

For Prayer & Contemplation

‘A good sheepdog never barks or bites, he just goes happily on carrying out the shepherd’s directives. Even when he can’t see the results himself, that dog is confident that the shepherd knows what he’s doing and has things well in hand.’ - *Harold Senkbeil*

Welcome & Sharing Information

Prelude “My Eyes for Beauty Pine” – Howells - *Sanctuary Choir*

Call to Worship (*From Seekers Church in Washington, DC*)

One: Let us worship the One who calls us.

All: **Here we are,
ready or not,
called by the One
who lived and died
and rose to live again among us.**

One: Here we are,
ready or not,
bringing our everyday selves
to praise and to pray,
to know the Holy One
in the midst of our lives.

All: **Let us worship the One who calls us.**

*Hymn No. 761 “Called as Partners in Christ’s Service”

Prayer of Confession

Holy God,
your faithfulness to us has been steady,
but our faithfulness has not.
We have let busyness in our lives crowd out time with you.
We have let other obligations keep us from serving you.
What we offer to you has dwindled,
and we find ourselves lost and overwhelmed.

Forgive us, Lord.
Draw us in to you and let us know the power of your presence.
Straighten us out and set us on the right path.
Help us to learn, grow,
and serve you as faithfully as you have been to us.

Moment of Silence

Words of Assurance (*Adapted from 1 Timothy 1:15-16*)

One: The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. For this reason, God offers us mercy, so that we might be examples of Christ’s love and patience for those who trust in him.

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

All: **Thanks be to God.**

*Hymn No. 643 (v.3) “Now Thank We All Our God”

**“All praise and thanks to God, who reigns in highest heaven,
to Father and to Son and Spirit now be given: the one eternal
God, whom heaven and earth adore, the God who was, who
is, and shall be evermore.”**

*Passing of Peace

One: May the Peace of Christ be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

Time with Children (Dismissal to Sunday School)

Pastor: It is time for you to depart.

Adults: **God be with you there.**

Children: **God be with you here.**

Scripture

First Reading: *Isaiah 6:1-8*
Old Testament PG 635-6, Large Print 778

Second Reading: *Luke 10:1-11*
New Testament PG 71, Large Print 86

Prayer of Illumination

Sermon “Leading Well” - *Rev. Drew Harrison*

*Affirmation of Faith (*Apostle’s Creed*)

I believe in God, the Father, almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead...

On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

Leadership Moment *Lionel Stewart*

Invitation to Offering

Offertory

*Doxology No. 606

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.

*Unison Prayer of Dedication

Gracious God, your gifts are more than we deserve. We give you our thanks as we offer up our gifts. Accept them, bless them, and let them serve your kingdom as we do. Amen.

The Prayers of the People

The family of Gerald & Constance, the family of Irv, Meg, Gorman, the family of Ginnie, Heather, Jeff, Joanna, Timmy, Dorothy, Sara, Jim, David, Ted, William, Mimi, Rachael, Laura, Russell, Phyllis, Aaron, Nic, Douglas

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.

*Hymn No. 767 “Together We Serve”

*Benediction

***Benediction Hymn No. 742** "We Will Walk with God"

"We will walk with God, my brothers; we will walk with God. We will walk with God, my sisters; we will walk with God. We will go rejoicing till the kingdom has come. We will go rejoicing till the kingdom has come."

Postlude "We Are Called" - arr. Biery

***** **Please stand as you are able.** *****

<i>Thank you to our Worship Servers</i>	
Liturgist	Vicki Downing
Ushers	Vicki Downing, Jeff Downing
Acolyte	Jillian Lai
Coffee Hr. Hosts	Pat Meudt, Linda Davis



Today's prelude is an anthem by English composer Herbert Howells (1892-1983) featuring a text by Robert Bridges. Dr. Bridges, a medical doctor by training, was the Poet Laureate in England during the reign of King George V. His poem reads:

"My eyes for beauty pine, my soul for God's grace,
No other care nor hope is mine, to heaven I turn my face.
One splendor thence is shed from all the stars above:
'Tis named when God's name is said, 'tis Love, 'tis heavenly Love.
And every gentle heart that burns with true desire, is lit from eyes that mirror part of that celestial fire."

We thank the Sanctuary Choir for sharing special music with us this morning.



<i>This Week's Calendar</i> October 10-17	
<i>Sunday</i> October 10	10 AM Worship Service 11 AM Bible Study - Agape Room/Virtual
<i>Monday</i> October 11	7 PM Property Committee - Agape Room
<i>Tuesday</i> October 12	7 PM Invitation & Outreach - Memorial Lounge
<i>Wednesday</i> October 13	
<i>Thursday</i> October 14	
<i>Friday</i> October 15	
<i>Saturday</i> October 16	9:30 AM Grace Circle
<i>Sunday</i> October 17	10 AM Worship Service 11 AM Bible Study - Agape Room/Virtual 1 PM CROP Hunger Walk - East New Street Park, Glassboro

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