



**Third Sunday after Pentecost  
June 9, 2024 at 10:00 am**

**GATHERING IN FAITH**

Whenever you talk about the working of the Holy Spirit, is it leading you to serve in the ways that Jesus served: to help, to love, to care, to reach, to give, to suffer? There's the canon by which you measure if you have the working of the Spirit. Fred Craddock

Welcome Steve Crocco  
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.*

Prelude Roberta and Robert Erickson, Handbells  
*All Creatures of Our God and King* arr. Dawn Thompson  
text for meditation: *Hymnal* no. 455

Call to Worship Steve Crocco

*Leader: The boy Samuel heard God's voice in the night.*

**People: We come listening for God's voice.**

*Leader: God knew us before we knew ourselves.*

**People: We come listening for God's voice.**

*Leader: Our minds, bodies, and souls belong to God.*

**People: We come listening for God's voice.**

*Leader: We come to this place to listen and follow.*

**People: Let us worship God!**

\*Hymn of Praise *The God of Abraham Praise* *Hymnal*, No. 488 **see bulletin page 4**

\*Prayer of the Day (please remain standing) Ronnie Bailey

Call to Confession Ronnie Bailey

Prayer of Confession

**God of us all,**

**You have called us to serve You cheerfully,  
and to follow You faithfully.**

**But we have turned a deaf ear to Your call;  
we have been so occupied with our own concerns  
that we have not stopped to listen for You.**

**Heavenly Father, forgive us for insisting upon our own way,  
when You have called us to a better way.**

**By Your Spirit, give us the mind and hearts of true disciples.**

**Be glorified in our glad obedience to Your call,**

**as we walk in free submission to Your will,  
according to the pattern of our Lord, Jesus Christ.**

...time for silent personal confession

Praying Through Music  
*Just As I Am, Without One Plea*

Roberta and Robert Erickson, Handbells  
William B. Bradbury/arr. Kevin McChesney

*Just as I am, without one plea  
But that Thy blood was shed for me,  
And that Thou bidst me come to Thee,  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come!*

*Just as I am, though tossed about  
With many a conflict, many a doubt,  
Fightings and fears within, without,  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come!*

*Just as I am, Thou wilt receive,  
Wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;  
Because Thy promise I believe,  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come!*

-Charlotte Elliott, 1834

Assurance of Pardon

Ronnie Bailey

*Leader: People of God, hear and believe the good news:  
Christ came to bring healing, forgiveness, and new life  
to all who sin and to all who suffer.*

**People: In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!**

\*Act of Praise

**Congregation Singing**  
St. 6 – Hymnal, No. 455

**All creatures, your Creator bless,  
And worship God in humbleness.  
O sing ye! Alleluia!  
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,  
And praise the Spirit, Three in One!  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**HEARING GOD'S WORD**

Prayer for Illumination

Sue Sanford

*Speak, Lord, for Your servants are listening.  
Grant us ears to hear, Eyes to see,  
Wills to obey, Hearts to love.  
Amen.*

(- adapted, Christina Rossetti, 19th century)

Old Testament Reading  
*The Word of the Lord.*  
**Thanks be to God.**

1 Samuel 3:1-20

Pew Bible, OT, page 247

Time with the Children  
As the children gather

*Where Children Belong*

Ronnie Bailey  
Congregation Singing

This, this is where chil-dren be-long, wel-comed as part of the  
wor-ship-ing throng. Wa-ter, God's Word, bread and  
cup, prayer, and song: This is where chil-dren be-long.

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Children go to JAM after time with children.

Sermon

*Show Me the Way*

Tim Spring

**RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD**

\*Hymn of Response

*God Is Calling Through the Whisper*

see bulletin p. 5

Faith Community Concerns, the Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

Steve Crocco

**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  
Call to Offering

Tim Spring

A Handbell Offering  
*Here I Am, Lord*

Roberta and Robert Erickson, Handbells  
Daniel L. Schutte/arr. Lloyd Larson

text for meditation: *Hymnal* no. 525

Prayer of Dedication

**SENDING INTO THE WORLD**

\*Hymn of Dedication *Lord, Speak to Me, That I May Speak*

*Hymnal*, No. 426  
see bulletin p. 6

\*Charge and Blessing

Tim Spring

Postlude  
*Sortie* (French – a going out)

Organ  
Douglas E. Wagner

## The God of Abraham Praise

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Daniel ben Judah, 1404  
 Trans. Max Landsberg and Newton Mann, 1885; alt.

