

## Sunday, September 20, 2020

**WELCOME AND CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leigh DeVries

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**OPENING PRAYER** (*in unison*)

Almighty God,  
you pour out the spirit of grace and supplication  
on all who desire it.  
Deliver us from cold hearts and wandering thoughts,  
that with steady minds and burning zeal  
we may worship you  
in spirit and in truth;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**HYMN** 624

I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art

TOULON

**SCRIPTURE LESSON**

Acts 3:1-10; 4:1-11

Agnes W. Norfleet

**SERMON**

*Disrupting the Order of Things*  
Second in a Series on The Acts of the Apostles

Agnes W. Norfleet

**ANTHEM**

My Song is Love Unknown  
Sanctuary Choir Staff Singers

Jonah Kliewer

My song is love unknown, my savior's love to me. Love to the loveless shown that they might lovely be. O who am I that for my sake my Lord should take frail flesh and die? He came from His blest throne, salvation to bestow; But men made strange and none the longed for Christ would know. But O my friend, my friend indeed, who at my need His life did spend. Here might I stay and sing. No story so divine; never was love, dear king, Never was grief like Thine. This is my friend, in whose sweet praise I all my days could gladly spend! My song is love unknown; my Savior's love to me.

**CALL TO OFFERING**

Brian K. Ballard

**PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**MINISTRY MOMENT**

Bart and Jane Bastian

**HYMN** 394

Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation

REGENT SQUARE

**BENEDICTION**

Agnes W. Norfleet

**POSTLUDE**

Prelude and Fugue in B-flat major

J.S. Bach

## Announcements

**CHURCH OFFICER NOMINATIONS.** Submit your recommendations by Sept. 30 for Elders, Deacons, Trustees and Nominating Committee Members-at-Large for 2020-2021 via the nominating forms found [here](#). Candidates must be church members for at least two years, faithfully participate in the worship and program life of the church, and regularly contribute to the church.

**FALL ADULT EDUCATION CLASSES.** Information on all our fall Adult Education classes is now on the BMPC website. Each class has its own webpage, where you can find detailed class descriptions, links to helpful resources, as well as information on how to connect to each class via Zoom. Be sure to bookmark [www.bmpc.org/adulteducation](http://www.bmpc.org/adulteducation) on your web browser to always be connected to the latest class updates and resources.

**SIGN UP FOR SMALL GROUPS.** For six weeks this October and early November, we are creating virtual Small Groups, especially for those who are looking for a place of connection this season. **Deadline for signing up is Fri., Sept. 25.**

These groups of approximately 10 people will meet weekly to check in, hold one another in prayer, and discuss Ben Meyers' book, *The Apostle's Creed: A Guide to the Ancient Catechism*. The project will culminate with a large online gathering on Sun., Nov. 15 for all participants and all the BMPC Pastors to talk together about the Apostles' Creed and the enduring qualities of faith and community. For more information on this project and to sign up, visit [www.bmpc.org/smallgroups](http://www.bmpc.org/smallgroups).

**TWENTY-ONE DAY RACIAL EQUITY CHALLENGE.** The BMPC Anti-Racism Taskforce, invites members of the congregation to take part in a 21-day pledge to read, listen or watch one item related to race, racism or privilege each day. You can sign up to be a part of the challenge, learn more about the logistics and find links to resources on the [BMPC website](#).

## This Sunday

**SUNDAY DISCUSSION GROUP.** 9:00 a.m., via Zoom conference call. A discussion of *In His Steps* by Charles Monroe Sheldon led by the Rev. Dr. Paul MacMurray. [Click here](#) for more information about the class. For the Zoom link, contact [Carol Schmidt](#).

**FILLING THE WELL.** 9:00 a.m., via Zoom conference call. This Sunday class for women is a space for conversation, learning and mutual support. This fall we are discussing the Enneagram, a personality typology that helps us consider not just our actions but the motivations behind them. [Click here](#) for more information about the class. For the Zoom link, contact [Carol Schmidt](#).

**JEWISH JESUS TO GENTILE CHURCH: THE DEVELOPMENT OF CHRISTIAN IDENTITY.** Sundays, Sept. 20 - Oct. 11, 11:15 a.m. via Zoom conference call. Join Dr. Joshua Yoder in an exploration of the so-called "parting of the ways" between Judaism and Christianity through the first and second centuries. For a full description of the class, helpful class resources, and the Zoom link, [click here](#).

