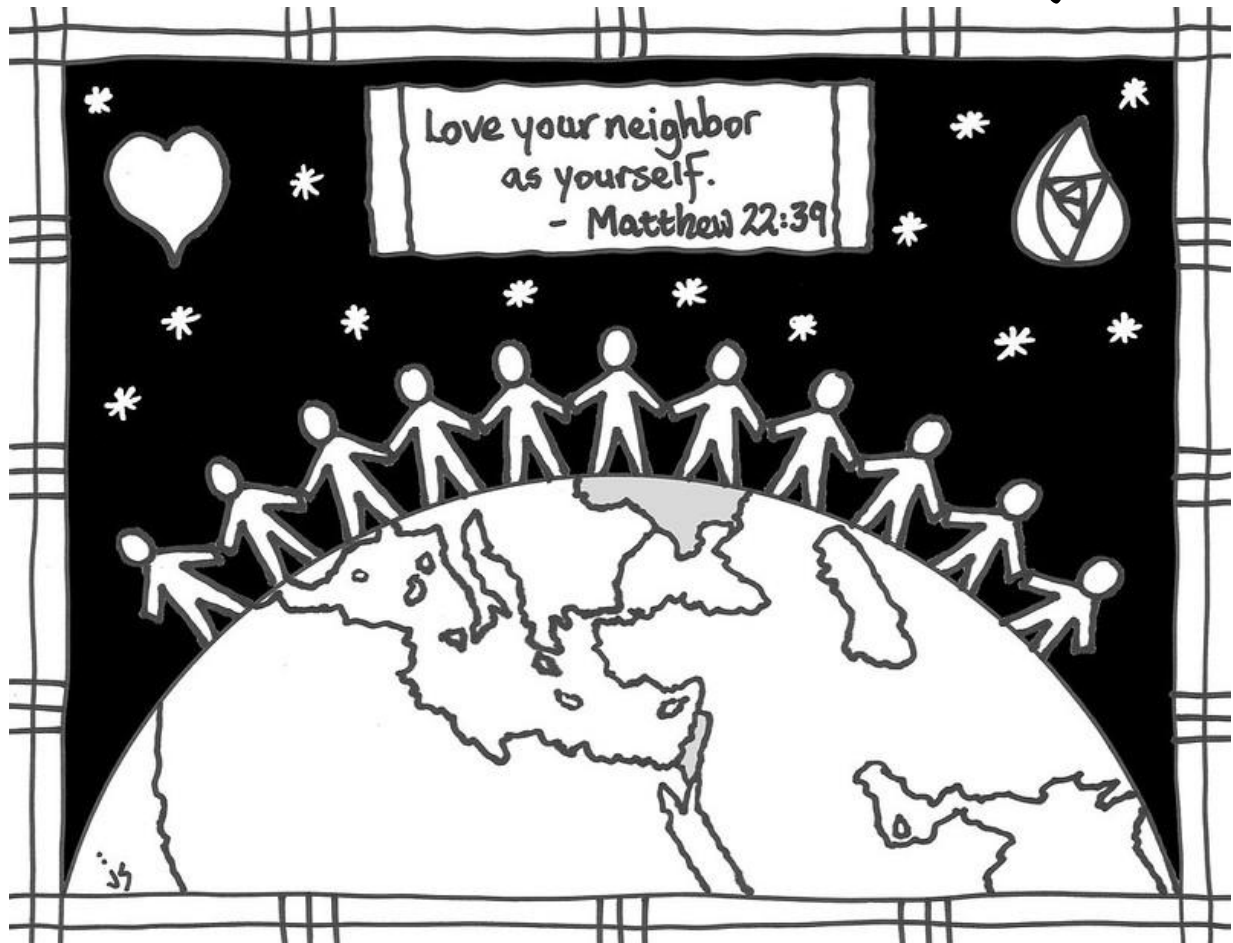


Come 4th Sunday!



The Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost
St. Peter's Episcopal Church
Glenside, Pennsylvania
October 25, 2026
10 a.m.

Gathering in Joy

Prelude: Adagio in F Minor

Joseph Bologna (1745-1799)

Opening Hymn: I've Got the Joy, Joy, Joy

George E. Cooke

1 I've got the joy, joy, joy, joy,
2 I've got the peace that pass - es un - der - stand - ing,
3 I've got the love of Je - sus, love of Je - sus,

down in my heart, down in my heart, down in my heart;
down in my heart, down in my heart, down in my heart;
down in my heart, down in my heart, down in my heart;

I've got the joy, joy, joy, joy,
I've got the peace that pass - es un - der - stand - ing,
I've got the love of Je - sus, love of Je - sus,

down in my heart, down in my heart to stay.
down in my heart, down in my heart to stay.
down in my heart, down in my heart to stay.

Text: George W. Cooke
Music: DOWN IN MY HEART, George W. Cooke

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

Almighty and everlasting God, please increase in us your gifts of faith, hope and love so that we may receive all the things you have promised us and love all the things you command. Through Jesus Christ our brother, who lives and rules with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Listening for God's Word

The First Reading- *Leviticus (19:1-2)*

The Lord said to Moses, 'Speak to Israel's people. They must be holy because I am holy. You must tell them that.

You must be fair to other people when you judge them. You must not be more kind to a rich person than to a poor person. You must be fair to everyone.

You must not speak bad words about other people. If somebody is in danger of death, do not keep quiet if you know the truth. I am the Lord.

You must not think bad thoughts about another person. A person may do something that is wrong. You must tell him that he is doing a wrong thing. If you do, you will not be a part of the wrong thing.

You must not try to punish a person who has done something wrong against you. You must not continue to hate a person like that. Instead, you must love other people as much you love yourself. I am the Lord.

The Word of the Lord **All: Thanks be to God**

The Second Reading- 1 Thessalonians 2:1-8

Brothers and sisters, we're so glad we were able to be with you, and we hope you found it productive, as well. When we came to you, we'd been beaten up in Philippi, and I have to say, it took a lot of courage to keep preaching the Good News. You know we don't do this to please ourselves, or even to please you, but to please God and to tell everyone his Good News. We tried to be humble and gentle with you. We care about you so deeply and shared the gospel with you and also our hearts. You have become very special to us.

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

Psalm 90:1-6,13-17

Reader: The Response to the psalm is **May God be gracious to us and bless all that we are and all that we do.**

God, you've been our help from way back: my great-grandparents, my grandparents, and my mom and dad. Before the mountains were formed, before the earth was created, you were God. You made us from dust and that's where we will return.

May God be gracious to us and bless all that we are and all that we do.

We are children of the dirt.
A thousand years are nothing to you!
They go by like a couple of hours.
We are like a dream or a thought that fades during the day.
We wither like the grass.
In the morning we grow strong and tall,
and by supertime, we're all dried up.

May God be gracious to us and bless all that we are and all that we do.

Be kind to us, God.
Don't take too long to come to us.
We need your kindness first thing in the morning
so we can be happy all day long.
Make us glad for the same amount of time that we had troubles.
Show us your goodness, God
and we'll pass it along.

May God be gracious to us and bless all that we are and all that we do.

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

Gospel Hymn: Miren qué bueno/Behold, how pleasant

Pablo Sosa

Refrain / Estribillo



¡Mi - ren qué bue - no, qué bue - no es!
Be - hold, how plea - sant, how good it is!

1 Mi - ren qué bue - no es cuan - do nos reu - ni - mos to - dos jun - tos:
1 How plea - sant and har - mo - nious when God's peo - ple are to - geth - er:
2 How plea - sant and har - mo - nious when God's peo - ple are to - geth - er:
3 How plea - sant and har - mo - nious when God's peo - ple are to - geth - er:

Refrain / Estribillo



es co - mo a - cei - te bue - no de - rra - ma - do so - bre Aa - rón.
fra - grant as pre - cious oil when run - ning fresh on Aa - ron's beard.
re - fresh - ing as the dew up - on the moun - tain of the Lord.
there the Lord God be - stows a bless - ing— life for - ev - er - more.