Hebrew melody  
 Adapt. Thomas Olivers  
 and Meyer Lyon, 1770

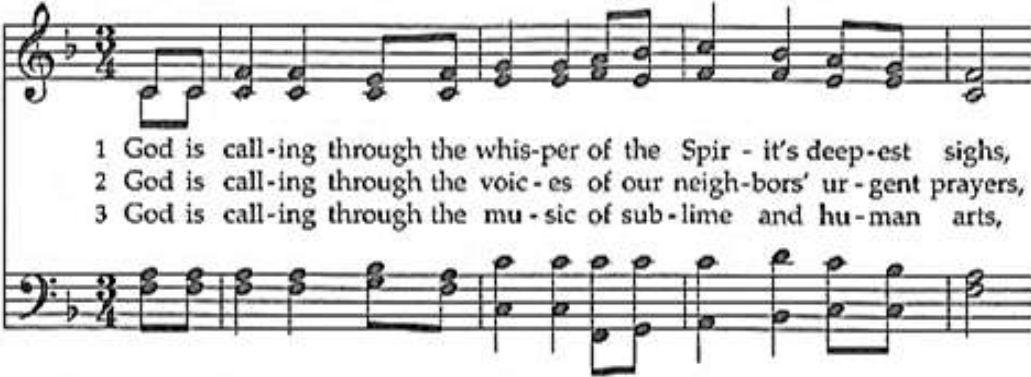
1. The God of A-braham praise, Who reigns en-throned a - bove;  
 2. Your spir - it still flows free, High surg - ing where it will;  
 3. You have e - ter - nal life Im - plant - ed in the soul;

The an - cient of e - ter - nal days, The God of love!  
 In proph-et's word You spoke of old And You speak still.  
 Your love shall be our strength and stay, While a - ges roll.

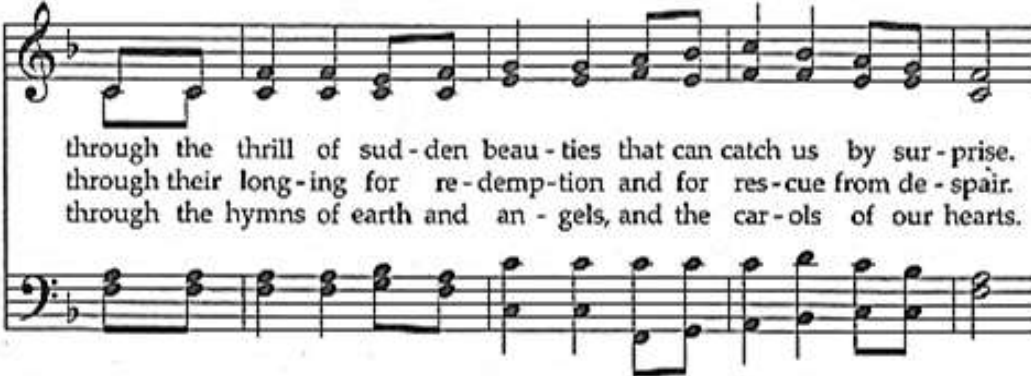
The Lord, the great I Am, By earth and heaven con - fessed,  
 Es - tab - lished is Your law, And change-less it shall stand,  
 We praise You, liv - ing God! We praise Your ho - ly name;

We bow be - fore Your ho - ly name, For - ev - er blest.  
 Deep writ up - on the hu - man heart, On sea, or land.  
 The first, the last, be - yond all thought, And still the same!

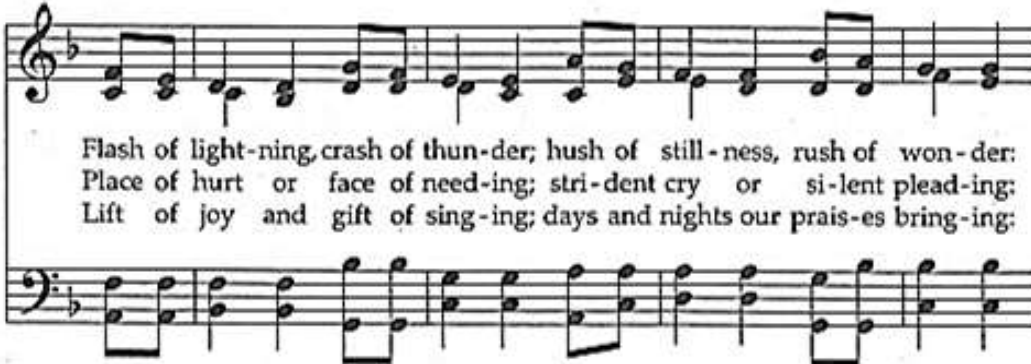
*God Is Calling Through the Whisper*



1 God is call-ing through the whis-per of the Spir - it's deep-est sighs,  
 2 God is call-ing through the voic - es of our neigh-bors' ur - gent prayers,  
 3 God is call-ing through the mu - sic of sub - lime and hu - man arts,



through the thrill of sud - den beau - ties that can catch us by sur - prise.  
 through their long-ing for re - demp - tion and for res - cue from de - spair.  
 through the hymns of earth and an - gels, and the car - ols of our hearts.



