

Date: June 18, 2023
Season of the Holy Spirit

Prayer of Preparation Jeremiah 29:11

For surely, I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope. (NRSV)

Gathering in the Presence of God
**Please stand as able, in body or in spirit*

Gathering Music *A Joyful Ring* Barbara Kenyon
Cantilena Josef Rheinberger
The Westminster Hand Chime Choir

***Call to Worship** (responsively) Liturgist

On an ordinary Sunday, we come to worship God:

we come, trusting God will speak to us; we come, hoping God will surprise us.

On this day, like every other day, we seek to follow Jesus:

we follow, believing Jesus will be with us; we follow, hoping Jesus will work through us.

On this day, we lift our souls to God's Spirit:

we open our hearts, that the Spirit may fill us; we open our hands, that we might be a gift to others.

***Hymn** *My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less* GTG 353

Call to Confession - Invitation to Change Liturgist

In your faithfulness, God of life and hope, hear our confession we pray. Let us admit our need to change, first in silent prayer...Let us pray.

Confessing Our Separation from God (unison) Liturgist

How easily we pat ourselves on the back, Listening Love, for the lives we lead. We welcome the praise of others, but have little compassion for those

who have failed us. We assume that a comfortable life is our birthright, yet believe poor choices produce suffering for those around us. We boast of the good we do, but forget to thank you for all that you have given to us. Forgive us, Companion of Compassion, for breaking your heart, and disappointing your hopes for us. As we seek to follow your Child, may we be found with those whose lives are barren, with those who know little laughter in their day, with those who have received no love from others - for in their presence, we will find Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Amen.

***Assurance of Forgiveness**

Jesus, Draw Me Close

R. Founds

Jesus, draw me close; Closer, Lord, to You.
Let the world around me fade away.
Jesus, draw me close;
Closer, Lord, to You.
For I desire to worship and obey.

***Passing the Peace of Christ**

We Hear God's Word

Prayer of Illumination

Liturgist

Anthem

If I Can Help Somebody
Soloist: Ric Fernandes

Epistle Lesson

Romans 5:1-5

Liturgist

Reflection

Grounded in Hope

We Respond to God's Word

***Affirmation of Faith** (unison) *I Believe in Jesus*

Marc Nelson

WORSHIP TEAM

Pastor Eddie Jusino

Liturgist: Silvia Ritchie

Ushers: Diana Green and Nancy Tompkins

Organist: Brad Ucci

Soloist: Ric Fernandes

Chimes: The WPC Hand Chime Choir

AV Tech: Melissa Schrock and Blue Jade



HOST A FELLOWSHIP HOUR

We have openings for hosting Fellowship every Sunday. Sign up as a committee or with a few members. The menu can be very simple, the decision is up to you and brought in on Saturday or Sunday before worship. (If food is purchased, keep receipts for reimbursement.) Costs should not exceed \$60 and expect 35 – 40 people. Coffee, tea, water and paper products will be available for hosting. You'd be responsible for menu selection and delivery, set-up, clean up and trash detail. The Fellowship Team is available for consultation anytime.

JULY OPENINGS: July 16, July 23, July 30

AUGUST OPENINGS: August 6, August 13, August 20, August 27

Thank you in advance. Contact Charlotte (email - donceejake@aol.com or call *before 4:30pm* - 858-344-5183) to sign up or for any questions.

We need your help providing parking on the church lawn for those who are physically challenged. Please park on the side streets near the church so we can offer parking availability to those who need it most. Note that Sunday parking around the church will not be ticketed until 12:00. Thank you for your caring support for your church family.

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE ANNOUNCEMENTS

Our Faith Formation Team Ministry is very excited about this year's offerings.

"THESE DAYS, DAILY DEVOTIONS FOR LIVING BY FAITH" Pick up the new issue in the narthex (or order from <https://www.pcusastore.com>). We anticipate that using this resource on a daily basis will keep us all in conversation with Sunday morning worship proclamations of the Word.

SUNDAY, JUNE 25 @ 10am – SUNDAY SERVICE AND FELLOWSHIP hosted by the Worship Committee

WEDNESDAY, JULY 12 – AUGUST 16 – SUMMER BIBLE STUDY "Signs and Wonders: A Beginner's Guide to the Miracles of Jesus" - Led by Charles Gilmore and David Norton. Six sessions from 10 – 11:20am. In person only at Coolspring Community Hall, 28843 Log Cabin Hill Rd, Lewes, DE 19958

Text: Signs and Wonders by Amy-Jill Levine, is available for \$10 at the church office

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Our beloved **Mimi Peters** was admitted to Beebe Hospital on Friday, 6/9, for a cardiac procedure. She is recovering nicely at home with her family at hand and is joining us today online. We praise God for protecting our precious Sister in Christ and look forward to seeing her in person soon. Until then, may God continue to bless her and may the Holy Spirit comfort Mimi and her family as she faces another procedure in July.

Wonderful and talented, **Mary Beth Adair** is scheduled for her final surgery on 6/21/23. She asks that we keep her in prayer. She expresses her gratitude and appreciation for our prayers so far and is confident that they have made a difference. May God instill the surgeons with wisdom and skill, so that she experiences a full recovery. May the Holy Spirit lighten her burden and comfort her as she approaches this latest hurdle. With assurance, we look forward to seeing Mary Beth again soon.

Illness: **Mary Boyer** and **Barbara Eros**