



**Summer Worship Service**  
**The Fourth Sunday after Pentecost**

**June 21, 2026**

***The Service for the Lord's Day***

***WE GATHER***

PRELUDE Wayfarin' Stranger

arr. Michael Larkin

Cynthia Weber, Piano

**WELCOME AND COMMUNITY LIFE**

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

Come and worship, all you who love and serve the Lord—  
**outsiders and insiders, old-timers and new-comers,**  
**the young, old and the in-between.**

Come as you are,  
**for this is God's house—a house of prayer for all people,**  
**and God welcomes each one who comes.**

**\*PASSING OF THE PEACE**

**\*GATHERING HYMN**

Open My Eyes That I May See

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OPEN MY EYES

***WE CONFESS***

**\*EMBODIED CONFESSION**

**\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

**\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE (from *Glory to God* – see end of bulletin)**

Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying

CHILDREN PRAYING

***WE LISTEN***

**CHILDREN'S SERMON**

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

\*Please stand as you are able.

SCRIPTURE

Elizabeth Mountain

Gospel: John 14:18-26

Epistle: Matthew 15:21-28

Leader: The word of the Lord;

**People: Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

Rev. Karen Kinney

“From the Margins to the Master: The Gift of Being Taught”

*WE RESPOND*

MOMENT FOR SILENT REFLECTION

What do we need to learn from the stories of those who are pushed to the margins in our society today? How might it change the way we approach mission beyond a physical structure?

\*SERMON HYMN

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Be Thou My Vision

SLANE

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Adapted from the *Confession of 1967. 9.26*)

**New life in Christ takes shape in a community in which people know that God loves and accepts them in spite of what they are. They therefore accept themselves and love others, knowing that no one has any ground on which to stand, except God’s grace.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND 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 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.**

MINUTE FOR MISSION AND OFFERING

Call to Give

Offertory Be Thou My Vision

arr. Cindy Berry

\*DOXOLOGY

#592

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

OLD HUNDREDTH

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

\*SENDING HYMN

Take My Life (Verses 1-5)

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HENDON

\*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee

Ludwig v. Beethoven/arr. Laura Bergquist

Cynthia Weber, Piano

*You're welcome to stay and enjoy the Postlude or to depart while the music is played.  
Go in peace to love and serve the Lord!*

## Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying 469

Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray - ing. Lord, send your

Spir - it in this place. Lord, lis - ten to your chil - dren

pray - ing. Send us love; send us power; send us grace.

This chorus from a longer song has become a popular sung prayer for the presence of the Holy Spirit. Easily memorized, it makes a very suitable sung response at appropriate points during a series of prayer concerns or with repeated singing can open or close a time of prayer.

## COMMUNITY LIFE – ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR JUNE 21, 2026

If you are new to our church, welcome! Please complete a “**Connect Card,**” available in the Narthex.

Thank you to Cynthia Weber for serving as our pianist today.

For today: After our worship service, you have two opportunities to connect. We’ll have tables set up in the Narthex for anyone who would like to **discuss the morning’s sermon** and service. You’re also invited to our **Lemonade on the Lawn** social time: we’ll meet on the West Lawn (otherwise in the North Link). Thank you to Jan Bickford, Jim Stahl and Janet Stahl for hosting. If you’d like to host, you can sign up online ([bit.ly/42TDejr](https://bit.ly/42TDejr)) or on the paper form at the Narthex info table.

Here are your opportunities to participate in worship: you can **lead our children's sermons**, or serve as **lector** to share the scripture readings. The children’s sermon sign up is at [volunteersignup.org/hj4yy](https://volunteersignup.org/hj4yy) and the lector sign up is at [bit.ly/3PQRBlq](https://bit.ly/3PQRBlq). There are also paper sign-ups for each in the Narthex.

New! “**Sharing our Bounty**” – bring your extra harvest to share at a table at Lemonade on the Lawn. Available for others to take, no charge! Anything left over will be donated to New Bethany, along with other produce harvested from the CommUNITY Garden located on our campus.

### LEADING WORSHIP TODAY

Rev. Karen Kinney, Transitional Pastor; [kkinney@fpc-bethlehem.org](mailto:kkinney@fpc-bethlehem.org)

Rev. Lindsey Altvater Clifton, Associate Pastor for Justice and Community Impact; [lclifton@fpc-bethlehem.org](mailto:lclifton@fpc-bethlehem.org)

### CARE CONCERNS

IF YOU ARE HOSPITALIZED: Please tell the hospital our church code is 724. Also, please call the church office at 610-867-5865 to let us know as the hospitals do not always collect this information. After hours, leave a message or call our answering service at 610-778-7003.

PRAYER REQUESTS: Send to [prayer@fpc-bethlehem.org](mailto:prayer@fpc-bethlehem.org) or call 610-867-5865 and leave a message.

### CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Regular Church Office hours are Monday – Thursday, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. Urgent pastoral need? Please call our answering service at 610-778-7003.

### WEEKLY NEWSLETTER – STAY CONNECTED!

We send an email newsletter each Friday morning; it will be emailed to those who request it: contact us at [info@fpc-bethlehem.org](mailto:info@fpc-bethlehem.org) or 610-867-5865. You can also request a printed copy be mailed to you.

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