Flash of light-ning, crash of thun-der; hush of still-ness, rush of won-der:  
 Place of hurt or face of need-ing; stri-dent cry or si-lent plead-ing;  
 Lift of joy and gift of sing-ing; days and nights our prais-es bring-ing;



God is call - ing—can you hear? God is call - ing—can you hear?  
 God is call - ing—can you hear? God is call - ing—can you hear?  
 God is call - ing—and we hear! God is call - ing—and we hear!

This wide-ranging text reminds us of the many surprising and urgent ways God calls to us, both to draw us near and to send us forth. In the third line of music it is especially effective at harnessing the momentum of the phrases that are each a note higher than the one before.

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 MUSIC: Polish carol; harm, Wilbur Lee, 1958  
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 8.7.8.7.8.8.7.7  
 (this tune in a higher key, 12B)

# Lord, Speak to Me, That I May Speak 426

Frances Ridley Havergal, 1872

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Robert Schumann, 1839

1. Lord, speak to me, that I may speak In liv - ing  
2. O lead me, Lord, that I may lead The wan - dering  
3. O teach me, Lord, that I may teach The pre - cious  
4. O fill me with Thy full - ness, Lord, Un - til my

ech - oes of Thy tone; As Thou hast sought, so  
and the wa - vering feet; O feed me, Lord, that  
things Thou dost im - part; And wing my words, that  
ver - y heart o'er - flow In kin - dling thought and

let me seek Thine err - ing chil - dren lost and lone.  
I may feed Thy hun - gering ones with man - na sweet.  
they may reach The hid - den depths of man - y a heart.  
glow - ing word, Thy love to tell, Thy praise to show.

5. O use me, Lord, use even me,  
Just as Thou wilt, and when, and where;  
Until Thy blessed face I see,  
Thy rest, Thy joy, Thy glory share.

## WORSHIP INFORMATION

**Worship next Sunday, June 16 – 8:30 am and 10:00 am – Fourth Sunday after Pentecost/ Father’s Day.** Rev. Steve Crocco will preach the sermon *Not So!* based on Genesis 4:1-16 and 1 John 3:11-13.

**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 choirs accompanied by the pipe organ, piano and other musical instruments. **Next Sunday:** The Children from VBS will share in worship. Sharing in the Ministry of Music will be Riley and Elsie Graham offering a 4-hand piano duet for the Prelude.

JAM stands for “**J**esus **A**nd **M**e” 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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A unique worship service will be offered  
**Sunday, June 23<sup>rd</sup> at 10:00 am**

It will feature a 20-member chamber choir and soloists offering several movements from Felix Mendelsohn’s beloved oratorio *Elijah*.

Pastor Tim’s message is based on 1 Kings 19:1-15a. Much of this passage is set to dramatic and moving music by Mendelsohn. Come and experience this Old Testament story in a new way.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Communion for the Homebound.** Please notify the church office if you or someone you know would like to receive communion at home (412-828-5770).

**Weekday Bible Study** continues Wednesdays in the Small Group Room at 11:00am.

**Chancel Flowers** – Are you interested in placing flowers in the sanctuary some Sunday to provide beauty to worship? One or two arrangements are welcome each week and can be placed *in memory of loved ones, in celebration of an event or to honor someone*, and all to the Glory of God. **Contact Carla Lowman (412-826-5914) to RSVP your date** with info and wording for the bulletin. **Available dates: JUNE 16 and 30 also openings in July and August.**

**Your OPC Family Cares About You!** There are times when you are ill, in the hospital or in emotional need and we don't know about it, please remember to contact the church office (412.828.5770) or a staff member so we can support you in your time of need. You are loved!

**Prayer Requests** - Members of our church will pray for you and anyone in need. Please send prayer requests to: [prayers@oakmontpresby.org](mailto:prayers@oakmontpresby.org) or contact Carol Heimerich at 412.242.1028.

**Deacons - Food Donations** - Thank you for your donations to the food banks at RCAC and Verona Methodist Church supporting families in our community. Please 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. **For the month of JUNE**, Deacons will be **collecting ANY SUMMER CLOTHING**. The bin will be in the 5<sup>th</sup> Street vestibule. If you need something picked up contact Bobbie Lio 412-310-8807.

