

THE ORDER OF MORNING WORSHIP

July 18, 2021

Guest Pastor: Rev. Susan Tarantino

Guest Musician: Gail Weirick

Welcome

Centering

Call to Worship (Ps. 98)

One: O sing to the Lord a new song, for God has done marvelous things!

ALL: Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth; break forth into joyous song and sing praises!

One: Sing praises to God! With trumpets and the sound of the horn make a joyful noise before the Lord!

ALL: Let us praise God together!

Song of Praise

“The God of Abraham Praise”

p.23

Thomas Olivers, Meyer Lyon

Opening Prayer

We thank you, living God, that in Jesus Christ you have built a house not made with hands, a people among whom you live. We thank you that you have called us and that we belong to you. We come now, longing to know the touch of your Spirit, that we may be encouraged to serve you in the world. Come to us that we may recognize you and sing your praise; through the grace of Jesus Christ. AMEN.

1st Scripture Reading

Psalm 121

2nd Scripture Reading

Genesis 32:22-31

Prayer of Confession

God of promise, you know us better than we know ourselves. We confess that we have not loved you with whole hearts, nor honored our neighbors as much as our own plans. We have excused ourselves from risk-taking in your name. We have not opened our broken hearts for fear of losing the pieces. In your compassion, forgive our indifference.

Restore the ruined places in our lives with forgiveness and promise. Lift us up, turn us around, and teach us to walk the walk of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Words of Assurance

One: We are the people of your promise who are offered a chance to praise. We give you thanks that we are forgiven.

ALL: Thanks be to God, Amen!

Sermon Wrestling a Blessing

Song of Affirmation “*Be Thou My Vision*” p. 562
Traditional Irish hymn, Mary Byrne, Eleanor Hull, arr. David Allen

Blessings/Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

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 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, the power and the glory,

for ever and ever. Amen.

Offering

*Flowers are in loving memory
of her husband, **Paul Brooks**
as she honors his fourth anniversary in heaven
given by Lana Brooks*

Song of Dedication “*Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah*” p.682
William Williams, John Hughes

Prayer of Dedication Generous God, we pray now that you will accept our gifts, and follow them with your blessing. We pray that they will be used to make a difference in your world, in ways we can only imagine. Help us to be faithful stewards of all you have entrusted to our care, we ask in the name of Christ. Amen.

Benediction

This Week's Calendar

Monday 7/19

9:30 AM Coffee

10:00 AM Spirit Chat

Wednesday, 7/21

10:30 AM Bible Study

12:30 PM Lunch/Wonderful Wednesday Worship

Thursday, 7/22

6:30 PM Brainstorm Games & Ideas Event

Sunday, 7/25

10:00 AM Worship

Please note that Pastor Pat is on vacation until July 20th. If you need pastoral care, please call Deacon Linda Hornig at 413-525-5792 or 413-374-2844.

We are looking for volunteers to help with the Wonderful Wednesday Worship Luncheon on July 21st @ 12:30 PM.

If you are interested, please call Rita Spencer @ 413-567-1498 or email reetbaby46@gmail.com.

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