



Tenth Sunday after Pentecost
July 28, 2024 at 10:00 am

GATHERING IN FAITH

But we make God’s love too narrow, by false limits of our own; and we magnify His strictness with a zeal He will not own. For the love of God is broader than the measure of the mind; and the heart of the Eternal is most wonderfully kind. Frederick William Faber 1814-1863

Prelude Beth Michael, Flute; Jane Miller, Guest Musician
Sicilienne Maria Theresia von Paradis (1759-1824)

Welcome Debbie Blair
Please sign, pass and return Friendship Record pads during this time of announcements.

PNC Update Robin Gourley/Stefani Garibay

Trinity Chimes *In the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, Amen.*

Call to Worship Debbie Blair

Leader: Give thanks to the Lord, for God is good.
People: God’s steadfast love endures forever.
Leader: The Lord upholds those who are falling;
People: God raises those who are bowed down.
Leader: Let us worship God.

*Hymn of Praise *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling* Hymnal, No. 376

**Love divine, all loves excelling, joy of heaven to earth come down,
Fix in us Thy humble dwelling, all Thy faithful mercies crown!
Jesus, Thou art all compassion, pure, unbounded love Thou art;
Visit us with Thy salvation, enter every trembling heart.**

**Breathe, O breathe Thy loving Spirit into every troubled breast!
Let us all in Thee inherit, let us find that second rest;
Take away the love of sinning; Alpha and Omega be;
End of faith, as its beginning, set our hearts at liberty.**

**Come, Almighty to deliver, let us all Thy life receive;
Suddenly return, and never, nevermore Thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing, serve Thee as Thy hosts above,
Pray, and praise Thee without ceasing, glory in Thy perfect love.**

**Finish, then, Thy new creation; pure and spotless let us be;
Let us see Thy great salvation perfectly restored in Thee;
Changed from glory into glory, till in heaven we take our place,
Till we cast our crowns before Thee, lost in wonder, love, and praise.**

*Prayer of the Day (please remain standing)

Ronnie Bailey

Call to Confession
Prayer of Confession

Ronnie Bailey

**Merciful God, we confess that we have not followed Your way.
You are always faithful to us, yet we pursue our own desires.
You are generous beyond measure, yet we jealously hoard Your gifts.
Forgive us, God of grace. Help us to comprehend
the height and depth and breadth
of Your great love for all; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
...time for silent confession**

Assurance of Pardon

*Act of Praise

Congregation Singing

Gloria Patri/Glory Be to the Father

Hymnal, No. 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.**

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination
New Testament Reading
The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Ephesians 3:14-21

Debbie Blair
Pew Bible, NT, page 193

Time with the Children
As the children gather

Where Children Belong

Ronnie Bailey
Congregation Singing

**This, this is where children belong, welcomed as part of the worshipping throng.
Water, God's Word, bread and cup, prayers and song:
This is where children belong.**

Children go to JAM after time with children.

Sermon

Open the Door to Christ

Tim Spring

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

*Hymn of Response

Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me

Hymnal, No. 366

**Jesus, Thy boundless love to me no thought can reach, no tongue declare;
O knit my thankful heart to Thee, and reign without a rival there!
Thine wholly, Thine alone, I'd live, myself to Thee, entirely give.**

O, grant that nothing in my soul may dwell, but Thy pure love alone;
O may Thy love possess me whole, my joy, my treasure, and my crown!
All coldness from my heart remove; may every act, word, thought be love.

O love, how gracious is thy way! all fear before thy presence flies;
Care, anguish, sorrow melt away, where'er Thy healing beams arise.
O Jesus, nothing may I see, nothing desire or seek, but Thee.

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

Debbie Blair

A Vocal Offering
This We Pray

Beth Michael, Soprano
Patricia Mock/arr. by Faye Lopez
using tune: *OLD HUNDREDTH*

*Doxology *Hymnal*, No. 592

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

*Prayer of Dedication

Debbie Blair

SENDING INTO THE WORLD

*Hymn of Dedication *Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service* *Hymnal*, No. 427
using tune: *BEACH SPRING*

**Lord, whose love through humble service bore the weight of human need,
Who upon the cross, forsaken, offered mercy's perfect deed,
We, Your servants, bring the worship not of voice alone, but heart,
consecrating to Your purpose every gift that You impart.**

**Still Your children wander homeless; still the hungry cry for bread;
Still the captives long for freedom; still in grief we mourn our dead.
As, O Lord, Your deep compassion healed the sick and freed the soul,
Use the love Your Spirit kindles still to save and make us whole.**

**As we worship, grant us vision, till Your love's revealing light,
In its height and depth and greatness, dawns upon our quickened sight,
Making known the needs and burdens Your compassion bids us bear,
Stirring us to tireless striving, Your abundant life to share.**

**Called from worship to Your service, forth in Your dear name we go,
To the child, the youth, the aged, love in living deeds to show;
Hope and health, goodwill and comfort, counsel, aid, and peace we give,
That Your servants, Lord, in freedom may Your mercy know and live.**

*Charge and Blessing

Tim Spring

Postlude

Postlude on *Foundation*

Organ

Robert Lau

WORSHIP INFORMATION

Flowers are given by Jane Miller in memory of her mother Thelma Miller.

Worship next Sunday, August 4 – 8:30 am and 10:00 am – Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost.

We will celebrate the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper.

Rev. Tim Spring's message will be *Alert Saints* based on Mark 13:33-37.

Michael Frank returns to lead the Ministry of Music.

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: guest soprano soloist Gail Roup returns to share in the Ministry of Music.

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: AUG 18 and 25; SEPT 8, 15, 22, 29**

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 are **collecting SUMMER CLOTHING**. The bin is in the 5th Street vestibule. For pickups contact Bobbie Lio at 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.

The Bridge Pastor Team reports Rev. Lee Nichols and Rev. Don Ewing will be our Bridge Pastors in a job-share arrangement. Rev. Ewing will moderate Session. Rev. Nichols will be Head of Staff and handle pastoral care. Their schedules will be posted closer to their OCT 1, start date. *Nick Kokales & Sally Huber-Lewis, Co-Chairs, Chris Hudak, Christine Little, David Geis, James Kinter - moderated by Rev. Dr. Edwin Van Driel*

Maureen Stecik, OPC **Program Staff Assistant, will retire AUG 30.** If interested, contact Sam Anderson, Chair of Personnel at sam128@comcast.net. The position is 25 hr/week and requires strong computer skills, good communication skills, ability to multi-task, and work well as a team.

CHURCH CALENDAR

SUNDAY	July 28 – Tenth Sunday after Pentecost
8:30 am	Worship (Sanctuary)
10:00 am	Worship (Sanctuary) & Via Livestream & children’s JAM (K-Grade 2 & Grades 3-6)
MONDAY	July 29
12:00 pm	AA’s (Small Group Room)
7:00 pm	Boy Scout Troop #854 (Multi-Purpose Room)
TUESDAY	July 30
WEDNESDAY	July 31
10:00 am	Women’s AA (Dining Room)
12:15 pm	Staff Meeting (Small Group Room)
7:00 pm	Pastor Nominating Committee (Dining Room)
THURSDAY	August 1
8:00 pm	NA’s (Dining Room)
FRIDAY	August 2
SATURDAY	August 3
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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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