

The Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost



St. Peter's Episcopal Church
Glenside, Pennsylvania
September 20, 2026
10 a.m.

Today's service music from the "Mass of Creation" is available on the cards in the pews.

Gathering in Joy

Prelude: He's On Our Side

W. Kimbrough

Performed by Deborah Way, Terita Reeve and Mike Reeve

Opening Hymn: All Are Welcome *(Please sing along)*

Marty Haugen

*Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safely live
A place where saints and children tell how hearts learn to forgive
Built of hopes and dreams and visions, rock of faith and vault of grace
Here the love of Christ shall end divisions:*

Chorus: All are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this place.

*Let us build a house where love is found in water, wine and wheat
A banquet hall on holy ground where peace and justice meet
Here the love of God, through Jesus, is revealed in time and space
As we share in Christ the feast that frees us: (Chorus)*

*Let us build a house where hands will reach beyond the wood and stone
To heal and strengthen serve and teach and live the Word they've known.
Here the outcast and the stranger bears the image of God's face
Let us bring an end to fear and danger: (Chorus)*

*Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and visions heard
And loved and treasured, taught and claimed as words within the Word.
Built of tears and cries and laughter, prayers of faith and songs of grace,
Let this house proclaim from floor to rafter: (Chorus)*

The Opening Acclamation

BCP 355

Presider: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People: And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

The Presider says to the people

Presider: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Presider: Let us pray.

The Collect of the Day

Grant us, Lord, not to be anxious about earthly things, but to love things heavenly; and even now, while we are placed among things that are passing away, to hold fast to those that shall endure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Listening for God's Word

The First Reading- *Jonah 3:10-4:11*

When God saw what the people of Nineveh did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it.

But this was very displeasing to Jonah, and he became angry. He prayed to the Lord and said, "O Lord! Is not this what I said while I was still in my own country? That is why I fled to Tarshish at the beginning; for I knew that you are a gracious God and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and ready to relent from punishing. And now, O Lord, please take my life from me, for it is better for me to die than to live." And the Lord said, "Is it right for

you to be angry?" Then Jonah went out of the city and sat down east of the city, and made a booth for himself there. He sat under it in the shade, waiting to see what would become of the city.

The Lord God appointed a bush, and made it come up over Jonah, to give shade over his head, to save him from his discomfort; so Jonah was very happy about the bush. But when dawn came up the next day, God appointed a worm that attacked the bush, so that it withered. When the sun rose, God prepared a sultry east wind, and the sun beat down on the head of Jonah so that he was faint and asked that he might die. He said, "It is better for me to die than to live."

But God said to Jonah, "Is it right for you to be angry about the bush?" And he said, "Yes, angry enough to die." Then the Lord said, "You are concerned about the bush, for which you did not labor and which you did not grow; it came into being in a night and perished in a night. And should I not be concerned about Nineveh, that great city, in which there are more than a hundred and twenty thousand persons who do not know their right hand from their left, and also many animals?"

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 145:1-8 (*Please use the Book of Common Prayer*)

BCP 801

The Epistle - *Philippians 1:21-30*

To me, living is Christ and dying is gain. If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me; and I do not know which I prefer. I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better; but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you. Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith, so that I may share abundantly in your boasting in Christ Jesus when I come to you again.

Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel, and are in no way intimidated by your opponents. For them this is evidence of their destruction, but of your salvation. And this is God's doing. For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ, but of suffering for him as well— since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Hymn: *The Hymnal 1982 (H82)*, #448 Oh Love How Deep

The Gospel – *Matthew 20:1-16*

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, "The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the laborers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace; and he said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.' So they went. When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, 'Why are you standing here idle all day?' They said to him, 'Because no one has hired us.' He said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard.' When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, 'Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.' When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, saying, 'These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.' But he replied to one of them, 'Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily

wage? Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?' So the last will be first, and the first will be last."

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**
The Sermon

The Rev. Jeannie Sachs

The Creed: The God We Love (Sung)
Please stand and sing along as you are able.

Rich Thompson
Sung by the Folk Group

We believe in one God the Father, the Almighty the Maker of all

*The One who rules the seen and unseen . We believe, and we adore.
Jesus Christ one Lord of creation from the Father begotten not made.
He is the Light from Light eternal and the God of every age.*

***Chorus: All Glory to the Father now, all honor to the Son
And praise the Spirit now and always. This is the God we love.***

*For the world and for our salvation. He came down from the heavens above.
Born of a virgin and the Spirit, truly man and truly God.
He was crucified under Pilate. Suffered death and was laid in the grave.
And in accordance with the scriptures, on the third He rose again. (Chorus)*

*And Christ has made His ascent into the heavens above
where He sits at the Father's right hand now
But He will come back again and He will judge in truth.....*

*The Holy Spirit has come voice of the prophets of God
Sent to us He has given us new life
Forgiven now and baptized one holy church we rise.....we rise*

(Chorus 2x)

This is the God we love.

