

Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church

SUNDAY, JULY 31, 2011

8:00 AM, CONGREGATIONAL HALL

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



*Jacob Wrestling with the Angel (detail) by Eugène Delacroix
1854-61
Oil and wax on plaster, Saint-Sulpice, Paris*

You do hear the prayers of your people, O God, and give heed to their supplications. Your faithfulness spans generations and nations, as a cloak woven with benevolent care. You promise your presence as your Spirit abides in our midst. We wrestle with you in search of your blessing. We bow down before you, as our ancestors have done before us, in praise and adoration for your gracious love. Amen.

from *When We Gather: A Book of Prayers for Worship*
by James Kirk

Order of Worship

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

As we gather for worship, we encourage you to spend time in prayer and reflection, guided by today's prelude music and the cover art and prayer.

PRELUDE Prelude and Fugue in b flat minor J.S. Bach

WELCOME Louisa Watkins Umphres

(Please fill in the Fellowship Register at the end of your pew.)

CALL TO WORSHIP Come and Fill TAIZÉ

Come and fill our hearts with your peace. You a-lone, O Lord, are ho-ly.
Come and fill our hearts with your peace, al-le-lu-ia!

CALL TO CONFESSION Louisa Watkins Umphres

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*in unison*)

Have mercy on us, O God; in your loving-kindness, in your great compassion, cleanse us from our sin. You sent Christ as a witness that you will not forsake us; yet we fret over matters as though you cared not at all. Forgive our compulsion to control our own destiny. Look kindly upon us when we fear for our future. Have mercy upon us when we mismanage your grace. Give us the courage to wrestle with you and to be open to your blessing. We are your people, O God; help us to dwell in your promise.

(A moment of silence for personal reflection and confession.)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON Louisa Watkins Umphres

† **CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE** (*sing twice*) Jacques Berthier, 1979

Glo - ri - a, glo - ri - a, in ex - cel - sis De - o!
Glo - ri - a, glo - ri - a, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

HEARING THE WORD

We approach God's Word prayerfully, trusting that as Scripture is read and proclaimed, our hearts and minds will be opened to transformation and inspiration by the Holy Spirit.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION Darryl Brown

FIRST READING Romans 8:35-39 (*p. 158 in pew Bible*) Darryl Brown

SECOND READING Genesis 32:22-30 (*p. 30 in pew Bible*) Sherri Hausser
One: The Word of the Lord. All: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON *Dancing with Angels* Sherri Hausser

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*We respond to God's word with thanksgiving and prayer.
As we come forward to celebrate communion, we are invited to place offerings of prayer cards and monetary gifts in the baskets located near the front.*

† **HYMN 384** O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go ST. MARGARET

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER Louisa Watkins Umphres

THE INVITATION TO COMMUNION AND THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

One: The Lord be with you.
All: **And also with you.**
One: Lift up your hearts.
All: **We lift them to the Lord.**
One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
All: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER (*in unison*)

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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. 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 COMMUNION

You are invited to come forward, using the center aisle, to partake of the Lord's Supper. Please break off a piece of bread, dip it in the cup and return to your seat, using the side aisle. If you prefer gluten- and casein-free bread, please partake from the center table. If you desire to be served in your seat, please raise your hand to alert an usher.

MUSIC AT COMMUNION Intermezzo (Op. 117, No.1) Johannes Brahms

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Louisa Watkins Umphres

† **HYMN 276** Great Is Thy Faithfulness FAITHFULNESS

† **SENDING AND PASSING OF THE PEACE** Sherri Hausser

One: The peace of Christ be with you. All: **And also with you.**

POSTLUDE Homage March Edvard Grieg

† *Please stand, if able.*

❖ Worship Notes ❖



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from *The Great Emergence: How Christianity Is Changing and Why*
by Phyllis Tickle

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from *The Book of Genesis* by Terence Fretheim
in *The New Interpreter’s Bible Commentary*



We invite you to share your gifts and talents in leading worship during the 8:00 a.m. service. You may serve in a variety of ways, from welcoming others as an usher, reading prayers or scripture, serving communion, to providing special music or sharing other artistic gifts.

If you are interested in ushering, contact Phoebe Sheftel, pasheftel@comcast.net or 610-526-1802.

If you are an elder or deacon interested in serving communion, contact Joanne Hanna, joannehanna3@comcast.net or 610-356-9796.

If you would like to participate in other ways or explore how you might participate, contact Louisa Watkins Umphres, louisaumphres@bmpc.org or 610-525-2821, ext. 8828.



Deacon Darryl Brown is assisting with communion.



This morning we welcome pianist Michael Stairs to our worship.



Due to HVAC construction, our 8:00 a.m. Sunday Worship has moved from the Chapel to Congregational Hall throughout the summer.



