

Bower Hill Community Church (Presbyterian USA)  
Second Sunday after Pentecost ~ 7 June 2026 ~ Order for Worship

Preparation for Worship:

*"You cannot get through a single day without having an impact on the world around you.  
What you do makes a difference, and you have to decide what kind of difference you want to make."  
~Jane Goodall*

**Prelude**

**Call to Worship:**

Leader: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**People: Maker of heaven and earth.**

Leader: This is the day that the Lord has made.

**People: Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

**Prayer of Adoration**

God of all glory, see into our hearts today. It was on this first day of the week that you began creation, bringing light out of darkness. It was on this first day of the week that you began your new creation, raising Jesus Christ from the darkness of death. On this Lord's Day grant that we, the people you created by water and the Spirit, may be joined with all creation in praising your great glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the union of the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever. Amen.

**\*Hymn 331**

*God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand*

**Call to Prayer**

The grace of God overflows for us through Christ Jesus, who comes into the world to make all things new. Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sins.

**Prayer of Confession**

**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, and mind, and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In your mercy, forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen. [Silent prayers]**

**Words of Assurance**

The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting. Friends, hear and believe the good news of the gospel of Jesus Christ: in him we are forgiven. Amen.

**\*The Gloria: Hymn 583**

*Glory to God, glory to God, glory in the highest! Glory to God, glory to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!*

**\*The Peace**

Leader: The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

**People: And also with you.**

Leader: Let us greet one another with the peace of Christ.

*Greet your neighbors. You may wish to offer the traditional greeting, "Peace be with you."*

*All children from preschool through fourth grade are invited to meet their teachers in the Narthex and go to their classes.*

**Prayer for Illumination**

Lord, unless your Spirit touches these readings and brings them to life, they remain only words on a page. But open our hearts and minds, that as the Scriptures are read, they might become your Word to us today, and we might hear with joy what you say to us for the living of these days. Amen.

**First Scripture Reading**

Genesis 12:1-9

Lector: Holy wisdom, holy Word.

People: Thanks be to God.

\*Hymn 49

*The God of Abraham Praise*

Second Scripture Reading

Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26

Sermon

“Go and Learn What This Means”

Rev. Dr. Brian Snyder

Service of Ordination and Installation

Deacons to be ordained: Devrey Cunningham, Judy Jacobs

Deacon to be installed: Susan Watson

Elders to be ordained: Victor Colaiaco,\* Craig Grella, Peter Smith, Jennifer Webler

Elder to be installed: Steven Boisvert\*

\*to be ordained or installed at a future date

\*Affirmation of Faith

The Apostles' Creed

I Believe\* in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth;

and in Jesus Christ, his Only Son, our Lord,

Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,

born of the virgin, Mary,

suffered under Pontius Pilate,

was crucified, dead, and buried.

He descended into hell;

the third day he rose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven,

and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty,

from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe\* in the Holy Ghost,

the holy catholic church,

the communion of saints,

the forgiveness of sins,

the resurrection of the body,

and the life everlasting. Amen.

\*or Trust

Offering

Response: The Doxology

*Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow\**

Old Hundredth

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow! Praise God, all creatures here below!*

*Praise God above, ye heavenly host! Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost! Amen.*

\*For a gender-neutral Doxology, use Hymn 607.

\*Prayer of Dedication

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Leader: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

**People: We lift them up to the Lord.**

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

The Sanctus

*Holy, Holy, Holy Lord*

Sung by all, remain seated

*Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might! Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.*

*Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.*

The People Commune

*Communion, or "The Lord's Supper," is a celebration of God's welcome for all people. Jesus sat at table with every kind of person, and so we invite all people to this table—no matter your beliefs or affiliations. Communion is not merely symbolic. It is a vehicle of God's grace, which comes to us not in words only, but in acts of service, and in silence, taste, touch, smell, and most especially in togetherness. Communion today is served in the pews. Please remain seated. The bread and juice will be brought to you. Hold the bread until the minister gives you the signal to partake. You may drink the cup whenever you like. Use this quiet time to reflect on your life with thanksgiving and openness. Pray for yourself, your loved ones, your enemies, and the world around you. Communing is a personal decision. If you prefer not to receive communion today, you are free to abstain—with no judgment and no questions asked. The juice is alcohol-free. Gluten and casein free bread are available upon request.*

**Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer**

**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.**

*\*or Mother or Parent*

**Welcome and Next Steps**

**\*Closing Hymn 69**

*Here I Am, Lord*

**\*Charge and Benediction**

**Postlude**

*Feel free to exit during the postlude, mindful of those who wish to remain and listen.*