**Vacation Bible School June 10-12, 5:30-8:00 pm** You are invited to *Grow With Us*. On **June 13th at Camp Crestfield, 9:00am-3:00pm for camp activities and swimming! This day is optional for the children.** Dinner/lunch is provided and this event is free for Prek-6th grade! Middle schoolers can volunteer to help! Online sign-up and permission slips can be found at [vbspro.events/p/opc24](http://vbspro.events/p/opc24) Contact Ronnie at [r.bailey@oakmontpresby.org](mailto:r.bailey@oakmontpresby.org) / 412-828-5770.

**Soups On** – met May 16 and made Cream of Pea & Asparagus Soup and Wedding Soup. Stop down at the kitchen freezer and take a container to a friend, neighbor, or relative who needs a cup of cheer and to see your smiling face! **Next Soup's On is June 20.** We will then start up again in the fall. Contact Barbara Price with questions 412-727-7695.

**The Bridge Pastor Team's** We are pleased to have several qualified candidates meeting our objectives. We will move as quickly as possible to interview and hopefully be able to announce our Bridge Pastor selection to the congregation no later than mid-July, well in advance of Pastor Tim's departure on 10/01/24.

*OPC Bridge Pastor Committee: Nick Kokales & Sally Huber-Lewis, Co-Chairs, Chris Hudak, Christine Little, David Geis, James Kinter - moderated by Rev. Dr. Edwin Van Driel*

One of the many changes that will be happening this year at OPC is that Maureen Stecik, **Program Staff Assistant, will retire at the end of August** after 20 years at OPC. There is no way we will be able to replace Maureen, who has served faithfully in this position for many years, but we need to find someone who can take on the many tasks!

If you know someone who may be interested, please see Sam Anderson, Chair of Personnel, or email Sam at [sam128@comcast.net](mailto:sam128@comcast.net). The position is 25 hr/week and requires strong computer skills, good communication skills, the ability to multi-task, and to work well as part of a team.

**We express our sympathy** to the family of Bill Tomlinson who died on 6/03/24.



## CHURCH CALENDAR

<b>SUNDAY</b> 8:30 am 10:00 am	<b>June 9 – Third Sunday after Pentecost</b> <b>Worship</b> (Sanctuary) <b>Worship</b> (Sanctuary) & Via Livestream & children’s JAM (K-Grade 2 & Grades 3-6)
<b>MONDAY</b> 12:00 pm 5:30 pm	<b>June 10</b> AA’s (Small Group Room) <b>Vacation Bible School</b> (until 8:00 pm)
<b>TUESDAY</b> 10:00 am 5:30 pm	<b>June 11</b> Garden Club of Oakmont (Multi-Purpose Room) <b>Vacation Bible School</b> (until 8:00 pm)
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> 10:00 am 11:00 am 12:15 pm 5:30 pm	<b>June 12</b> Women’s AA (Multi-Purpose Room) Bible Study (Small Group Room) Staff Meeting <b>Vacation Bible School</b> (until 8:00 pm)
<b>THURSDAY</b>  8:00 pm	<b>June 13</b> <b>Vacation Bible School at Camp Crestfield</b> NA’s (Dining Room)
<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>June 14</b>
<b>SATURDAY</b> 8:00 pm	<b>June 15</b> AA’s (Dining Room)
<b>SUNDAY</b> 8:30 am 10:00 am	<b>June 16 – Fourth Sunday after Pentecost/Father’s Day</b> <b>Worship</b> (Sanctuary) <b>Worship</b> (Sanctuary) & Via Livestream & children’s JAM (K-Grade 2 & Grades 3-6)

### **OPC STAFF**

The Rev. Dr. Tim E. Spring	Interim Pastor
The Rev. Dr. Stephen Crocco	Associate Pastor
Michael P. Frank, III	Director of Music Ministries/Organist
Ronnie Bailey	Education Director for Children and Youth
Maureen Stecik	Program Staff Assistant
Tracy Messenger	Financial Secretary of Accounting
Marge Kuhn	Financial Secretary of Contributions
David Brennan	Custodian
Roberta Erickson	Handbell Choir Director
Ron Burkert	AV Team Coordinator
The Rev. Dr. Steve Wilson	Honorably Retired Pastor Emeritus

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# VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL AT OAKMONT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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JUNE 10TH-JUNE 12TH, 5:30-8PM.  
JUNE 13TH OPTIONAL TRIP TO  
CRESTFIELD CAMP 9-3PM.  
FREE EVENT, DINNER PROVIDED,  
PREK-6TH GRADE.

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