



**Seventh Sunday after Pentecost  
July 7, 2024 at 10:00 am**

**GATHERING IN FAITH**

Dietrich Bonhoeffer’s conclusion about the Sermon on the Mount: ‘The only proper response to this word which Jesus brings with him from eternity is simply to do it. Jesus has spoken: his is the word, ours the obedience’.

Welcome Seventh Sunday after Pentecost 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.*

Call to Worship Steve Crocco

*Leader: Why do we come to worship God?*

**People: We come seeking a blessing from our Lord.**

*Leader: What is this blessing that we seek?*

**People: We seek an encounter with our God,  
who washes us in mercy, calls us to service,  
and fills us with love.**

*Leader: Let us worship God together.*

\*Hymn of Praise *Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun* Hymnal, No. 423

**Jesus shall reign where'er the sun  
Does its successive journeys run,  
His kingdom stretch from shore to shore,  
Till moons shall wax and wane no more.**

**To Him shall endless prayer be made,  
And praises throng to crown His head;  
His name, like sweet perfume shall rise  
With every morning sacrifice.**

**People and realms of every tongue  
Dwell on His love with sweetest song,  
And infant voices shall proclaim  
Their early blessings on His name.**

**Blessings abound where'er He reigns;  
The prisoners leap to lose their chains,  
The weary find eternal rest,  
And all who suffer want are blessed.**

Let every creature rise and bring  
Peculiar honors to our King;  
Angels descend with songs again,  
And earth repeat the loud amen!

\*Prayer of the Day (please remain standing)

Ronnie Bailey

Call to Confession  
Prayer of Confession

Ronnie Bailey

**You are love, O God, and You have loved us from the beginning.  
Forgive us when we do not share Your love with the world:  
when we choose selfishness over compassion;  
what feels comfortable rather than what is right;  
when we strive for success instead of faithfulness;  
when we value independence over community.  
Forgive us, O God, of the ways we fall short.  
Free us to try again, and let Your love lead the way.**

...time for silent personal confession

Assurance of Pardon

*Leader: Friends hear and believe the good news: in Jesus Christ we are forgiven!*

**People: Thanks be to God!**

*Leader: The Peace of Christ be with you.*

**People: And also with you.**

### HEARING GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Gospel Reading

*The Word of the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God.**

Mark 6:1-13

Jan Hepler  
Pew Bible, NT, page 40

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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RITCHIE  
Irregular

Sermon

*Be Prepared for Failure*

Tim Spring

## RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

\*Hymn of Response

*Great God, Your Love Has Called Us Here*

*Hymnal, No. 353*  
using tune: *ST. CATHERINE*

**Great God, Your love has called us here  
As we, by love, for love were made.  
Your living likeness still we bear,  
Though marred, dishonored, disobeyed.  
We come, with all our heart and mind  
Your call to hear, Your love to find.**

**We come with self-inflicted pains  
Of broken trust and chosen wrong,  
Half-free, half-bound by inner chains,  
By social forces swept along,  
By powers and systems close confined,  
Yet seeking hope for humankind.**

**Great God, in Christ You call our name  
And then receive us as Your own,  
Not through some merit, right or claim,  
But by Your gracious love alone.  
We strain to glimpse your mercy seat  
And find You kneeling at our feet.**

**Then take the towel, and break the bread,  
And humble us, and call us friends.  
Suffer and serve till all are fed,  
And show how grandly love intends  
To work till all creation sings,  
To fill all worlds, to crown all things.**

**Great God, in Christ You set us free  
Your life to live, Your joy to share.  
Give us Your Spirit's liberty  
To turn from guilt and dull despair  
And offer all that faith can do  
While love is making all things new.**

Faith Community Concerns, the Pastoral Prayer

Steve Crocco

The Offering of Our Tithes and Gifts  
Call to Offering and Prayer of Dedication

Tim Spring

A Vocal Offering  
*Cornerstone*

Bill Hammond, Bass  
Lari Goss/arr. Hugh S. Livingston, Jr.

*Jesus is the Cornerstone; came for sinners to atone.  
Tho' rejected by His own, He became the Cornerstone;  
Jesus is the Cornerstone. When I am by sin oppressed,  
On the Stone I am at rest, when the seeds of truth are sown  
He remains the Cornerstone; Jesus is the Cornerstone.*

*Rock of Ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in Thee.  
Rock of Ages, so secure, for all time it shall endure.  
'Til His children reach their home, He remains the Cornerstone!  
Till the breaking of the dawn, till all footsteps cease to roam,  
Ever let this truth be known: Jesus is the Cornerstone  
Jesus is the Cornerstone, the Cornerstone!  
- Lari Goss*

Invitation to The Lord's Supper

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

*Leader: The Lord be with you.*

**People: And also with you.**

*Leader: Lift up your hearts.*

**People: We lift them to the Lord.**

*Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.*

**People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

*Leader: Faithful God, we rejoice in spirit and in truth...And so with glad and grateful hearts  
we sing Your unending praise, with angels and archangels and all the company of  
heaven*

Sanctus (**people singing**)

using tune: *NICAEA*

**Holy! Holy! Holy! One God Almighty!  
All Your works shall praise Your name in earth and sky and sea!  
Holy! Holy! Holy! Hosanna in the highest!  
Blessed is Christ who comes to set us free.**

*Leader: God of incarnation, in Jesus You made an earthly tent in which to dwell among  
us... "Do this, as often as You drink it, in remembrance of me.  
Great is the mystery of faith:*

Memorial Acclamation (**people singing**)



Christ has died. Christ is ris - en. Christ will come a - gain.

