



***Bryn Mawr
Presbyterian Church***

June 26, 2016
8:00 a.m., Chapel
13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE

WELCOME

Rebecca Kirkpatrick

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† CALL TO WORSHIP

One: O Holy One, you are our God.

All: We will exalt you; we will praise your name.

One: For you have done wonderful things:

All: Plans formed of old, faithful and sure.

One: You have been a stronghold for your people,

All: Promising a future of blessing and peace.

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† HYMN 49

The God of Abraham Praise

LEONI

CALL TO CONFESSION

AND PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(in unison)*

God of Abraham and Sarah,

you are a God who acts in human history.

God of our fathers and mothers,

you are a God who calls us into a family of faith.

Yet we confess that we are too preoccupied with our own lives
to look for your unfolding purposes in our time.

We fall into fear and despair about our troubled world,
as if you had little role to play.

Forgive our lack of faith, and help us to join you
as you labor to build up your kingdom and bring new life to the earth,
in the name of Jesus Christ we pray.

A moment of silence for personal reflection and confession.

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CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE



Spir-it of the liv-ing God, fall a-fresh on me. Spir-it of the liv-ing God, fall a-fresh on me.



Melt me; mold me; fill me; use me. Spir-it of the liv-ing God, fall a-fresh on me.

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HEARING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Cathy Whiteside

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Abraham and Sarah: God's Gift of Laughter Agnes W. Norfleet

† **HYMN 74**

When God Restored Our Common Life

RESIGNATION

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Rebecca Kirkpatrick

You are invited to come forward, using the center aisle, to partake of the Lord's Supper by intinction (dipping a piece of bread into the cup); return to your seat using the side aisle.

Gluten-and casein-free elements are on the center table.

You are invited to bring your morning offering to the offering plates when you come forward.

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 OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

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† SENDING AND PASSING OF THE PEACE

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- 9:30 a.m. Clergy Colleague Group, Converse House Parlor
- 5:30 p.m. Property Vision Team, Pastors' Conference Room

Tuesday, June 28, 2016

No scheduled activities.

Wednesday, June 29, 2016

- 8:00 a.m. Stewardship Meeting, Conference Room
- 9:00 a.m. Walk for Life: Walk More, Live Better!; Meet in Main parking lot
- 12:45 p.m. Lunch for Organ Historical Society Convention, Ministries Center
- 2:15 p.m. Jeff Brillhart Recital and Masterclass for Organ Historical Society
Convention, Sanctuary
- 7:00 p.m. Outreach Council Meeting, Gloucester Room

Thursday, June 30, 2016

10:00 a.m. Artists' Gathering, Gloucester Room

1:00 p.m. Chronic Pain Support Group, Fullerton Room

Friday, July 1, 2016

No activities scheduled.

Saturday, July 2, 2016

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Sunday, July 3, 2016

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The Rev. Dr. Agnes W. Norfleet will preach

Youth in Worship for grades 4 - 12

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Worship Staff

Agnes W. Norfleet, Pastor

Rebecca Kirkpatrick, Associate Pastor for Adult Education and Mission

Rachel Pedersen, Associate Pastor for Children and Family Ministry

Kellen A. Smith, Associate Pastor for Youth, Their Families and College Ministries

Richard Wohlschlaeger, Interim Associate Pastor for Senior Adults & Pastoral Care

Jeffrey Brillhart, Director of Music and Fine Arts

Edward L. Landin, Assistant Director of Music

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The Middleton Center: 610-525-0766 • KikiMcKendrick@bmpc.org

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† **GLORIA PATRI** *(in unison)*

(Hymnal 581)

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.

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PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Rachel Pedersen

SENDING HYMN

Go now, Children, with our Blessing

During the Sending Hymn, children depart for their Sunday School classes.



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
God be gracious to you. May the presence of God be with you. May the
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RESPONSE TO THE WORD

† AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (*in unison*)

Richard Wohlschlaeger

We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father.
In sovereign love God created the world good
and makes everyone equally in God's image, male and female,
of every race and people, to live as one community.

But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator.
 Ignoring God's commandments, we violate the image of God in others and ourselves,
 accept lies as truth, exploit neighbor and nature,
 and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care.
 We deserve God's condemnation.
 Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation.
 In everlasting love, the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people
 to bless all families of the earth.
 Hearing their cry, God delivered the children of Israel from the house of bondage.
 Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant.
 Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child,
 like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home, God is faithful still.
 ~ From *A Brief Statement of Faith*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

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OFFERING AND OFFERTORY ANTHEM

How Can I Keep from Singing
 Summer Choir

Jeffrey Honore

My life flows on in endless song, above earth's lamentation. I hear the real though far off hymn that hails a new creation. No storm can shake my inmost calm, while to that Rock I'm clinging. Since Love is Lord of heaven and earth, how can I keep from singing? Through all the tumult and the strife, I hear that music ringing; It sounds and echoes in my soul; How can I keep from singing? The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart, a fountain ever springing; All things are mine since I am his; How can I keep from singing? No storm can shake my inmost calm, while to that Rock I'm clinging. Since Love is Lord of heaven and earth, how can I keep from singing?

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† DOXOLOGY (in unison)

(Hymnal 606)

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.

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The text of our opening hymn, "The God of Abraham Praise," has a long and complex history, beginning with a set of 13 articles of Jewish faith, known as the Yigdal, based on the imagery of Daniel 7 as written down by Moses Maimonides in the 12th century and versified around 1400 by Daniel ben Judah. In its sung form, this text continues to play a significant role in synagogue and domestic worship in numerous Jewish traditions. The version sung by Christians was written by Thomas Olivers after he heard cantor Meyer Lyon sing it in Hebrew in the Great Synagogue in London. Oliviers' adaptation into English deployed 12 stanzas. The present first and third stanzas are derived from his first and sixth. The melody, "Leoni" first appeared in the 18th century and is based one of the traditional melodies for the Hebrew *Yigdal* which cantor Meyer Lyon transcribed for Thomas Olivers. "Leoni" has found its way into several pieces of classical music, such as Rossini's oratorio *Moses in Egypt* and Smetna's *The Moldau*.

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- 9:30 a.m. Clergy Colleague Group, Converse House Parlor
- 5:30 p.m. Property Vision Team, Pastors' Conference Room

Tuesday, June 28, 2016

No scheduled activities.

Wednesday, June 29, 2016

- 8:00 a.m. Stewardship Meeting, Conference Room
- 9:00 a.m. Walk for Life: Walk More, Live Better!; Meet in Main parking lot
- 12:45 p.m. Lunch for Organ Historical Society Convention, Ministries Center
- 2:15 p.m. Jeff Brillhart Recital and Masterclass for Organ Historical Society
Convention, Sanctuary
- 7:00 p.m. Outreach Council Meeting, Gloucester Room

Thursday, June 30, 2016

10:00 a.m. Artists' Gathering, Gloucester Room

1:00 p.m. Chronic Pain Support Group, Fullerton Room

Friday, July 1, 2016

No activities scheduled.

Saturday, July 2, 2016

No activities scheduled.

Sunday, July 3, 2016

8:00 a.m. Worship with Communion, Chapel

10:00 a.m. Worship with Summer Choir, Sanctuary

The Rev. Dr. Agnes W. Norfleet will preach

Youth in Worship for grades 4 - 12

10:15 a.m. Summer Sunday School for age 4 - grade 3, Ed. Bldg. Rm. 201

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