

14th Sunday after Pentecost – September 11th, 2022 – 9:15 AM

Gathering Music & Announcements

Jeff Beyers

September 11th Prayer of Remembrance

We remember, Lord, those who lost their lives in New York City...

We remember those who lost their lives at the Pentagon...

We remember those, who lost their lives in Somerset County, Pennsylvania...

We remember the first responders, Lord, for their courage, their bravery, and their sacrifice...

We pray for the families, whose lives were forever changed...

We pray for the nation, whose sense of innocence was shattered...

We pray for the for the world, whose sacred peace was broken...

When we remember, our hearts are still restless. When we remember, our souls still grieve for the victims and their families. God, you despise evil and chaos. Heal us, Lord, even now.

Restore your world. Restore your people. Give us the faith that affirms the victory of life over death, of goodness over evil, and of light over darkness. Protect and bless all those who

continue to guard, guide, serve, protect, and defend. Let your peace overwhelm us, so that we all may come to know what it means to live in peace, and that all the nations may come to know your peace, in the name of the one, who is the *Prince of Peace*, Jesus the Christ, we pray. **Amen.**

Silent Prayer

Opening Hymn*

O God, Our Help in Ages Past

UMH 117

Prayer of St. Francis of Assisi* (Unison)

**Lord, make me an instrument of your peace, where there is hatred, let me sow love;
where there is injury, pardon; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair,
hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy.**

O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love. For it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned; and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.

Hymn*

Let There Be Peace on Earth

UMH 431

Grandparent Recognition

Rev. Deb Lampton

Moment for Ministries

Flamingo Ministry

Rev. Deb Lampton

The People's Supper Dave Parker & Cassandra Beverly
A Ministry of Ames UMC, First Presbyterian, & Bel Air UMC

Prayer of Confession & Silent Prayer

Kristen Brought

Words of Assurance (Isaiah 40:11)

The Lord will feed his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms and carry them by his chest, and gently lead the mother sheep. **Thanks be to God. Amen.**

The Peace

The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you always. **And also, with you. Amen.**

Special Music

Nicole Beyers

Scripture Reading

Luke 15: 1-10

Kristen Brought

Hymn Response

The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want

UMH 136

Sermon

“Lost Sheep and Coins”

Rev. Byron E. Brought

Reflective Music

This moment of reflection is an opportunity to consider your response to God.

How will you demonstrate your love for God?

How will you give of your time, your talents, and your treasures?

*Our offering plates are in the back of the sanctuary,
or please consider giving electronically; please ask us how. Thank you.*

Communion & The Lord's Prayer

Closing Hymn*

Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us

UMH 381

Benediction & Organ Postlude*



Continued Prayers: Art Benson, Paul Bowden, Linda Erickson, Christine Gregory, Stephanie Juchs Hiedbreder, Carolyn Higgins, Nancy Jenkins, Wes Jenkins, Pat Jones, Jeff Juchs, Sandy Juchs, Jill Kruger, Ted Lingelbach, Joy Merryman, Bruce Middlekauff, Robert Miller, Alice Paradise, Warren Pardo, Jack Potter, Pat Potter, Dave Shaffer, Shirley Singstock, Ron Stearn, Lee Stielper, Nancy Tolley, Paula Van Hart, Lauren Wessel.

We offer our deepest Christian sympathy to:

Beverly Rivenburg & family on the passing of her daughter Penny Rivenburg.

Doug & Nancy Shuman and family on the passing of his mother, Gladys Shuman.

Altar Flower Dedication: The flowers on the altar table are dedicated to the glory of God and in memory of all who lost their lives on 9/11; and in honor of those who responded to and cared for the victims of the 9/11 attack on the United States.

Rally Day – NEXT Sunday, September 18th – ONE Worship Service at 9:15 am, followed by a delicious brunch for all in McComas Hall. Car show, Kid's Bike Races, Games, & Family Fun! For car show entries, please see Jim Butcher.

Chancel Choir Rehearsal – Every Wednesday from 7:00-8:15 pm; all are welcome to join.

Children & Youth Choirs – Kickoff for all ages (4-18), Sunday, September 11th from 10:15-11:15 am, Room 103.

Disciple I Bible Study – Begins Sunday, September 11th – December 11 from 10:30 am – 12 pm in the library, led by Doug & Janet Dorer. You are invited to join them.

Parenting Through the Phases – A new group for parents of kids from birth through 12th grade. Registration begins Sept. 2, 11, & 18th. This series runs Sundays October 2 – November 13. Starts at 10:30 am in Room 101.

C4 Kids – In-person Sunday School begins Sunday, September 11th at 9:15 am.

Youth Group – Youth Group resumes September 11th from 4:30-6 pm. Meet at the Gaga Pit.

6th & 7th Grade Sunday School – Begins Sunday, September 11th at 9:15 am in the Youth Center.

Young Adult Event – Tuesday, September 20th, 7-9 pm in McComas Hall. Pizza and games – Bring your own Board Game!

55+ Event – Thursday, October 20th, 11:30 am-1:30 pm. Lunch, games, music, & crafts. Please see the e-Spire for registration info.

O God, Our Help in Ages Past

O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come, our shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal home!

Under the shadow of thy throne, still may we dwell secure; sufficient is thine arm alone, and our defense is sure.

Before the hills in order stood, or earth receive her frame, from everlasting, thou art God, to endless years the same.

A thousand ages, in thy sight, are like and evening gone; short as the watch that ends the night, before the rising sun.

Time, like an ever rolling stream, bears all who breathe away; they fly forgotten, as a dream dies at the opening day.

O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come; be thou our guide while life shall last, and our eternal home.

Let There Be Peace on Earth

Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me; let there be peace on earth, the peace that was meant to be. With God our creator, children all are we. Let us walk with each other in perfect harmony.

Let peace begin with me; let this be the moment now. With every step I take, let this be my solemn vow: to take each moment and live each moment in peace eternally. Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me.

The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want

The Lord's my shepherd, I'll not want. He makes me down to lie in pastures green; he leadeth me the quiet waters by.

My soul he doth restore again, and me to walk doth make within the paths of righteousness, e'en for his own name's sake.

Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale, yet will I fear no ill; for thou art with me, and thy rod and staff me comfort still.

My table thou hast furnished in presence of my foes; my head thou dost with oil anoint, and my cup overflows.

Goodness and mercy all my life shall surely follow me; and in God's house forever more my dwelling place shall be.

Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us

Savior, like a shepherd lead us, much we need thy tender care; in thy pleasant pastures feed us, for our use thy folds prepare. Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus! Thou hast bought us, thine we are. Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus! Thou hast bought us, thine we are.

We are thine, thou dost befriend us, be the guardian of our way; keep thy flock, from sin defend us, seek us when we go astray. Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus! Hear, O hear us when we pray. Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus! Hear, O hear us when we pray.

Thou hast promised to receive us, poor and sinful though we be; thou hast mercy to relieve us, grace to cleanse and power to free. Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus! We will early turn to thee. Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus! We will early turn to thee.

Early let us seek thy favor, early let us do thy will; blessed Lord and only Savior, with thy love our bosoms fill. Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus! Thou hast loved us, love us still. Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus! Thou hast loved us, love us still.