

Berwyn Presbyterian Church

16th Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, September 8, 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

Let Us Build a House

Marty Haugen

Ringing of the Hour

Prelude

"The Encounter"

M. Roger Holland II

Welcome

* Call to Worship

Trust in the Lord, who made heaven and earth;

Trust in the Lord, who loves every part of it.

Trust in the Lord, who cares for those in need;

Trust in the Lord, who leads us to do the same.

Let us worship God,

Who shows us the way.

* Hymn GG 390

Praise, Praise, Praise the Lord!

Cameroon melody

(see next page for hymn)

Praise, Praise, Praise the Lord! 390

Louez le Seigneur!

Musical score for the first system, featuring three staves: a vocal line in treble clef, a tenor line in treble clef, and a bass line in bass clef. The time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are: Praise, praise, praise the Lord! Praise God's ho - ly name. Al - le - lu - ia! Lou - ez le Sei - gneur! Lou - ez son saint nom. Al - le - lu - ia!

Musical score for the second system, featuring three staves: a vocal line in treble clef, a tenor line in treble clef, and a bass line in bass clef. The time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are: Praise God's ho-ly name. Al-le-lu-ia! Praise God's ho-ly name. Al-le-lu-ia! Lou - ez son saint nom. Al-le-lu-ia! Lou - ez son saint nom. Al-le-lu-ia!

This song may be repeated, adding a vocal part on each repetition: melody (alto) alone; melody + tenor; melody + lower parts; all voices.

This brief song of praise comes from Cameroon, where it is used primarily as a processional song with rhythmic movement and increasing harmonies. The organizing aesthetic here is repetition, experienced as a means of intensification expressed in multiple languages.

*** Call to Confession**

*** Prayer of Confession**

Holy God, although we honor you with our words and worship, our hearts are often far from you. We are quick to judge, quick to exclude, quick to put others down instead of building them up. Forgive us, God. Help us amend our ways.

Help us embrace the inclusive love you graciously offer us and expect us to offer others. Amen.

*** Assurance of Pardon**

(Book of Common Worship)

The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting. I declare to you, in the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. May the God of mercy, who forgives you all your sins, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

Thanks be to God! 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 Psalm 146

Praise the Lord!

Praise the Lord, O my soul!

I will praise the Lord as long as I live;

I will sing praises to my God all my life long.

Do not put your trust in princes,

in mortals, in whom there is no help.

When their breath departs, they return to the earth;

on that very day their plans perish.

Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob,

whose hope is in the Lord their God,

who made heaven and earth,
the sea, and all that is in them;
who keeps faith for ever;
who executes justice for the oppressed;
who gives food to the hungry.

The Lord sets the prisoners free;
the Lord opens the eyes of the blind.
The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down;
the Lord loves the righteous.
The Lord watches over the strangers;
he upholds the orphan and the widow,
but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.

The Lord will reign for ever,
your God, O Zion, for all generations.
Praise the Lord!

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



Message for Children

Rev. Ullmer

New Testament Mark 7:24-37

From there he set out and went away to the region of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there. Yet he could not escape notice, but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet. Now the woman was a Gentile, of Syrophenician origin. She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. He said to her, 'Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs.' But she answered him, 'Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs.' Then he said to her, 'For saying that, you may go—the demon has left your daughter.' So she went home, found the child lying on the bed, and the demon gone.

Then he returned from the region of Tyre, and went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. They brought to him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they begged him to lay his hand on him. He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue. Then looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, 'Ephphatha', that is, 'Be opened.' And immediately his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. Then Jesus ordered them to tell no one; but the more he ordered them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. They were astounded beyond measure, saying, 'He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak.'

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



Capo 3: (D) (A7)

Refrain F C7

Je - su, Je - su, fill us with your love; show

(D) (D/F#) (Em7) (A7) (D) F Fine

us how to serve the neigh-bors we have from you.

(D) (Bm) (Em) (A)

F Dm Gm C

1 Kneels at the feet of his friends, si - lent - ly wash - es their
 2 Neigh-bors are wealth-y and poor, var - ied in col - or and
 3 These are the ones we should serve; these are the ones we should
 4 Lov - ing puts us on our knees, will - ing to wash oth - ers'

(D) (Bm) (Em7) (A7) (D)

F Dm Gm7 C7 F to Refrain

feet, Mas - ter who acts as a slave to them.
 race; neigh-bors are near us and far a - way.
 love; all these are neigh-bors to us and you.
 feet; this is the way we should live like you.

Considering that this text comes from a part of the world where Christianity is not the primary religion gives these simple but powerful words even more depth and meaning. The tune name recalls the district in the Northern Region of Ghana where this tune was collected.

TEXT: Tom Colvin, 1969, rev. 1997, alt.
 MUSIC: Ghanaian folk melody; adapt. Tom Colvin, 1963; arr. Jane Marshall, 1982
 Text and Music © 1969 Hope Publishing Company
 Music Arr. © 1982 Hope Publishing Company

CHEREONI
 7.7.9 with refrain

***Affirmation of Faith**

(Book of Common Worship; Romans 8:1, 28, 38, 39)

We believe there is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus; for we know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to God's purpose. We are convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to 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

We have more to offer than we recognize or realize. God has given us abundant gifts.
Let us faithfully respond to our generous God, by presenting our tithes and offerings.

Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow; praise Christ, all peo-ple
 here be - low; praise Ho - ly Spir - it ev - er - more;
 praise Tri - une God, whom we a - dore. A - men.

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

OLD HUNDREDTH
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*** Prayer of Dedication**

THE SENDING

*** Hymn GG 20**

All Things Bright and Beautiful

English melody, 17th cent.

20 All Things Bright and Beautiful

Refrain

All things bright and beau-ti - ful, all crea-tures great and small,

all things wise and won - der - ful, the Lord God made them all.

1 Each lit - tle flower that o - pens, each lit - tle bird that sings,
 2 The pur - ple-head-ed moun-tain, the riv - er run-ning by,
 3 The cold wind in the win - ter, the pleas-ant sum-mer sun,
 4 God gave us eyes to see them, and lips that we might tell

God made their glow-ing col - ors; God made their ti - ny wings.
 the sun - set, and the morn - ing that bright-ens up the sky:
 the ripe fruits in the gar - den, God made them ev - ery one.
 how great is God Al - might - y, who has made all things well.

One of a series of hymns the author wrote for children on the Apostles' Creed, this text (originally in seven stanzas) expands "Maker of heaven and earth." The first stanza became the refrain when the text was later set to a popular tune from the age of King Charles II.

TEXT: Cecil Frances Alexander, 1848, alt.
 MUSIC: English melody, 17th cent.; adapt. Martin Shaw, 1915; harm. *The Hymnbook*, 1955
 Music Harm. © 1955, ren. 1983 John Ribble (admin. Westminster John Knox Press)

*** Charge and Benediction**

*** Congregational Response**

This Little Light of Mine

African American spiritual

*This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.*

*** Postlude**

I'll Praise My Maker

Attr. Matthäus Greiter, 1525

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Weekly News – September 8, 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. Holly Ulmer, *Minister*

Dr. Gabriel Ruiz-Bernal, *Music Director*

Elder Alain Moudji, *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*)

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

NEW DATE FOR CONGREGATIONAL MEETING, PART 1

The Session approved the changing of the date for the Congregational Meeting, Part 1 to **Sunday, October 27th** after the Church Service. Please mark your calendars!

UPDATE ON FINANCIAL UPDATE

Through August, we have spent \$13,213 more than has been received from members, renters, and investments. Income from last year's investments (interest and dividends) and the Gahan Bequest have already been received for this year. The part of the financial picture over which "we" have total control is member giving which is running 5% behind what was anticipated in the budget. August had the lowest giving of any month this year. Let's hope it is just a "summer slump" resulting from vacations. The pandemic led us to explore and encourage a wide range of ways to give and now we have added Zelle. It is up to us to make use of them.

--Rex Powell, Treasurer

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.

FOR PARENTS WITH YOUNG CHILDREN

Thank you for coming with your family to worship today. Our church strives to be a welcoming Community of Faith for everyone. After the children's message, all children are encouraged to attend Sunday School where they will learn Bible stories and have time to spend with their peers. For parents that prefer to have their child with them in the sanctuary, we just ask that if your child becomes uncomfortable and is crying, please step out of the sanctuary briefly. When they are settled down, please return so we can continue to worship and praise God together. The sermon being delivered is important to hear by those attending the service in the sanctuary and for those watching online. Thank You.

-From the Christian Education and Worship Committees

OUTSIDE DOORS CLOSED, LIGHTS OFF

... especially when you leave. Our latest electricity bill was over \$1,300 and the one before that nearly \$1,200. Let's keep the cooled air in and the hot air out, and lights off when not needed. We don't leave our doors open at home or all the lights on for convenience, so let's not at our church. We also want to keep insects and wildlife outside.

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!

- **NEW...** Zelle – use the email address of berwyntreasurer05@gmail.com. If it is for a special purpose like HVAC, pantry, deacons, or one of the PCUSA special offerings, please make that clear in the memo.
- 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
- Use BillPay through your bank and they will mail us the check.
- Place your offering in the basket in the sanctuary if you are worshipping 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, September 8, 2024

- 10:30 am, Worship Service (in Sanctuary and on Facebook)
- 11:45 am, Birthday Sunday celebration (Kidder Hall)
- 6:00 pm, Time for Prayer (Zoom, Contact: Elder Victoria Uche)

Tuesday, September 10, 2024

- 12:15 pm, Weekly News Deadline (berwyn.office@gmail.com)
- 7:15 pm Worship Committee Meeting (Zoom: Contact Natalie Murray)

Wednesday, September 11, 2024

- 6:00 pm Choir Practice, Music Room (Contact Dr. Gabriel Ruiz-Bernal)
- 7:00 pm Finance Committee Meeting (Zoom: Contact Peggy Sisson)

Saturday, September 14, 2024

- 10:00 am – 12:00 pm Confirmation Class (Zoom, Contacts Steve Alapa, Rev. Holly)

Sunday, September 15, 2024

- 10:30 am, Worship Service (in Sanctuary and on Facebook)
- 1:00 pm, Session Meeting (Zoom, Contact: Clerk Victoria Uche)
- 6:00 pm, Time for Prayer (Zoom, Contact: Elder Victoria Uche)

**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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