*Now we wait to be resurrected, and we look for the world without end.
This is our creed, our faith, our anthem. This is the God we love.
This is the God we love.*

Prayers of the People

adapted from Intercessions for the Christian People

Made righteous through faith in Christ, asking that we may be faithful to the gift of God's grace, let us now pray to our God in the power of the Spirit, with the response: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

The Presider concludes with this prayer:

Eternal and compassionate God, receive and fulfil all that we ask according to your will. Give us the grace to welcome your word who is Christ. We ask this through Christ, our Savior and Redeemer. **Amen.**

The Confession of Sin

The Deacon says:

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Presider and People

Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of our Savior Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Presider: Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

The Peace

Please greet other members of the congregation with a sign of peace.

Presider: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrating Holy Communion

Offertory music: I'll Not Be Shaken

W. Kimbrough

The Presentation Hymn: *Lift Every Voice and Sing II (LEVAS)*, #194 **Lead Me, Guide Me**

The Great Thanksgiving, Prayer B *(inclusive language)*

Presider God is with you.

People And also with you.

Presider Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord.

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Presider says

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, Creator of heaven and earth. For you are the source of light and life, you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus-Holy, Holy: Mass of Creation *(see pew card)*

Marty Haugen

Presider continues

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh. For in these last days you sent Jesus to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In Christ, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In Christ, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Savior Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Presider: Let us proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ Has Died: *Mass of Creation* (*see pew card*)

Marty Haugen

The Presider continues

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Savior of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us in the sacrifice of Jesus Christ, through whom we are acceptable to you, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with Peter and Philip and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your children; through Jesus Christ our Savior, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

Doxology & AMEN: *Mass of Creation* (*see pew card*)

Marty Haugen

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say...

The Lord's Prayer (*traditional language*)

BCP 364

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 trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

The Presider breaks the consecrated bread. A period of silence is kept.

Presider: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People: Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Jesus Lamb of God: *Mass of Creation* (*see pew card*)

Marty Haugen

The Presider continues

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

The Communion of the People

Communion Music: Table of Plenty

D. Schutte

Chorus: Come to the feast of heaven and earth

Come to the Table of Plenty

God will provide for all that we need

here at the Table of Plenty.

The Post-Communion Prayer

Presider and people together

Eternal God, heavenly Father,

you have graciously accepted us as living members

of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,

and you have fed us with spiritual food

in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.

Send us now into the world in peace,

and grant us strength and courage

to love and serve you

with gladness and singleness of heart;

through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Sending Forth

The Blessing

Eucharistic Visitor Commissioning (*occasional*)

Presider: In the name of the congregation of St. Peter's we send Rick Pearce forth bearing the gift of Holy Communion to Calvin Haas.

All: We who are many are one body, because we all share in one bread and one cup.

Birthdays and Anniversaries

When your birthday or anniversary is announced, please stand in your place and remain standing as we pray.

Birthdays:

Douglas Pneuma 09/21

Donna Evans 09/22

David Kipphut 09/23

Noel Macneil 09/23

Kristina Marchuk 09/23

Alex Stevers-Radtke 09/24

Mohammad Altamary 09/25

Jess Ballenger 09/25

Kaitlynn Monserrat 09/25

Julie Upton 09/26

Anniversaries:

Sal Sr. & Julia Guerrero 09/20
Ray & Katie Farina 09/25

Birthday & Anniversary Prayer

BCP 830

O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servants as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace; and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Announcements

- Special thanks to our Folk Group for their music this morning.
- Join us following morning worship for our annual finance forum led by Accounting Warden Ernie Dixon.
- Sandwich making: volunteers will meet in the kitchen at 10:30 a.m. on Tuesday Sept. 22 to make sandwiches for the community fridge.
- Register today for your appointment at the annual vaccine clinic on Saturday, Oct. 3, from 10 a.m.-1 p.m., in the parish hall. *See the newsletter for more information.*

Closing Hymn: We Will Say in That Day

W. Kimbrough

*You will see there a highway from God's own hand
That will lead back the lost to the Promised Land
And the voice of the Savior will call us friends Saying "Join in the song of the Lord!"*

*We will call back our armies: "Return from war!"
And we'll make into plowshares our useless swords Very soon to forget what they once were for When we join in the song of the Lord!*

***Chorus: We will say in that day, "To the Lord, give thanks!"
We will not be afraid, for He comes to save We will shout; we will call:
"Every tribe and race: Come and join in the song of the Lord!"***

*You will see there a banquet for sinners spread
Where we'll sit with the Lord at the table's head
And our Shepherd Himself is our wine and bread
And we'll join in the song of the Lord! (Chorus)*

*When the remnant return to the promised land
When the highway of God brings us home to Him
We'll be welcomed with love by our Savior friend
And we'll join in the song of the Lord! (Chorus)*

The Dismissal

Deacon: Let us go forth in the name of the Risen Christ. Alleluia! Alleluia!

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia!

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Preacher: The Rev. Jeannie Sachs

Deacon: The Rev. Jeannie Sachs

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Counter: *John Klarman*
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Altar Guild: *Wendy Hartung*
Welcomer: *Marsha Blake*
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