2 Miren qué bueno es cuando
nos reunimos todos juntos:
se parece al rocío
sobre los montes de Sión. Estribillo

3 Miren qué bueno es cuando
nos reunimos todos juntos:
porque el Señor nos manda
vida eterna y bendición. Estribillo

The Gospel – Matthew 22:34-46

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew
Glory to you, Lord Christ.

When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had bested the Sadducees, they sent a lawyer to ask Jesus this question: "Teacher, which commandment is the greatest one of all?" Jesus said, "Love the Lord your God with all your soul and with all your heart and with all your mind. That is the first commandment and the greatest one there is. And there's another that goes along with it, love your neighbor as yourself. All the other commandments are built on these."

Then Jesus asked them a question: "So, what do you think about the Messiah? Whose son is he?" They said, "He's the son of David." Jesus said, "How can David call him Lord if he's David's son, like it says in the scriptures?" No one was able to give him an answer. After that they didn't bother to ask Jesus anymore questions.

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

The Sermon

The Rev. Barbara Ballenger

The Nicene Creed

BCP 358

We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.

Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Prayers of the People

The response is: Help us to love with your love.

Dear Lord, hear our prayer. We pray for people everywhere:

All: Help us to love with your love.

We pray for our community, country and world. We pray for an end to war, and for all who are in harm's way in conflicts all over the world.

All: Help us to love with your love.

We pray for all who gather as your Church, especially our bishops, clergy and all who serve in ministry.

All: Help us to love with your love.

We pray for all who do not feel safe and secure, and for all who bring care in threatening situations.

All: Help us to love with your love.

We pray for the will to address climate catastrophe and to help all affected by climate-change related floods, fires and droughts.

All: Help us to love with your love.

We pray for those who need kindness and care, for those who are ill or are in emotional pain.

All: Help us to love with your love.

We pray for those who need your wisdom and grace.

All: Help us to love with your love.

We pray for our needs in silence or out loud ... *(Congregants share their prayers)*

We pray for all who have died, and those we name now... *(Congregants share their prayers)*

Dear Lord, hear our prayer.

All: And bless your people everywhere.

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.

Confession of Sin

EOW 1

Deacon: Let us confess our sins to God.

God of all mercy,
We confess that we have sinned against you,
Opposing your will in our lives.
We have denied the goodness in each other,
In ourselves and in the world you have created.
We repent of the evil that enslaves us,
The evil we have done,
And the evil done on our behalf.
Forgive, restore and strengthen us
Through our Savior Jesus Christ,
That we may abide in your love
And serve only your will. 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: Awake My Heart

Jane Marshall (1924-2019)

The Presentation Hymn: *The Hymnal 1982 (H82)*, #602 Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love

The Great Thanksgiving, New Zealand Prayer Book

Presider: The Lord is here.

People: God's Spirit is with us.

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 offer thanks and praise.

Presider: God, you made us, and the world and everything in it. All the good we see comes from you. You have always loved us but people have not always loved you. You sent Jesus to show us how to

live and to bring us back to you again. He died for us on the cross so that through your Spirit, we can all be your people.

And so with thanks we praise you singing:

Sanctus: *The Hymnal 1982 (H82)*, #5114 Holy, Holy, Holy

Presider continues

Presider: We are here because on the night before he died Jesus shared a meal with his friends. There he took some bread and gave thanks to you, God. He broke it into pieces and gave it to them. "This is my body," he said, "Do this, and know that I am with you."

Later, he took a cup of wine and gave thanks to you. He shared it with them, and said "This is my blood, which brings new life. Do this, and know that I am with you."

