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9:00 am Faith Formation

10:15 am Worship Service

August 30, 2026

Liturgist: Kathy Fretz

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Perkasie Park

PRELUDE

GREETING

If able, please rise in body or in spirit.

CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 26:7-8)

Sing a song of thanksgiving.

Declare God's wondrous deeds.

For the Lord dwells among the people;

The glory of God abides with us.

Hymn #59

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

Please be seated

Prayer for Transformation and New Life

Redeemer and Guide, we travel with you because you never leave us. Yet, sometimes we drift from the path of life you give us. Rather than holding fast to what is good, we compromise with evil. Rather than persevering in prayer, we dwell in anger, rage, and conspiracies. Rather than sharing our blessings and pursuing hospitality, we hoard the resources you have given us to share. Help us to live in love and harmony with one another. Empower us to pursue peace for all. Let us overcome and overwhelm evil with good, compassion, and hope in your name. Amen.

Words of Assurance

Beloved, wherever we go becomes holy ground because God goes with us. Be firm in hope that the God who met Moses through a burning bush will meet us wherever we may seek strength, encouragement, and the will to live in righteousness, justice, and peace. By the grace of Jesus Christ, all these things are possible.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Holy Spirit, who spoke to Moses from the burning bush, speak to us now in the reading and proclaiming of your word. Amen.

SCRIPTURE: Exodus 3:1-15

Matthew 16:21-28

The word of the Lord.

Blessed are they that hear the word of God and keep it.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON

If able, please rise in body or in spirit.

Hymn #618

Go Down, Moses

Please be seated.

Koinonia Time (community; communion; fellowship; intimacy)

(Please date, sign, and pass the pew pad to your neighbors)

Sharing Joys and Concerns

Prayers of Intercession

Lord's Prayer

Our Creator/Mother/Father/Spirit, 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.

INVITATION TO GENEROSITY

The apostle Paul encourages us: do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. In service to the Lord, we now return to God a portion of the bounty God has provided.

OFFERTORY

If able, please rise in body or in spirit.

OFFERTORY RESPONSE

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, you heavenly host;
Praise Creator, Christ and Spirit, One. Amen.**

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Holy God of holy ground, like Moses, we question our fitness to serve heaven’s purposes on earth. Overcome our qualms with the assurance of your presence; bless these offerings that, through them, we may do your will. Amen.

Please be seated.

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

(If you are participating online, you’re invited to have the elements of bread and the fruit of the vine or something similar to join us around Christ’s Table.)

INVITATION

COMMUNION PRAYER

God be with you.
And also with you.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to God.
Let us give thanks to God Most High.
It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Holy God, we praise and bless you...
With the faithful in every place and time, we praise with joy your holy name:
**Holy, holy, holy God of love and majesty,
the whole universe speaks of your glory,
O God Most High.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

Consecrate, therefore, by your Holy Spirit, ...we may be united with Christ and with one another and we may continue faithful in all things.
In the strength Christ gives us, we offer ourselves to you, eternal God, and give thanks that you have called us to serve you. Amen.

SHARING THE ELEMENTS

(If you are unable to come forward for communion, please let an usher know and the pastor will bring communion to you.)

Please rise in body or in spirit.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

We thank you, God, for inviting us to this table where we have known the presence of Christ and have received all Christ’s gifts. Strengthen our faith, increase our love for one another, and let us show forth your praise in our lives; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

Hymn #587 Make Me a Channel of Your Peace

BENEDICTION

With the assurance that God makes the ground holy, hear the cries of the people and join the work of deliverance. Go in peace to serve and love God, through the love of Christ and in the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Postlude

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Head Ushers for August are Amanda Duffy and Tara Howell  
Today's Ushers are Doris Lindmeier and Karen Peterson  
Altar Guild representatives for August are Ethel Dietrich and Doris Lindmeier

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**2026 Consistory**

Elders: Ron Grace, Tara Howell, Doris Lindmeier, Karen Peterson  
Deacons: Amanda Duffy (President), Cindy Grace, Lance Ide, Erin Rush, Evie Starkey, Angela Stofflet (Secretary), Herb Volk (V. President)  
Jen Flexer (Treasurer)

**FALL RUMMAGE SALE, SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10th**  
**FROM 8AM TO 1PM**

Please see the list below before bringing your items to the church.  
In addition to those listed, we will **NOT** accept clothing or stuffed animals. **Please make sure the items are clean and in usable condition.** Your items can be left in fellowship hall. For more information contact Angela at [stoffletangela@gmail.com](mailto:stoffletangela@gmail.com) or 610-202-4680. Thank you!