Drought Relief: Reaching out to our sisters and brothers in Africa. The Presbyterian Church (USA) has mission partners in Somalia, Ethiopia and Kenya. The PCUSA’s partnerships remain strong and the denomination has missionaries there now. Help us support those in need during this time of tragic drought, famine and displacement by offering your gifts of money and your prayers. To provide financial support, write a check payable to BMPC (beyond your usual pledge to the budget) with “Africa” on the memo line. All contributions will go to the Presbytery Disaster Assistance Fund.

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And please join us in this prayer:

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help us structure our living so that
all people in all places
might have enough of the abundance you provide
even in times of drought and hardship.
Inspire us and guide us, we pray in Jesus’ name. Amen.*

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Order of Worship

As we gather for worship, some prepare by greeting each other with words of peace, others with meditation and prayer. Please be respectful of how those around you prepare. Kindly refrain from taking photos or videos and please silence cell phones.

GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

PRELUDE “Lift Thine Eyes” from *Elijah* Felix Mendelssohn
Jane Allison, Mary Beth Cheloha, and Kath Scipione

WELCOME R. Charles Grant

CALL TO WORSHIP Louisa Watkins Umphres
One: O God, your faithfulness spans generations and nations
as a cloak woven with benevolent care.
All: **You promise your presence as your Spirit abides in our midst.**
One: We wrestle with you in search of your blessing.
All: **We bow down before you, as our ancestors have done before us,
in praise and adoration of your gracious love.**
One: Let us worship God!

† **HYMN 482** Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty LOBE DEN HERREN

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*in unison*) Louisa Watkins Umphres
Have mercy on us, O God; in your loving-kindness, in your great compassion, cleanse us from our sin. You sent Christ as a witness that you will not forsake us; yet we fret over matters as though you cared not at all. Forgive our compulsion to control our own destiny. Look kindly upon us when we fear for our future. Have mercy upon us when we mismanage your grace. Give us the courage to wrestle with you and to be open to your blessing. We are your people, O God; help us to dwell in your promise.

(A moment of silence for personal reflection and confession.)

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† **GLORIA PATRI** (*in unison*) (*Hymnal 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.
(Children are invited to come forward for the Children's Moment.)

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

CHILDREN'S MOMENT R. Charles Grant

SENDING HYMN Go now, Children, with our Blessing
(See *Worship Notes* section for Sending Hymn.)

FIRST LESSON Louisa Watkins Umphres
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(Please remain standing for the Affirmation of Faith.)

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

† **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (*in unison*) R. Charles Grant
We confess and acknowledge one God alone,
to whom alone we must cleave,
whom alone we must serve,
whom only we must worship,
and in whom alone we put our trust.
Who is eternal, infinite, immeasurable,
incomprehensible, omnipotent, invisible;
one in substance and yet distinct in three persons,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost.
By whom we confess and believe all things in heaven and earth,
visible and invisible, to have been created,
to be retained in their being and to be ruled and guided
by his inscrutable providence for such end
as his eternal wisdom, goodness, and justice have appointed,
and to the manifestation of his own glory.

~ from *The Scots Confession*

(Please fill in the Fellowship Register at the end of your pew; pass it down your row and back again.)

OFFERTORY R. Charles Grant

OFFERTORY ANTHEM Let the Praise Go Round William Boyce
Halleluia. Sing and rejoice. Praise the Lord. Praise him: let the sound go round. Let our praise abound. Sing we halleluia. Sing and rejoice. Praise the Lord. Praise him: let the sound go round. Let our praise abound. Sing we halleluia.

† **DOXOLOGY** (*in unison*) (*Hymnal 592*)

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

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER (*in unison*) Louisa Watkins Umphres

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BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE Sherri Hausser

POSTLUDE Toccata in Ré Mineur Albert Renaud

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Go now, Children, with our Blessing

Go now, children with our blessing, to love and serve the Lord. May God
 Bless you, May God guard you, May the light of God shine upon you, and may
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 presence of God be with you, and give you peace.



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The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God
 and in loving memory of
 the Rais family.

The flowers in the Chapel Garden are given to the glory of God
 and in loving memory of
 Stuart K. Gord.



Dianne Heard will play the carillon following the service.



Due to HVAC construction, parking in back is limited.
 Those who are able to walk across the street comfortably
 are encouraged to park in the Harcum College lot.



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Hearing devices are available for your use. You will find them in a black case on the shelf in the Narthex. Take an instruction card to learn the simple steps to turn on the device and plug in the earpiece. Large print resources are available for you at the same location.

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WEEKLY CALENDAR: July 31 - August 7, 2011

Sunday, July 31

8:00 a.m. Worship with Communion in **Congregational Hall**
The Rev. Sherri Hausser will preach.

