

Berwyn Presbyterian Church

9th Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, July 21, 2024

10:30 a.m.

THE GATHERING

Let all enter the sanctuary in a spirit of prayer.

Please remember to turn off your cell phones for worship.

** indicates please stand if you are able. Congregation reads words in **bold**.*

GG indicates Glory to God Hymnal found in the pews.

This worship service is being livestreamed to the internet, and you may appear on our Facebook page channel.

Prelude

Shepherd Me, O God

Marty Haugen

Ringing of the Hour

Prelude

My Shepherd Will Supply My Need

U.S.A. folk melody

Welcome

* Call to Worship (Based on Mark 6:30 and Psalm 23)

Christ calls to us: "Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest awhile."

O God, you prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies,

You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life

and I shall dwell in God's house my whole life long.

* Hymn GG 802

The King of Love My Shepherd Is

Irish Melody

(see next page for hymn)

802 The King of Love My Shepherd Is

(Psalm 23)

1 The King of love my shep-herd is, whose good - ness
2 Where streams of liv - ing wa - ter flow my ran - somed
3 Per - verse and fool - ish oft I strayed, but yet in
4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill with thee, dear

fail - eth nev - er; I noth - ing lack if
soul he lead - eth, and where the ver - dant
love he sought me, and on his shoul - der
Lord, be - side me; thy rod and staff my

I am his and he is mine for - ev - er.
pas - tures grow, with food ce - les - tial feed - eth.
gent - ly laid, and home, re - joic - ing, brought me.
com - fort still, thy cross be - fore to guide me.

- 5 Thou spread'st a table in my sight;
thy unction grace bestoweth;
and O what transport of delight
from thy pure chalice floweth!
- 6 And so through all the length of days
thy goodness faileth never;
Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise
within thy house forever.

Since its creation in the mid-19th century, this text has been one of the favorite paraphrases of Psalm 23 in the English-speaking world. That popularity increased in the early 20th century when *The English Hymnal*, 1906, first joined these words to this flowing Irish melody.

*** Call to Confession**

*** Prayer of Confession**

Merciful God, you call us to love our neighbors and the planet that you have entrusted to our care, but we do not always follow. You call us to love you with everything we have, but our attention drifts. You know what these confessions mean for each of us. Forgive us, Holy One, and refocus us. Draw us back to you. (Moments for silent confession.) Amen.

*** Assurance of Pardon**

Christ has set us free. Claim your forgiveness. Rejoice in God's grace and healing. Respond with bold, courageous love.

To God be the glory! Amen.

*** The Peace**

Leader: May the peace of the risen Christ be with you always.

People: **And also with you.**

(Please share the peace with a few neighbors.)

*** Welcome Song**

You're Welcome in the Name of the Lord

Traditional Cameroon

You're welcome in the name of the Lord. You're welcome in the name of the Lord,
for we see in you the glory of the Lord, you're welcome in the name of the Lord.

We love you in the name of the Lord. We love you in the name of the Lord,
for we see in you the glory of the Lord, we love you in the name of the Lord.

(Visitors, welcome, please fill out a visitor card and place it in the offering plate.

Prayer request cards will be collected later in the service, please prepare them ahead of time.)

THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Hebrew Bible Jeremiah 23:1-6

Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the Lord. Therefore, thus says the Lord, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people: It is you who have scattered my flock, and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them.

So I will attend to you for your evil doings, says the Lord. Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall not fear any longer, or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the Lord.

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called:

'The Lord is our righteousness.'

This is the Word of the Lord! **Thanks be to God.**



Message for Children

Rev. Clark

New Testament John 20:1-18

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.' Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went towards the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to their homes.

But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to her, 'Woman, why are you weeping?' She said to them, 'They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him.' When she had said this, she turned round and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, 'Woman, why are you weeping? For whom are you looking?' Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, 'Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.' Jesus said to her, 'Mary!' She turned and said to him in Hebrew, 'Rabbouni!' (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, 'Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, "I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God." ' Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, 'I have seen the Lord'; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

This is the Word of the Lord! **Thanks be to God.**



Sermon

What Makes a Good Shepherd?

Rev. Nancy Clark

*** Hymn GG 726**

Will You Come and Follow Me

Scottish Melody

(see hymn on next page)

726 Will You Come and Follow Me

The Summons

Capo 3: (D) (A7) (Bm) (Em7) (Asus) (A)
 F C7 Dm Gm7 Csus C

- 1 "Will you come and fol - low me if I but call your name?
- 2 "Will you leave your-self be-hind if I but call your name?
- 3 "Will you let the blind - ed see if I but call your name?
- 4 "Will you love the 'you' you hide if I but call your name?
- 5 Lord, your sum-mons ech - oes true when you but call my name.

(D) (A7) (Bm) (Em7) (G) (D)
 F C7 Dm Gm7 B^b F

Will you go where you don't know and nev - er be the same?
 Will you care for cruel and kind and nev - er be the same?
 Will you set the pris-oners free and nev - er be the same?
 Will you quell the fear in - side and nev - er be the same?
 Let me turn and fol - low you and nev - er be the same.