**This is a list of items we will be UNABLE to accept for donation:**

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|--------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|
| 1. Automotive Supplies         | 7. Electrical                           |
| a. Vehicle Roof Top Carriers   | a. Ceiling Fans                         |
| b. Tires                       | b. Foot Spas                            |
| c. Wheels                      | c. TVs: Older than 5yo, Larger than 32" |
| 2. Baby Items                  | d. Projection TVs                       |
| a. Car seats                   | 8. Household Items                      |
| b. Cribs                       | a. Exercise Equipment older than 5yo    |
| c. Equipment over 10 years old | b. Food                                 |
| 3. Bedding                     | c. Helmets: Bike & Equestrian           |
| a. Box Springs/Bed Springs     | d. Kerosene Heaters                     |
| b. Electric Blankets           | e. Wire hangers                         |
| c. Hospital & Electric Beds    | 9. Furniture                            |
| d. Water Beds                  | a. "Bean Bag" Chairs                    |
| 4. Building Supplies           | b. Entertainment Centers                |
| a. Built in Cabinets           | c. Pianos and Organs                    |
| b. Doors                       | d. Wood TV and Stereo Console Units     |
| c. Sinks                       | 10. Medical Equipment                   |
| d. Windows                     | a. CPAP Machines                        |
| 5. Computer/Office Equipment   | b. Nebulizers                           |
| a. CRT Monitors                | 11. Outdoor Equipment                   |
| b. Computers                   | a. Camping Tents & Canopies             |
| c. Copiers                     | b. Gasoline, Propane Powered Equipment  |
| d. Fax Machines                | c. Grills                               |
| e. Keyboards/Mouse             | d. Paint and Oil                        |
| f. Printers                    | e. Skis, Ski Boots & Poles              |
| g. Scanners                    | 12. Refrigeration Misc.                 |
| 6. Major Appliances            | a. Air Conditioners                     |
|                                | b. Dehumidifiers                        |

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee 59

1 Joy - ful, joy - ful, we a - dore thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love;  
2 All thy works with joy sur-round thee, earth and heaven re - flect thy rays,  
3 Thou art giv - ing and for - giv - ing, ev - er bless - ing, ev - er blest,  
4 Mor - tals, join the hap - py cho - rus which the morn - ing stars be - gan;

hearts un - fold like flowers be - fore thee, open - ing to the sun a - bove.  
stars and an - gels sing a - round thee, cen - ter of un - bro - ken praise.  
well - spring of the joy of liv - ing, o - cean depth of hap - py rest!  
love di - vine is reign - ing o'er us, join - ing all with - in its span.

Melt the clouds of sin and sad - ness, drive the dark of doubt a - way;  
Field and for - est, vale and moun - tain, flow - ery mead - ow, flash - ing sea,  
Thou our Fa - ther, Christ our Broth - er— all who live in love are thine;  
Ev - er sing - ing, march we on - ward, vic - tors in the midst of strife;

giv - er of im - mor - tal glad - ness, fill us with the light of day!  
chant - ing bird and flow - ing foun - tain call us to re - joice in thee.  
teach us how to love each oth - er, lift us to the joy di - vine.  
joy - ful mu - sic leads us sun - ward in the tri - umph song of life.

WORDS: Henry Van Dyke (1852-1933)  
MUSIC: Ludwig van Beethoven (1770-1827)

HYMN TO JOY  
8.7.8.7.D.

618 Go Down, Moses

*Unison* *Parts*

1 When Is - rael was in E - gypt's land, Let my peo - ple go;  
2 The Lord told Mo - ses what to do, Let my peo - ple go;  
3 They jour - neyed on at his com - mand, Let my peo - ple go;  
4 Oh, let us all from bond - age flee, Let my peo - ple go;

*Unison* *Parts*

op - pressed so hard they could not stand, Let my peo - ple go.  
to lead the He - brew chil - dren through, Let my peo - ple go.  
and came at length to Ca - naan's land, Let my peo - ple go.  
and let us all in Christ be free, Let my peo - ple go.

*Refrain*

Go down, Mo - ses, way down in E - gypt's land;  
(go down)

tell old Phar - aoh: Let my peo - ple go!

WORDS and MUSIC: African-American spiritual

GO DOWN, MOSES  
Irregular

# 587 Make Me a Channel of Your Peace

Prayer of St. Francis

1 Make me a chan-nel of your peace. Where there is ha-tred  
 2 Make me a chan-nel of your peace. Where there's de-spair in  
 3 Make me a chan-nel of your peace. It is in par-don-

let me bring your love. (love.) Where there is in - ju -  
 life let me bring hope. (hope.) Where there is dark - ness,  
 ing that we are par-doned, (par-doned,) in giv - ing of our-

ry, your par - don, Lord, and where there's doubt, true  
 on - ly light, and where there's sad - ness,  
 selves that we re - ceive, and in dy - ing that we're

1, 2 A A7 D D7 to Refrain 3 A A7 D  
 faith in you. O  
 ev - er joy. O  
 born to e - ter - nal life.

*Refrain*  
 Mas-ter, grant that I may nev - er seek so much to be con-  
 soled as to con - sole, to be un - der - stood, as to un - der-  
 stand, to be loved, as to love with all my soul.