FIRST PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH OF BETHLEHEM

Summer Worship Service
The Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

June 28, 2026

The Service for the Lord's Day

WE GATHER

PRELUDE Bless the Lord — Jared Anderson

Contemporary Ensemble

WELCOME AND COMMUNITY LIFE

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Children of God: welcome!
Welcome to this place of love and grace,
Welcome to this place of hope and perseverance.
invites all of us to be a part of the beloved community,
God invites all of us to share in the good news:
We are welcome, just as we are. We are loved, just as we are.
In gratitude for all of this, let us worship God.
Written by Beth Merrill Neel on her blog, 'Hold Fast to What Is Good'. Used with permission.

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

*GATHERING HYMN

Healer of our Every Ill (see insert, from *Glory to God)* — HEALER OF OUR EVERY ILL

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

*Please stand as you are able.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE Al Philpotts

Psalm: Psalm 121
Gospel: Luke 5:12-19

Leader: The word of the Lord;
People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON Rev. Karen Kinney

"A Community of Healing"

WE RESPOND

MOMENT FOR SILENT REFLECTION

The friends had to overcome the obstacle of a massive crowd to get the paralyzed man in front of Jesus. As a church, what physical, social, or cultural "crowds" or barriers might we be inadvertently creating that prevent hurting people from experiencing the healing power of Christ? Just as Jesus declared the one with the skin disease "clean," the church is called to be a place of grace-filled restoration. Are there areas of unforgiveness or judgment within our congregation that hinder us from being a healing place?

*SERMON HYMN

For Everyone Born (see insert, from *Glory to God)* FOR EVERYONE BORN

*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 Come as You Are — Crowder

Contemporary Ensemble

*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 — #276

Great is Thy Faithfulness — FAITHFULNESS

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE Trumpet Tune in D — David N. Johnson

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!

795 Healer of Our Every Ill

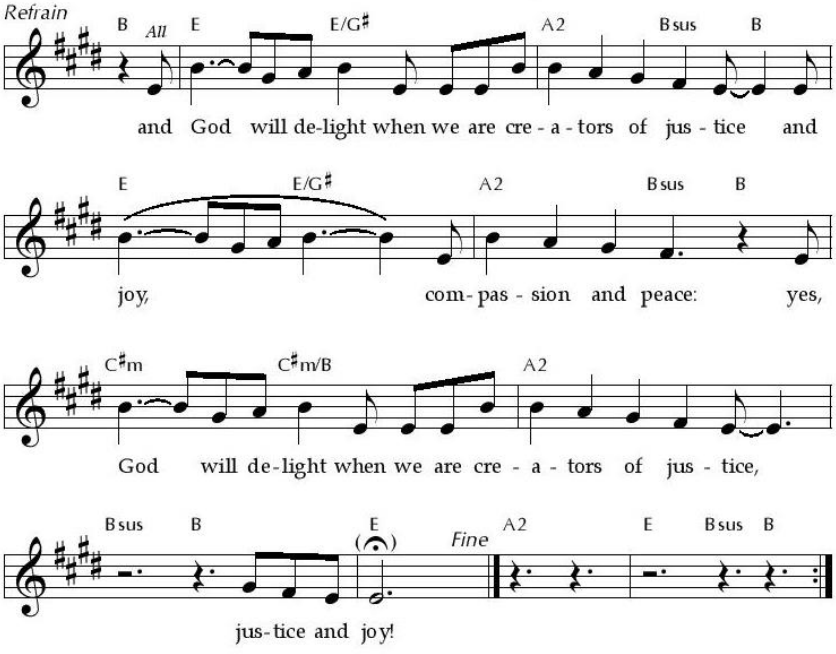


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769 For Everyone Born





COMMUNITY LIFE – ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR JUNE 28, 2026

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

For today: After our worship service, you have two opportunities to connect. We 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 the Mission Strategy team for hosting. If you'd like to host, you can sign up online (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 and the lector sign up is at 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
Rev. Lindsey Altvater Clifton, Associate Pastor for Justice and Community Impact; lclifton@fpc-bethlehem.org
David Macbeth, Director of Music Ministries; dmacbeth@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 or call 610-867-5865 and leave a message.

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

The Preschool will be closed on Thursday, July 2 and Friday, July 3 in observation of Independence Day.
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 or 610-867-5865. You can also request a printed copy be mailed to you.

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