forgiven us, let us also forgive one another. The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Let us share our forgiven joy with one another.

*HYMN OF ASSURANCE #581

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.

THE WORD OF GOD TO THE CHURCH

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON

MATTHEW 18:21-35

²¹Then Peter came and said to him, “Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?” ²²Jesus said to him, “Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times. ²³“For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. ²⁴When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; ²⁵and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. ²⁶So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.’ ²⁷And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. ²⁸But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, ‘Pay what you owe.’ ²⁹Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you.’ ³⁰But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. ³¹When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. ³²Then his lord summoned him and said to him, ‘You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. ³³Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?’ ³⁴And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. ³⁵So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart.”

¹Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarreling over opinions. ²Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. ³Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgment on those who eat; for God has welcomed them. ⁴Who are you to pass judgment on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand. ⁵Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. ⁶Those who observe the day, observe it in honor of the Lord. Also those who eat, eat in honor of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honor of the Lord and give thanks to God. ⁷We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. ⁸If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. ⁹For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living. ¹⁰Why do you pass judgment on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God. ¹¹For it is written, "As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall give praise to God." ¹²So then, each of us will be accountable to God.

SERMON

"Don't Be Judgy"

REV. REBECCA MALLOZZI

ANTHEM

"Let There Be Peace on Earth"

ARR. JAY ALTHOUSE

Sandy Gingrich, Penny Pantano,
Ann Greenwood, and Joe Smits

SHARING JOYS & CONCERNS

INTERCESSIONS AND PETITIONS

THE LORD'S PRAYER

*(Please use "debts & debtors".)*GLORY TO GOD HYMNAL – PG. 35

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S WORD

CALL FOR OFFERTORY

OFFERTORY

"Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus"

TODD KENDALL

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*CHARGE & BENEDICTION

CHORAL SENDING

"Three Fold Amen"

*POSTLUDE

"God of Grace, and God of Glory"

WILBUR HELD

Faith Life

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2020

SUNDAY MORNING FELLOWSHIP

Please join us on Zoom for Fellowship on Sunday Mornings following Worship. The link for Sunday Morning Fellowship can be found in the Thursday email blast. If you would like to be added to the list to receive these emails, please contact the office.



In a spirit of love and caution, we are limiting our indoor gatherings to a max of 25 people. Though most are continuing to worship virtually, please keep in mind that we will seat on a first-come, first-served basis until further notice.”

CHURCH OUTDOOR WORSHIP & PICNIC

This week, we will worship outside. Please bring a folding chair for worship. If you have RSVP'd, we'll enjoy gathering with you for the church picnic afterwards.

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS NEEDED!

Beginning in September, we will return to having Worship Assistants. Please consider volunteering via Signup Genius on the church website under 'Volunteer Opportunities. You may participate in person, or via video recording. *And all God's people said, "Thanks, y'all!"*

FEAR AND FAITH

Join us in September and October for an online Bible study! We will be using Trillia Newbell's book, *Fear and Faith: Finding the Peace Your Heart Craves*. Buying the book is encouraged, but optional.

September 3: Fear of Others

September 10: Fear of the Future

September 17: Fear of Ourselves

September 24: When Your Fears Come True

October 1: Fear of the Lord

All Zoom conversations will be at 7:00 PM. Handouts will be emailed ahead of time. If you have any questions, please reach out to Pastor Beckl!

Register for the class at https://bit.ly/FPCFaithandFear_Register

The Zoom link will be emailed to you.

EVENING ON THE LAWN

Over the summer, we gathered once a month around a campfire to catch up with friends and eat s'mores. We've planned one more Evening on the Lawn on Saturday, September 19th at 7:00 PM. Please join us.

WOMEN'S SPIRITUAL STUDY GROUP

We invite you to join with a small group of other women to socialize, study, and pray

Thursday mornings from 9:45 – 11:15 a.m., **beginning Sept. 17, 2020.** (Our study begins around 10 a.m. with socializing first.)

We will meet via Zoom this fall.

Fall Study Book

***12 "Christian" Beliefs That Can Drive You Crazy;
Relief from False Assumptions***

By Dr. Henry Cloud & Dr. John Townsend

The book is sound in both its psychological and scriptural bases. The chapters address some of the greatest misconceptions many of us were taught, such as:

- It's selfish to have my needs met;
- I just need to give it to the Lord;
- Leave the past behind;
- Guilt and shame are good for me;...

The fall series is approximately 12 weeks, from September 17 – December 10. We welcome any who would like to join us for one or more of the sessions. Books (with discussion guide) can be purchased through Amazon or other online services.

Contact Deanna Robinson (610-395-0669 or email: dswrobinson@gmail.com) for the link or for more info.

THANK YOU!

Ryan and I both thank the Deacons for all of the wonderful graduation cards which helped make a non-existent graduation more real! Ryan enjoyed getting cards every day for a couple weeks!