(Em7) (G) (F#m7) (G) (Asus)(A)
 Gm7 B^b Am7 B^b Csus C

Will you let my love be shown; will you let my name be known;
 Will you risk the hos - tile stare should your life at - tract or scare?
 Will you kiss the lep - er clean, and do such as this un - seen,
 Will you use the faith you've found to re-shape the world a - round,
 In your com - pa - ny I'll go where your love and foot-steps show.

(D) (A7) (Bm) (Em7) (G) (D)
 F C7 Dm Gm7 B^b F

will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?"
 Will you let me an - swer prayer in you and you in me?"
 and ad - mit to what I mean in you and you in me?"
 through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?"
 Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.

The first four stanzas of this ballad-like hymn are understood to be in the voice of Christ, with the fifth reflecting the individual singer's response. Created for this traditional Scottish tune, the text was written to mark the conclusion of a youth volunteer's time of ministry.

Affirmation of Faith (from A Brief Statement of Faith lines 1-6, 7-8, 19-26, 77-79)

In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve. We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal. With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

Traditional

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.

THE THANKSGIVING

Announcements

Call for the Offering

**With gratitude for all God has given us,
let us return our offerings to God.**

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It consists of three systems of music. Each system has a vocal line on a treble clef staff and a piano accompaniment on a bass clef staff. The key signature is one sharp (F#), and the time signature is common time (C). The lyrics are: "Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise Christ, all people here below; praise Holy Spirit ever more; praise Tri-une God, whom we adore. Amen." The piano accompaniment features a steady bass line with chords that support the vocal melody.

TEXT: Neil Weatherhogg, 1988
MUSIC: Genevan Psalter, 1551
Text © 1990 Neil Weatherhogg

OLD HUNDRETH
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*** Prayer of Dedication**

THE SENDING

* Hymn GG 700

I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me

African American spiritual

1 I'm gon-na live so (live so)
 2 I'm gon-na work so (work so) God can use me an - y -
 3 I'm gon-na pray so (pray so)
 4 I'm gon-na sing so (sing so)

where, Lord, an - y - time!
 (an - y - time!)
 I'm gon-na
 I'm gon-na
 I'm gon-na
 I'm gon-na

live so (live so)
 work so (work so) God can use me an - y -
 pray so (pray so)
 sing so (sing so)

where, Lord, an - y - time!
 (my Lord,) (an - y - time!)

This African American spiritual has more depth than may at first appear: for people who are bound in slavery to sing about dedicating themselves to God's use shows a profound awareness of God-given self-worth despite circumstances that would deny their human or spiritual value.

TEXT: African American spiritual
 MUSIC: African American spiritual; arr. Wendell P. Whalum, 1984
 Music Arr. © Estate of Wendell P. Whalum

I'M GONNA LIVE
 Irregular

*** Charge and Benediction**

*** Congregational Response**

I Will Trust in the Lord (verse 1)

African American spiritual

*I will trust in the Lord, I will trust in the Lord,
I will trust in the Lord till I die.
I will trust in the Lord, I will trust in the Lord,
I will trust in the Lord till I die.*

*** Postlude**

Flocks in Pastures, Green Abiding

Johann Sebastian Bach

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Weekly News – July 21, 2024

Thank you for joining us online today. We are delighted for the opportunity to worship God with you. Please feel at home and join us again. Visitors are encouraged to drop us a line at our church website: <https://berwynpresbyterianchurch.net>, or to write to the church email address: berwyn.office@gmail.com. We would love to be in touch.

NOTE: Prelude will start at 10:20 a.m. The church bell will ring at 10:25 a.m. between two Preludes. Come a little early and relax with a few minutes of music before the start of the service.



LEADING WORSHIP TODAY:

The Rev. Nancy Clark, *Guest Minister*
Dr. Gabriel Ruiz-Bernal, *Music Director*
Elder Victoria Uche, *Worship Associate*

SUPPORTING WORSHIP TODAY:

Camera, Facebook and sound system operation provided by the Berwyn Stream Team.
Members of the Choir (*recorded music or in person*)
Helen Alapa/Ola Isu, *Deacons, Ushers*

OUR GUEST PREACHER - Rev. Nancy Boyla Clark

After graduating from Grove City College and Pittsburgh Theological Seminary, in 1974 Nancy was ordained as the half-time, assistant pastor for Christian Education at Eastminster Presbyterian Church in Hyattsville, as only the second woman to be ordained by National Capital Presbytery.. In 1977 she also began work as a new church development pastor in Gaithersburg. When the collapse of the housing market closed that project, she began a new career as an Interim Pastor. She also was active in the presbytery and synod; serving twice as moderator of the former Synod of the Virginias and later of the Synod of the Mid-Atlantic. She officially retired in 2012 after her 17th interim pastorate and numerous other short-term assignments. She continues to do pulpit supply, session moderating and pastoral care as needed.

**THIS WORSHIP SERVICE IS BEING LIVESTREAMED TO THE INTERNET.
YOU MAY APPEAR ON OUR FACEBOOK PAGE CHANNEL.**

PRAYER REQUESTS will be collected during the worship service. Please fill out a prayer request card found in the pew racks so you will be ready to pass it in at the appropriate time.