10:00 a.m. Worship with the Summer Choir in the Sanctuary
The Rev. Sherri Hausser will preach.

Childcare for infants and toddlers, **Fullerton Room**, 7:45 - 11:15 a.m.

9:00 a.m. Adult Class: Encountering God in the World,
Witherspoon Parlor

10:00 a.m. Church School children ages 2 and 3 (by 9.1.10),
Gloucester Room

10:00 a.m. BLINK: Grades Pre-K -- 5 worship with families in Sanctuary

10:00 a.m. Youth In Worship

11:00 a.m. Lemonade on the Lawn (or in the Court in case of inclement weather)

Monday, August 1

9:00 a.m. Tai Chi, Middleton Center

7:30 p.m. Recovery International, Gloucester Room

Tuesday, August 2

7:30 p.m. Pastoral Nominating Committee, Converse House Meeting
Room - 1st Fl.

7:30 p.m. Career Counseling, Conference Room. 610-525-0766

Wednesday, August 3

No events

Thursday, August 4

7:30 a.m. Major Gifts Meeting, Conference Room

8:30 a.m. Thursday Morning Prayer Group, Converse House "Porch"

10:00 a.m. Front Desk Training, Witherspoon Parlor

11:00 a.m. Torah Study, Main Line Reform Temple

Friday, August 5

No events

Saturday, August 6

10:00 a.m. Baptism Workshop, Converse House Meeting Room - 1st Fl.

Sunday, August 7

8:00 a.m. Worship with Communion in **Congregational Hall**
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11:00 a.m. Lemonade on the Lawn

1:00 p.m. Youth Camp 2011 Departure, Front Lawn

CHILDCARE INFO/RESERVATIONS other than on Sunday morning, contact
childcare e-mail: childcare@bmpc.org or childcare line: 610-520-8850.

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WELCOME TO THIS COMMUNITY OF CHRISTIAN FAITH, where we find encouragement to consider what controls our lives and imagine a new way to live according to God's purpose. We are glad you have chosen to worship with us and we hope you will return often. If you have questions or are new to us, please stop at the Welcome Center to the left of the main exit or contact DonnaBarrickman@bmpc.org or 610-525-2821 ext. 8809.

While many of our programs are on a summer hiatus, a wide range of opportunities for enrichment and service begins again in the fall. Church School for age 2 through grade 12 will begin on Sunday, September 11, and Sunday classes for adults will resume on September 18.

BMPC ON-LINE: Visit our website, www.bmpc.org, for our complete church calendar, audio files of sermons, ministry information and more. To receive our electronic newsletter, BMPC Enews, subscribe via our homepage or add your e-mail address to the fellowship register when it is passed. To learn more about the Presbyterian Church (USA), visit www.pcusa.org.

CHURCH NEWS

SUMMER CHOIR. All singers (ages 12 to adults) are invited to a short rehearsal in the choir loft on Sundays at 9:00 a.m., and to stay and sing for the 10:00 a.m. service. Summer choir is simple (one anthem and hymns), informal (no robes), and friendly. No long-term commitment, no need to sign up in advance. We look forward to welcoming you. Contact: StephanieSpeakman@bmpc.org or 610-520-8836.

2011-2012 NOMINATIONS for Elders, Deacons, Trustees and Nominating Committee Members-at-Large are being accepted. To submit your nomination(s) you may use the form available in the Narthex or Ministries Center, or you may nominate online at www.bmpc.org.

A "THAT WAS EASY" WAY TO CONTRIBUTE TO BMPC. Whenever you make a purchase at Staples, ask the cashier to apply your purchase to the church Rewards Program account. No reward card needed – just give the church phone number: 610-525-2821. Or if you receive "rewards" or special coupons, put them in Carol Schmidt's mail slot across from the Reception Desk.

The Book Center and Library

THE ROAD TO DAYBREAK: A SPIRITUAL JOURNEY by Henri J. M. Nouwen, \$11. In this book Nouwen describes his year of inner renewal and discovery that changed his life forever. Available in The Book Center in the Ministries Center. Key available at the Reception Desk.

CONVERSE HOUSE LIBRARY. Have you visited this BMPC treasure? Located upstairs in the Ministries Center the library is open whenever the Ministries Center is open. Periodicals, books, DVDs, etc. are available to borrow. If you missed a service due to vacation you can borrow a CD and listen to the music and sermon at your leisure.

Sunday Adult Education Classes

ENCOUNTERING GOD IN THE WORLD, based on *An Altar in the World* by Barbara Brown Taylor. **Last class today,** 9:00 a.m., Witherspoon Parlor. Led by the Rev. Dr. Paul MacMurray, David Heaton and Valerie Craig, all members of the Adult Education Council. We will look at ways to incorporate spiritual practices into our everyday activities, deepen connec-

tions with others and possibly recognize altars wherever we go. Book available in The Book Center.