I thank everyone for the prayers and cards for my surgery. I enjoyed reading every one of them and appreciate the thoughtfulness of our church family.

~Linda Kennington

Scrip Orders are due September 13.

TWO WEEKS OF FAITH

This calendar is prepared a few days prior to distribution. Please see the church [website](#) for the most up-to-date information.

THIS WEEK

Sunday, September 13

Scrip Orders Due

10:00 AM— Outdoor Worship Service followed by Church Picnic
5:00 PM— Youth Group (Outside)

Monday, September 14

Noon— Meditation (Facebook Live)

Tuesday, September 15

Church Office Closed

10:00 AM— Emmaus Garden Club Board (FH)

Wednesday, September 16

Church Office Closed

6:00 PM— Bell Choir Rehearsal (S)
7:30 PM— Reading Group (Z)

Thursday, September 17

9:45 AM— Women's Spiritual Study Group (Z)
7:00 PM— Bible Study (Zoom)
7:00 PM— Narcotics Anonymous (FH)

Friday, September 18

Church Office Closed

Saturday, September 19

10:00 AM— Crazy Quilters (FH)
7:00 PM— Evening on the Lawn

NEXT WEEK

Sunday, September 20

10:00 AM— Worship Service
5:00 PM— Youth Group (Outside)

Monday, September 21

Noon— Meditation (Facebook Live)
7:00 pm— Mission Committee (Z)

Tuesday, September 22

Pastor's Study Leave
Church Office Closed

7:30 pm— Fellowship Committee (Z)

Wednesday, September 23

Church Office Closed

6:00 PM— Bell Choir Rehearsal (S)

Thursday, September 24

9:45 AM— Women's Spiritual Study Group (Z)
7:00 PM— Bible Study (Zoom)
7:00 PM— Narcotics Anonymous (FH)

Friday, September 25

Church Office Closed

Noon— Outside Use

Saturday, September 26

COLLEGE STUDENT GOODIE BOXES

Starting in October, the deacons will be collecting items to send "goodie boxes" to our Faith college students. Please look for the collection boxes in Fellowship Hall. Examples of items: protein, granola, or breakfast bars, pretzels, cracker packs, hot cocoa mix, gum, cookie packs, tea. (The last day will be Nov. 1st.)

We will be mailing the goodie boxes in time for their fall semester final exams. Our hope is that their arrival will bring a smile to each young person's face, help reduce their stress level during this important time in their college careers, and know that Faith Church is thinking of them and wishing them well.

If you have a current college student in your family, or are one, please make sure your deacon or Lynda (our office administrator) has a current college address or the correct home address if you are attending college virtually.

Thank you. Any questions, see Elaine Smits or Donna Call.

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

The office will return to *new normal* hours beginning September 14. Those hours are **Mondays and Thursdays only** from **9:00 AM to 2:00 PM**.

For now, Lynda will continue to work from her home on Tuesdays through Thursdays. Keep the following in mind, if you need her to provide you with reports or materials that can be found only on the church computer, you need to contact her on



9/15 Carolyn Baittinger,
Andrew Martin

LOOKING AHEAD...

*No Sunday School

Oct. 4 Peace & Global Witness Offering
Oct. 11 Scrip Orders Due
Oct. 12 Columbus Day: Church Office closed
Oct. 25 Stewardship Sunday
Nov. 1 Daylight Savings Time Ends
Nov. 3 Election Day
Nov. 8 Pastor's Vacation
Nov. 15 Winter Flyer Deadline
Nov. 17 Presbytery Meeting @ FPC
Nov. 22 ADVENT[ure]
Nov. 26 Thanksgiving: Church Office closed
Dec. 24 Christmas Eve
Dec. 25 Christmas

You're invited to Lehigh Presbytery's

UNDERSTANDING RACE MATTERS CONVERSATIONS WITH OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Join your Presbytery siblings in Christ this September for conversations about understanding race matters. As we proclaim together in our vision statement, this will be an opportunity to “partner to challenge and resource each other, so that we may boldly risk our comfort for the sake of the Gospel of Christ.”

Using Kerry Connelly’s book, *Good White Racist? Confronting Your Role in Racial Injustice*, the presbytery will be hosting conversations to learn and grow together.

Check out the webinar on September 15 at 2p.m. offered by Presbyterian Outlook (information about future recordings will be available later). Click [here](#) to register for the webinar.

Then, join us September 29 at 7p.m. via zoom as we seek to better understand what we've read and heard and ask the question of ourselves, "What's the next step?" Click [here](#) to register for the conversation. If you have any questions, please contact Rev. Rhonda Kruse.

webinar

Holy Imagination + Race:
How The Church Can Be a Healing Force in America's Racial Divide

Presented by Kerry Connelly,
author of *Good White Racist*.

WEBINAR
September 15
2 p.m. ET / 11 a.m. PT

Copies of *Good White Racist* can be purchased online at the PC(USA) Store.

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