



CAMP HILL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Statement of Welcome & Inclusion

As followers of Jesus, we affirm the dignity and worth of every person as created in the image of God. We are committed to creating an inclusive space of belonging and safety. Therefore, this community of faith welcomes into full participation, membership, and leadership, persons of diverse age, race, ethnicity, sexual orientation, gender identity, physical or mental ability, level of education, class, or income.

Rooted in the Reformed tradition, we affirm that “God alone is Lord of the conscience,” allowing for a breadth of diverse theological and biblical interpretations. We covenant to accept, respect, and love one another as we apply our faith in the circumstances of our lives and in the matters of our world.

Thirteenth Sunday After Pentecost

August 27, 2023 9:30 a.m.

Welcome!

We are glad you are worshiping with us today.

*Childcare is available from 9 to 11 a.m. in Room 3 of the Kuhn Education Wing.
We also invite children to use our activity area in the sanctuary.*

Assistive listening devices are available at the sound booth (rear of sanctuary).

Ellen and Michael Smith have presented the flowers this morning in honor and memory of loved ones..

Worship begins with the first note of the prelude – may we silence our voices and open our hearts, allowing the music to draw us together into the presence of God.

Prelude

Largo

G.F. Handel

Diane Rutzler, Guest Organist

Welcome

*Call to Worship

L: Let us gather together in thanksgiving to God.

P: For God has made us and this earth which gives us nurture.

L: Let us gather together in gratitude to one another.

P: For we are bearers of God's blessing and love for the earth and its people.

L: Let us praise God, let us join our hearts and hands together, that we might reach out in care and courage so that the goodness of life may be for all God's children.

*Hymn 39

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

*Prayer of Approach

O God, supreme power of the universe, when we think of your vast creation, we are amazed that you are mindful of us. We ask you to come and be known among all your people in powerful ways. Fill us with your Spirit of life, through the grace of Jesus Christ. Amen.

*Congregational Response 288 *Spirit of the Living God*

***Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me. Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me.
Melt me; mold me; fill me; use me. Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me.***

**Those who are able are asked to please stand.*

*Passing of the Peace

L: The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

P: **And also with you.**

First Scripture Reading (OT, p. 492)

Psalm 8

L: This is the word of the Lord.

P: **Thanks be to God!**

Second Scripture Reading (NT, p. 199)

Philippians 4:10-20

L: This is the word of the Lord.

P: **Thanks be to God!**

Sermon

“Summer Splash: The Joy of Generosity”

The Rev. Nancy Conklin

Affirmation of Faith (from the Iona Community)

We believe in God whose Love is the source of all life and the desire of our lives, whose Love was given a human face in Jesus of Nazareth, whose Love was crucified by the evil that waits to enslave us all, and whose Love, defeating even death, is our glorious promise of freedom.

Therefore, though we are sometimes fearful and full of doubt, in God we trust. And, in the name of Jesus Christ, we commit ourselves, in the service of others, to seek justice and to live in peace; to care for the earth and to share the commonwealth of God’s goodness; to live in the freedom of forgiveness and the power of the Spirit of Love, and in the company of the faithful so to be the church, for the glory of God. Amen.

*Hymn 661

His Eye Is on the Sparrow

Presentation of God’s Tithes and Our Offerings

Offertory

River of Peace

W. Clarke

Diane Rutzler, Guest Organist

*Doxology (Tune: “Old Hundredth”)

***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.***

*Prayer of Dedication

Holy God, blessed and wise, you teach us the wisdom of work and the blessing of generosity. Grant us a generous spirit, that we may find and use and return to you all that you have given us, for you are the source and gift of life itself, through Christ our Lord, we pray. Amen.

Prayers of the People/The Lord's Prayer

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 sins, as we forgive those who sin 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.

*Hymn 157

Danced in the Morning

*Benediction

Postlude

Recessional March
Diane Rutzler, Guest Organist

Reta Bell

IT'S HAPPENING AT CHPC

■ **The Fall Book Study is changing meeting times!** In order to meet the needs of those interested in participating in the Fall Book Study of “Jesus and the Disinherited” by Howard Thurman, we’ll be holding two sessions. We no longer will be meeting on Sunday mornings. Instead the studies will be held on **Wednesday mornings, beginning Sept. 13, at 9:30 a.m., and Tuesday evenings, beginning Sept. 19, at 7 p.m.** Both groups will meet in the Blue Room, and a Zoom option will be available.

Don’t forget to attend **the study kickoff at 7 p.m., Tuesday, Sept. 12, at the Midtown Cinema, when the film “Backs Against the Wall: The Howard Thurman Story” will be shown** for our group. An introductory conversation to the study will follow. Please contact Pastor Nancy if you’re interested in carpooling. Please call or email the office to obtain **a free book for the study.**

■ **Pastor Don Potter will be out of town Saturday, Sept. 2, through Tuesday, Sept. 5.** During this time, please contact the church office to arrange visitation needs.

■ The Church World Service refugee family we are working with will soon welcome a baby! The women of Dorcas Circle invite everyone to **join in showering the family with baby things.** Lists of needed items are available in the Gathering Place.

■ **The Ecumenical Food Pantry is in need of toilet paper, bar soap, shampoo, toothpaste and deodorant. EFP also needs empty egg cartons,** as the food pantry is getting eggs by the crate and needs to break them down into dozens. Please leave items in the EFP box in the Donation Station area of the Gathering Place.

■ **Rally Day** is almost here! The **worship service time changes to 10:30 a.m. and Sunday school classes resume on Sunday, Sept. 10.** To celebrate, **there will be an old-fashioned fried chicken luncheon after worship in Fellowship Hall.** Please sides and/or desserts to share; chicken, rolls, and drinks will be provided.

■ Chancel Choir returns to the loft Sunday, Sept. 10, while the Handbell Choir prepares for playing in the following weeks. **Rehearsals begin Wednesday, Sept. 6 (handbells at 6 p.m. and choir at 7 p.m.),** with members taking up the leadership yoke until a new music director is found. Perhaps you should assist in providing meaningful worship services by joining us if your talents include caroling, humming a tune, banging pots and pans, or tapping a foot to music. Few have professional training and there are no embarrassing tryouts. Have questions? Contact Dolores Peffley at (717) 766-7554 or Diane Rutzler at (717) 254-6253.

CHPC WEEKLY CALENDAR

Monday, August 28

10 a.m. – Staff Meeting; Pastor's Study

1 p.m. – Quilters and Crafters for Mission; Q&C Room

7 p.m. – Session Meeting; Blue Room

Tuesday, August 29

9 a.m. – Church and Preschool Staff CPR Training; Fellowship Hall

6 p.m. – West Shore A.A. Big Book Study; Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, August 30

9 a.m. – Preschool Teacher In-Service; Fellowship Hall

9:30 a.m. – Prayer Fellowship; Green or Blue Room

Sunday, September 3

9:30 a.m. – Worship Service; Sanctuary

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