And so, remembering Jesus, who died, was raised to new life by you, and is alive forever, we are glad to share that life and live in him, and proclaim the mystery of our faith:

Presider and People

**Christ has died,
Christ is risen,
Christ will come in glory.**

The Presider continues

Send your Holy Spirit so that this bread and wine can be for us the body and blood of Jesus, and through this food give us strength to live as your people.

Help us to care for your world and for each other in the way that Jesus showed us.
Until he comes again, with all your people in every time and every land we worship you in songs of everlasting praise.

**Blessing, honour and glory be yours,
Here and everywhere,
Now and forever. Amen.**

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.

Fraction Anthem: *The Hymnal 1982 (H82), # S158* Lamb of God

The Presider continues

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

The Communion of the People

Communion Music: Let Us Break Bread Together/Give Me Jesus

Anne Krentz Organ (1960-)

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

Costume Blessing

Stewardship Song: Plenty Good Room

Litany of Welcome

Priest Dear people of God, I invite your prayers for the saving presence of Jesus in this world,

Assembly Christ is risen!

Priest In this Church,

Assembly Christ is risen!

Priest In this community,

Assembly Christ is risen!

Priest In the hearts of all faithful people,

Assembly Christ is risen!

Priest We pray especially today in thanksgiving as we welcome **Michael Gallagher** into the body of Christ in this place.

Priest Do you desire to join St. Peter's Church?

New Members I (we) do.

Assembly We welcome you with open hearts.

Priest We welcome you and pledge to be a community for you.

Assembly We offer you our gifts, our care and concern, our hope and our faith, our brokenness and frailty.

Priest We welcome you, trusting in Christ because we know our imperfections all too well.

Assembly We will rejoice together, mourn together, learn together, grow together, take risks together, make mistakes together and forgive one another.

Priest We welcome the gifts and needs that you bring, and rejoice that you make us stronger and more complete in Christ.

Assembly Thanks be to God!

Priest We welcome you knowing that you will change who we are.

Assembly Thanks be to God.

Priest May God bless our new life together, and lead us in new pathways,
in the hallowed name of God, we pray.

Assembly AMEN.

Eucharistic Visitor Commissioning *(occasional)*

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

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:

Michael Sayer 10/31

Anniversaries:

Michael Gallagher & Jaime Longo 10/25

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

- Soup is available for purchase following morning worship.
- Join us for the first of a two-part Space-Use forum following morning worship. Participants will meet in the sanctuary at 11:45 a.m. The second forum will be held next Sunday, Nov. 1
- To celebrate the feasts of All Saints and All Souls, next Sunday, please submit names of loved ones who have died to the church office by Thursday, Oct. 29, to be list them in the Sunday leaflet. Feel free to bring photos of loved ones to place in church window wells before the service. Our friends from Jazz Sanctuary will play during worship.
- Plenty Good Room-Stewardship Campaign: Pledge cards have been mailed out with your annual stewardship letter and can also be found near the chapel. Visit our Stewardship bulletin board in the hallway heading toward the parish hall. Add an item to the table! Scan the QR code on the bulletin board or pledge card to begin donating today!
- Steeple construction is scheduled to conclude tomorrow, Monday, October 26. Please continue to follow all posted signage when accessing the church during this time. We appreciate all the patience and support from the parish during this work.
- Continue to donate ditty bag items until Sunday, Nov. 8 for the Seamen's Institute.
- All are invited to shop at the Craft Fair on Saturday November 28. See the newsletter to sign up and share the flyer.

- **Pies at the Polls Sale:** We are selling delicious homemade pies right outside the voting area on Election Day, Tuesday, Nov. 3. Fruit pies and savory meat pot pies will be available for purchase. Parishioners can preorder, using a form located outside the chapel and kitchen.
- *Scan the QR code to read the latest newsletter.*



Closing Hymn: *With One Voice (WOV)*, #742 **Come, We That Love the Lord**

The Dismissal

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

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia!

Postlude: Marching to Zion

Mark Hayes (1953-)

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