Adult Weekday Classes

TORAH (OLD TESTAMENT) STUDY OF HOSEA, Thursdays, 11:00 a.m., led by Rabbi Franzel, Main Line Reform Temple, Wynnewood. BMPC contact: Phoebe Sheftel, pasheftel@comcast.net or 610-526-1802.

Children & Family Ministries

CALLING ALL TEACHERS! Would you like to enrich your life by working with our children on Sunday mornings beginning in September? We have opportunities for teaching and helping in classrooms for 2-year-olds through 5th graders. Contact: JaneWilber@bmpc.org or 610-520-8813.

BLINK BMPC (LOVE + INSPIRE + NURTURE) KIDS. Summer schedule: To welcome children into our faith community and embrace them on their spiritual journeys, we invite children ages 4 and up to worship with their families at the 10:00 a.m. service.

CHURCH SCHOOL. Children ages 2 and 3 (by 9.1.10), Gloucester Room, 10:00 a.m.

CHILDCARE for infants and toddlers, Fullerton Room, Sundays, 7:45 - 11:15 a.m.

Middleton Center

For more information about support groups, special events, counseling services or spiritual direction, contact the Rev. Joyce Krajian, 610-525-0766; mail@middletoncenter.org; or website: www.middletoncenter.org. Calls are confidential, scholarships available.

SUMMER TAI CHI DROP-IN CLASSES. Mondays through Aug. 15, 9:00 a.m., Middleton Center, Room 201, \$15/class. The 90-minute moving meditation complements all styles of exercise. Benefits include stress reduction, arthritis management, and balance and coordination enhancement. 610-525-0766.

SEARCHING FOR STILL WATERS: AN EXPLORATION OF LOSS AND GRIEF. Sat., Aug. 13, 10:00 – 11:30 a.m., Middleton Center. This ongoing support group is for those coping with the loss of a loved one, whether recent or many years ago. Led by David Reed and Mary Joan Walheim. No cost. New and previous group members welcome.

Presbyterian Women (PW)

BACKPACK PROJECT: Help a child prepare for a successful school year. Sponsor a child at Presbyterian Children's Village by purchasing a backpack and filling it with school supplies. Return to drop box in Ministries Center by Aug. 5. Contact: Linda Hauptfuhrer, linda.h@comcast.net for a child's name and wish list.

TARGET TAKE CHARGE OF EDUCATION. Visit www.Target.com/tcoe or call 1-800-316-6142 to designate the Presbyterian Children's Village as your designated school. Then use your REDcard whenever you shop at Target and they will give the village a percentage of your purchase. Contact: Betty Wu, efw@pcv.org

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN VOLUNTEER AT GOMPERS SCHOOL to staff a library, to assist in a classroom, to build an after school literacy program. The rewards are great...the gift of a hug and smile from a little child. Contact Helen Dennis hbdennis@verizon.net

Congregational Care

VISITS TO THE HOMEBOUND. Visit a homebound church member to share the love of Christ and the compassion of BMPC. Contact: LorieBenovic@bmpc.org or 610-520-8832.

NEED A CANE OR A WHEEL CHAIR? Medical equipment is available right here at BMPC for those in need. Call the church and ask for the nurse or the care manager, or contact MarieHiggins@BMPC.org or LorieBenovic@BMPC.org for more information.

Hunger Committee

FILL A GROCERY BAG TO FEED THE HUNGRY. Pick up a grocery shopping list in the Ministries Center. Filled bags will feed a family of four for about a week. Return bags to the Hunger Committee area in the Ministries Center.

HUNGER ENVELOPES. Your contributions to the white hunger envelopes in the pews provide food for emergency food cupboards, homeless shelters, and hunger relief organizations.

HUNGER BASKETS are located in the church Narthex. Please consider bringing a can of food to worship each week.

Outreach

THE JOHN GLOUCESTER HOUSE is a Presbyterian Community Ministry of the Delaware Valley with the Point Breeze Community. Your pledge dollars are at work supporting their Saturday Academy. This program educates and enriches high school students in the areas of physical fit-

ness, health and nutrition; and provides guidance counseling for college bound students.

Worldwide Ministries

MISSION TRIP TO KENTUCKY COAL FIELDS. Nov. 2-6, Total Cost (travel, lodging, most meals) \$800 - \$900. We will visit our mission partner Appalachian Ministries Educational Resource Center (AMERC) to learn about their work. We will explore the complex issues facing the people of Appalachia (poverty, environmental issues and more) while also experiencing Appalachian culture and traditions. Contact: LouisaUmphres@bmpc.org or carolschmidt@bmpc.org

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