Music: David A. Billings  
Text: Traditional Liturgy

Leader: *Liberating God, visit Your children who are enslaved by the harshness of others...Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, ever one God, now and forever.*

Great Amen (**people singing**) (sung three times, move up in half steps)



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*And now, with confidence as God's children, we pray together:*

**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 Breaking of the Bread

The Communion of the People Please hold the elements until all have been served.  
Gluten free communion bread is available for Communion, please inform an usher.

Music at Communion Bill Hammond, Trombone and Piano  
*Agnus Dei (Lamb of God)* from *Gospel Mass* by Robert Ray  
*Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.*  
*For You came to die for me, suffer'd, bled, and died, died on Calvary.*

*In Your Word You showed us how, we are trying Lord, hear our pray'r right now.*  
*Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world, grant us Thy peace. Amen.*

Prayer after Communion

## SENDING INTO THE WORLD

\*Hymn of Dedication *Sent Forth by God's Blessing* using tune: *ASH GROVE*

**Sent forth by God's blessing our true faith confessing,  
The people of God from this dwelling take leave.  
The service is ended, O now be extended  
The fruits of our worship in all who believe.  
The seed of the teaching, receptive souls reaching,  
Shall blossom in action for God and for all.  
God's grace did invite us, and love shall unite us  
To work for God's kingdom and answer the call.**

**With praise and thanksgiving to God ever living,  
The tasks of our everyday life we will face.  
Our faith ever sharing, in love ever caring,  
Embracing God's children of each tribe and race.  
With Your grace You feed us, with your light now lead us:  
Unite us as one in this life that we share.  
Then may all the living with praise and thanksgiving  
Give honor to Christ and that name which we bear.**

-Omer Westendorf

\*Charge and Blessing

Tim Spring

Postlude  
*Trumpet Tune*

Organ  
Richard E. Frey

**All are invited to join us for refreshments in Friendship Hall following worship.  
If you are visiting with us today, we extend a *special* invitation to you,  
to please join us so we may get to know each other.**

### **WORSHIP INFORMATION**

**Flowers are given** by Joan and Cliff Schoff in celebration of their 55<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary.

**Worship next Sunday, July 14 – 8:30 am and 10:00 am – Eighth Sunday after Pentecost.**

Rev. Tim Spring's message will be *Born Winners* based on Ephesians 1:3-14.

**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:** We will be inspired by the artistry of Diane McNally and Ken Crawford as they share in the Ministry of Music, offering music for voice and a variety of fretted instruments, including bass guitar, played by Paul Banahasky. We will also share in a short **HymnSing** of several of the most beloved and most often sung hymns authored by Isaac Watts – “The Father of English Hymnody” – as we celebrate his 350<sup>th</sup> Birthday on July 17. Watts authored the texts of some 750 hymns during his life, many which are STILL sung in worship around the world.

JAM stands for “**Jesus And Me**” 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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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**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: July and August.**

**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. 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.

**Soups On** – Available soups: Spicy Black Bean Soup and Pennsylvania Garden 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! We will start up again in the fall. Contact Barbara Price with questions 412-727-7695.

**From the Bridge Pastor Team:** 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. 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.

## CHURCH CALENDAR

<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>July 7 – Seventh Sunday after Pentecost</b>
8:30 am	<b>Worship &amp; Communion</b> (Sanctuary)
10:00 am	<b>Worship &amp; Communion</b> (Sanctuary) & Via Livestream & children’s JAM (K-Grade 2 & Grades 3-6)
11:00 am	Refreshments in Friendship Hall
<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>July 8</b>
12:00 pm	AA’s (Small Group Room)
7:00 pm	Boy Scouts #854/Cub Pack #137 (Lower Level)
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>July 9</b>
7:00 pm	Our Journey Without Them (Marie Berg Chapel)
7:00 pm	Session (Dining Room)
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>July 10</b>
10:00 am	Women’s AA (Dining Room)
12:15 pm	Staff Meeting (Small Group Room)
7:00 pm	Pastor Nominating Committee (Dining Room)
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>July 11</b>
8:00 pm	NA’s (Dining Room)
<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>July 12</b>
<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>July 13</b>
8:00 pm	AA’s (Dining Room)
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>July 14 – Eighth Sunday after Pentecost</b>
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### **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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