TIME FOR PRAYERS with the Board of Deacons

Sundays from 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm for all prayers. Members are encouraged to join by zoom or telephone by clicking on this link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83559134324?pwd=YkszemlaTDJMMzJpeWZqR3ZjcU9XQT09>

Meeting ID: 835 5913 4324

Passcode: 478708

For more details, contact Elder Victoria Uche, Worship Chair, or Alain Moudji

PANTRY APPEAL

The pantry shelves are in great need of applesauce, fruit cocktail, canned peaches, canned pears, etc. We haven't been able to provide fruit to our clients recently due to the shelves being empty. When out shopping think about providing canned fruit for our people in need.

8/19, ZOOM CLASS - CALLING ALL ADULTS INTERESTED IN CHURCH MEMBERSHIP!

If you are interested in becoming a new member at Berwyn Presbyterian Church, there will be a new Members' class held via zoom on Monday, August 19, 7 – 8:30 pm with Rev. Holly Ulmer. Potential new members will join the church early in the fall season, after first attending a class, and then meeting with the Session (as required according to our Book of Order). Please contact Lynne Brady at berwyn.office@gmail.com to register for the upcoming class and with any questions.

NEW DATE COMING FOR THE AUCTION SALE, BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION, & PICNIC

The board of Deacons unanimously voted to move the picnic/auction to a date to be agreed upon in August or September, 2024 due to the hot weather condition. The session is voting on this. We will continue to accept donations both in cash and kind." For additional information please contact Dr. Ophelia Mbah, Moderator, Board of Deacons.

***Deacon Auction Sale:**

Donate your gently used, saleable items (clothing, household items, books, etc.) to support the Deacons' ministries and work at Berwyn Church

***Picnic:** Enjoy a potluck-style picnic with your church family.

*Please bring your auction items to the church by August 21st. On the rescheduled date of the event bring a dish to share for the picnic. We look forward to seeing you there!

*Questions? *Contact Deacon Sandy:

Let's come together for a wonderful afternoon to support our church's Deacon mission!

FEEL FREE TO USE OTHER DOORS

Door 2 (that goes up to Kidder Hall) was the main entry for worship services until the pandemic. Then after months of being directed to door 5 (front porch), you may have forgotten about using any other door. Door 2 leads up to Kidder Hall and is especially welcome if food is being brought to Kidder Hall for Birthday Sunday. Door 1 (by the office) or door 7 (lower end of the side drive) will also get you into the building and out of the weather more quickly than going to the front door.

GIVING TO THE CHURCH

Thank you for your continued giving to support Berwyn Church! Here are the various ways we can continue to make our contributions and pledges. Choose the most convenient method!

- Pay by your cell phone using CashApp, and texting to **\$B2God** or dialing 301-768-2729 and then checking that the name Rex Powell, treasurer, appears confirming that it is going to the church account.
- U.S. Mail – send your check to Berwyn Presbyterian Church, 6301 Greenbelt Road, Berwyn Heights, MD 20740
- Drop your contribution in the locked drop box by door 1 (below the regular mailbox).
- Use BillPay through your bank and they will mail us the check.
- Place your offering in the basket in the sanctuary if you are worshiping in-person.

HAVING A MEETING OR OTHER ACTIVITY?

Be sure to advise Property team members Shadrack Fogwe and Rex Powell well in advance to get it on the office planning calendar if it will be in the church building.

Also please email Lynne at berwyn.office@gmail.com on Mondays so that it can be included in the calendar part of the Weekly News, whether in-person or by Zoom.

CONTACT INFORMATION

Rev. Holly Ulmer, Stated Supply Pastor, please email her at revhollyulmer@gmail.com

Rev. Holly is happy to meet with you either in-person or via zoom by setting up an appointment.

Victoria Uche, Clerk of Session, send an email to clerkofsession.berwynpc@gmail.com

Dr. Ophilia Mbah, Moderator, Board of Deacons, send an email to deaconboard.bpc@gmail.com

Dr. Gabriel Ruiz-Bernal, Music Director, regarding music at Berwyn or the stream team that operates camera, sound, and Facebook, send an email to berwynmusic@gmail.com

THIS WEEK AND NEXT AT BERWYN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Sunday, July 21, 2024

10:30 am, Worship Service (in Sanctuary and on Facebook)
6:00 pm, Time for Prayer (Zoom, Contact: Elder Victoria Uche)

Tuesday, July 23, 2024

12:15 pm, Weekly News Deadline (berwyn.office@gmail.com)

Sunday, July 28, 2024

10:30 am, Worship Service (in Sanctuary and on Facebook)
6:00 pm, Time for Prayer (Zoom, Contact: Elder Victoria Uche)

Tuesday, July 30, 2024

12:15 pm, Weekly News Deadline (berwyn.office@gmail.com)

**For Church Calendar items, please send an email to berwyn.office@gmail.com
(Contact: Lynne Brady) For Weekly News items, deadline is Tuesday, 12:15 pm.
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