**FAMILY WORSHIP SERVICE.** Sundays, Sept. 20-Nov. 1, 4:00 p.m., Sanctuary Lawn. Wearing masks and practicing physical distancing, this 30-minute worship service is designed families to participate in worship together. Be sure to bring a blanket to sit on. *We will announce by 2:00 p.m. if the service is cancelled due to inclement weather.*

## This Week

**CHAPEL OPEN TO MEMBERS FOR INDIVIDUAL PRAYER.** Beginning on Tues., Sept. 22, BMPC members are welcome to pray silently in the Chapel on Tuesdays from 8:00 – 9:00 a.m. and Thursdays from 2:00 – 5:30 p.m. The organ will be played by Music and Fine Arts staff on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 1:00 – 2:00 p.m. You are invited to sign in, leaving your contact information. Prayer guides will be available to lead your devotion and to mark your seat as occupied when you leave. Masks and social distancing required!

**YOGA CLASSES RESUME.** Yoga is still accessible and more important than ever! Karen Gagnier is offering her BMPC donation class again, but outdoors. Classes continue on Tues., Sept. 22 at 9:30 a.m. at Maybrook Mansion, [325 Penn Rd., Wynnewood](#). This class will continue to support BMPC's Hunger Ministries. If an outdoor session is not for you, on-demand classes are available at [Movementrxstudio.com](#). Contact [Karen](#) or 610-952-0622.

**MEN'S DISCUSSION GROUP.** Second and fourth Wednesdays beginning Sept. 23, 10:00 a.m., via Zoom conference call. All men are invited to join this study with the Rev. Brian Ballard. The group will read *The Bible Tells Me So: Why Defending Scripture Has Made Us Unable to Read It* by Dr. Peter Enns. For more information about the group, [click here](#). For the Zoom link, contact [Brian Ballard](#).

**THURSDAY BOOK GROUP.** Thurs., Sept. 24, 10:00 a.m., via Zoom conference call. The Rev. Brian Ballard leads the discussion of *Take This Bread* by Sara Miles. Purchase the book from your favorite bookstore. For the Zoom link, contact [Brian Ballard](#).

**THE GOSPELS FROM SCRATCH.** Fourth Thursday of the month beginning Sept. 24, 7:00 p.m., via Zoom conference call. The Gospels offer us a diversity of images, stories and teachings that support our faith in Jesus Christ, our understanding of our relationship to God, and our connection to them. This class, taught by the Rev. Rebecca Kirkpatrick, will be oriented toward those who might be studying the Gospels for the first time, but it also is an opportunity for anyone to refresh their understanding of and engagement with the Gospels. For more information and resources for the class [click here](#). For the Zoom link, contact [Carol Schmidt](#).

**FRIDAY FELLOWSHIP.** Every Friday beginning Sept. 18 at 11:00 a.m., via Zoom conference call. All senior adults are invited to this time of informal fellowship and conversation. The format will be similar to the fellowship hour following worship. You will be able to catch up with old friends and meet new ones. Stay for a few minutes or for the entire hour, whatever works best with your schedule. For the Zoom link, contact [Brian Ballard](#).

## Next Sunday

**DRIVE THROUGH FOOD DONATIONS.** Sun., Sept. 27, 1:00 – 3:00 p.m., BMPC campus. Children and youth are collecting non-perishable food for our local food banks. Drive in and drop off your donations between the Sanctuary and the Chapel! Food items needed include cold cereals, spaghetti sauce, hearty soups, peanut butter and jelly, canned tuna and chicken, canned beans (baked, pork & beans, black beans, etc.), canned vegetables, canned fruit and applesauce (or cups), macaroni & cheese, crackers (saltines, Ritz), instant oatmeal (boxes with individual packets), granola bars, individual-sized snacks, and mayonnaise (smaller sized jars preferred).

## Upcoming

**DIGGING DEEPER.** Begins Sun., Oct. 4, 9:00 a.m. Six-week study of *The Power of God and the gods of Power* by Daniel L. Magliore. Contact the [Rev. Franklyn Pottorff](#) for the book.

**FACEBOOK LIVE CONCERT SERIES.** Join us as we broadcast live concerts via [BMPC's Facebook page](#) on Tuesdays at noon beginning on Oct. 6. The first concert features Jeffrey Brillhart, harpsichord, with Elizabeth Thompson and Branson Yeast, cello. [Stephanie Speakman](#).

## Caring and Sharing

**BMPC HUNGER FUND.** BMPC Hunger Ministries have continued supporting local food pantries throughout the pandemic, thanks to the generosity of our members. We know the need to support the food insecure in Greater Philadelphia will continue for months and years to come. Please give today via our [online giving page](#) or mail a check to BMPC, 625 Montgomery Ave., Bryn Mawr, PA 19010, with Hunger Fund written on the memo line of your check.

**PEACE AND GLOBAL WITNESS OFFERING.** This offering enables the Presbyterian Church to promote the peace of Christ by addressing systems of conflict and injustice across the world. Give [online](#) or mail a check to BMPC with Peace and Global Witness Offering noted on the memo line.