

Blacksburg Presbyterian Church

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

AUGUST 6, 2017

† Please stand in body or in spirit.

THOUGHT FOR MEDITATION

“Life is not the sum of all our defeats. Life is how we respond.”

Neil Chappell *a weird thing*, 2011

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

And also with you. ... *(All are encouraged to sign the Friendship Pad in the pews. If you are a first-time visitor and leave an address, we can welcome you more fully.)*

PRELUDE

Dance

J. S. Anthony

Juliana Anthony, trombone

† CALL TO WORSHIP

Isaiah 55:1-5

Ginny Pearson

Anyone who thirsts, come and drink!

**If you have no money but you're hungry,
come and receive wine and milk without a price tag.**

Why do you spend money on what does not nourish you?

Why do you work for what does not nurture you?

Listen, come and eat healthy food that will delight you.

Come and partake in the Spirit that will give you life.

Become a witness of God's free gift of grace to all people.

**They will come running to you because our Covenant God
will raise you up, transform you, and make you shine!**

† HYMN No. 511

Come, Behold! the Feast of Heaven

LLANFAIR

† PRAYER OF APPROACH

Generous God, the whole creation looks to you, and you give them their food in due season. Open your hand to us, and satisfy us with what we most deeply desire.

Amen.

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of justice and mercy, we admit that we are not always free of deceit. We are fooled by the false promises of the world into pursuing things that do not truly nourish us. Hear our cry and save us, dear God. ... *(A time of silent confession follows.)* In Jesus' name, **hear our prayers. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Hear is the good news for everyone:

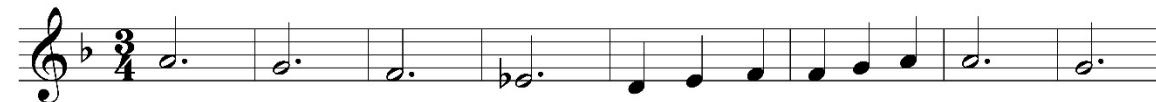
**God is gracious, merciful, abounding in steadfast love,
and gives us forgiveness and grace.**

We do not have to earn it with sacrifice

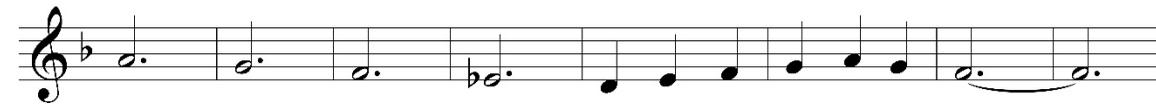
because it is a free gift from a generous God!

† GRATEFUL RESPONSE No. 48 (Please sing twice.)

RAIN DOWN



Rain down; rain down; rain down your love on your peo - ple.



Rain down; rain down; rain down your love, God of life.

† PASSING OF THE PEACE

The Peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

And also with you.

(Worshippers may exchange signs of God's peace and children may come forward for a time of sharing faith together.)

HEARING THE WORD

SHARING FAITH WITH CHILDREN

(Children 1st grade age and up are invited to remain in the sanctuary. Parents may take kindergarten and younger children downstairs for nurture and care.)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Genesis 32:22-31

Matthew 14:13-21

SERMON

“What's Needed”

Dr. Taylor

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

† HYMN No. 42

Your Faithfulness, O Lord, Is Sure

WINCHESTER NEW

OFFERING OF OUR LIVES

OFFERTORY

If Thou but Trust in God to Guide Thee
Summer Choir

George Neumark

Text may be found at Hymn No. 816.

†DOXOLOGY

OLD HUNDREDTH

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Christ, all people here below;
Praise Holy Spirit evermore;
Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.**

†PRAYER OF DEDICATION

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

All are welcome at Christ's table. Use the center aisle to reach a station, take a piece of bread and dip it in the cup. Return to your seat by the side aisle. Gluten, dairy and egg-free bread and individual cups are available at the center station in front. If you need to remain seated, the elements will be brought to you.

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

May the table-setting God be with you.

And also with you.

Lift your hungry hearts to God.

We offer them to the One who feeds us with grace.

God gives us all we need in every moment.

Our mouths will sing God's praise.

Let us declare the mystery of faith...

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

LORD'S PRAYER

SHARING OF BREAD AND CUP

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

Aria

J. S. Anthony

Juliana Anthony, trombone

PRAYER AFTER SUPPER

BEARING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

†HYMN No. 509

All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly

HOLY MANNA

†BENEDICTION

†POSTLUDE

Voluntary on HOLY MANNA

William Moore



Blacksburg Presbyterian Church

**Proclaiming God's Word
Growing in faith and understanding
Welcoming all
Extending comfort and grace
Working for justice and peace
Nurturing creation
Being generous stewards of God's gifts**

Elder Class 2018

Susan Bailey
Jack Call
Ami Jo
Brent Opell

Elder Class 2019

Jama Hayes
Peggy Kincaid
Fred Piercy
Brian Smith
Melanie Smith

Elder Class 2020

Heather Polikoff
Jimmy Ritter
Jen Stewart
Andrew Warren

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ANNOUNCEMENTS & OPPORTUNITIES

AUGUST 6, 2017

Welcome to all who gather for worship today. May each of us know something of God's grace and be moved toward deeper faith, sincere love, and service following Christ. No matter who you are, or what you are seeking, you are welcome here. **If you are seeking a church home, we invite you to explore all that happens in life and ministry in this church.**

We are grateful for our Ukirk intern, Ginny Pearson, who is our liturgist today and all the gifts she brings to BPC.

THE CELEBRATION FLOWERS are sponsored by Lois Price in loving memory of Renie Newman.

A Few Celebration Flower dates are still available: Oct. 8, 15 and Dec. 31. Please let Sherry know if you would like to sponsor one of these dates by email to sherry@blacksburgpres.org. Please include the date you'd like to sponsor, color preferences, and what you would like to have printed in the bulletin. You may order an arrangement by Best Wishes, which will cost \$50, or you may wish the Flower Committee to make an arrangement for you, cost \$50, or elect to have the Peace Lilies in worship and donate the cost to a church program or charity of your choice.

Creation Care thought: What a thing it is to sit absolutely alone, in the forest, at night, cherished by this wonderful, unintelligible, perfectly innocent speech, the most comforting speech in the world, the talk that rain makes by itself all over the ridges, and the talk of the watercourses everywhere in the hollows. Nobody started it, nobody is going to stop it. It will talk as long as it wants, this rain. As long as it talks, I am going to listen.

--Thomas Merton (1915-1968), *Raids on the Unspeakable, Abbey of Gethsemani*

Summer Art Exhibit in Westminster Hall: "Photographic Views: Light and Gold- Hans Stahl, and Humanity of the Moment- Davis Mesmer".

The B & B group (Bible and Breakfast): The Summer Tuesday morning Bible Study Group will have summer school / breakfast meetings at **Panera Bread, 715 University City Blvd, on Tuesday mornings at 7:30 a.m.** through August 22. We will be drinking coffee, eating breakfast, sharing life stories, and discussing our thoughts on the Bible texts as listed in the lectionary. We are quite informal and would love you to join us. For more information contact: Scott or Melanie Smith at Scott-808-3779/ scottsmith4u@gmail.com; Melanie- 808-8337/ melscofam@gmail.com. **Tuesday Morningstars begin at BPC on Tuesday, Aug. 29 at 7:30 a.m.** All are welcome! Caffeine will be provided!

Volunteers Needed!

Ushers and Coffee Hosts

Summertime is difficult to get volunteers to help during worship. **Coffee Hosts:** If you can help make coffee on Sunday mornings (Coffee Fellowship is from 10:00-10:30 a.m. on Sunday mornings) please contact Peggy Kincaid at fellowship@blacksburgpres.org or (540) 808-6154.

Ushers are also needed every Sunday. Four people are required to make this opportunity to serve go smoothly.

It is a great way for your family to be a part of worship at BPC! Single folks too!

Contact Rob Kincaid at rbk0831@gmail.com or the church office at 552-2504.

Please do your part by being involved at church. It's who we are!

SERVING TODAY

Church Opener:

Jim Echols

Elder of the Week:

Today: Andrew Warren

Mon-Sunday: Brian Smith

Ushers:

Greg and Anne Campbell and Darrell Bosch

Counters:

Greg Campbell and Neal Boyd

Coffee Hosts:

Scott and Melanie Smith

Next Week: Volunteer needed!

Please see Peggy Kincaid if you can help.

THIS WEEK AT BPC - HCR-Hatcher Conference Room, WM-Westminster, FH-Fellowship Hall

- August 6 Summer Choir at 9:45 a.m. in the Choir Room.
Coffee Fellowship at 10:00 a.m.
Worship with Communion at 10:30 a.m. – Catherine Taylor preaching
- Aug. 7 Staff meets at 1:30 p.m. – HCR
- Aug. 8 Bible & Breakfast Group (Summer Tuesday Morningstars Bible Study) at 7:30 a.m. – at Panera Bread, 715 University City Blvd.- All are welcome!
Quilters meet at 9:30 a.m. – FH
Prayer Group meets at 11:00 a.m. – Prayer Room- All are welcome!
- Aug. 9 PJGM meets at 12:30 p.m. – HCR
Children's Ed Ministry meets at 7:00 p.m. - WM
- Aug. 10 Caring for the Community at 9:30 a.m.
New Elder Training at 7:00 p.m. -WM
- Aug. 13 No Summer Choir today
Sunday School Teacher Orientation at 9:00 a.m.
Coffee Fellowship at 10:00 a.m.
Worship with Communion at 10:30 a.m. – Catherine Taylor, preaching

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

- Aug. 18 Faith on Tap at 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Location to be determined!
- Aug. 20 Rally Day!
Session meets at 7:00 p.m. - HCR
- Aug. 23 Adult Choir begins at 7:00 p.m.
- Aug. 26 Making the Shift event at BPC 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
Food and childcare will be provided! All are welcome!
- Aug. 27 Sunday School begins at 9:00 a.m.
- Aug. 28 KnitWits gather at 1:00 p.m.
- Aug. 29 PWCT meets at 2:30 p.m. - WM



Sing a New Song Summer Singing: Our Summer Choir is open to all, young and old(er), who enjoy singing. This includes children. **August 20 is the last Summer Choir date- we will not be meeting next Sunday, August 13.** We meet in the upstairs rehearsal room at 9:45 to practice a song and offer it as the anthem during worship. No special talent required, and no commitment is necessary. A weekly email will be sent to all potential singers, with information about the upcoming Sunday and a reminder of practice time and place. **Adult Choir Practice begins on Wednesday, Aug. 23 at 7:00 p.m.**

For any additional information please email Jeffrey at jeffrey@blacksburgpres.org with your name and contact information.



We can't do it without