

COLLENBROOK UNITED CHURCH

WORSHIP September 26, 2021 – Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

TO PRAY
IS TO

LAUGH WHISTLE
DANCE on happy feet
SING! **SHOUT**
and **JUMP!** HIGHER THAN EVER BEFORE.

BUT IT IS ALSO TO
whisper wonder
STUMBLE IN DARK PLACES
CRY SCREAM
OR JUST
hold a tired head in tired hands and wait...

PRAAYER

IS OUR TIRED
REACHING OUT TO THE ONE WHO
HOLDS US CLOSER & LOVES US MORE
THAN WE WOULD DARE IMAGINE

WELCOME

PRELUDE

William Byrd, III

CALL TO WORSHIP/INVOCATION

God opens wide the windows of our hearts, to hear anew that which we are called to be as God's people. Come to this time of worship knowing God's love for us. Come to this time of worship with anticipation of God's voice in our midst. Come to this time of worship feeling the keen sense of God's Spirit in our midst, sustaining us for now and always! May it be so!

GATHERING HYMN **"O God of Bethel, by Whose Hand"**

Pg. 269 Blue Hymnal

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THOUGHTS FOR KIDS OF ALL AGES

SHARING THE PEACE OF GOD / NAMASTE

SCRIPTURE

Psalm 126

Esther 7:1–6, 9–10, 9:20–22

HYMN **"Not My Brother, nor My Sister"**

Pg. 519 Black Hymnal

MESSAGE **"Courage For Community"**

The Rev. Melanie Lawrence-Caldwell

SPECIAL MUSIC **"Imago Dei"**

Richard Bruxvoort Colligan

PASTORAL PRAYER/LORD'S PRAYER

MISSION OF THE MONTH (MOM) & MINI MOM

Philabundance

SHARING OUR GIFTS

SPECIAL MUSIC

Handbells

PRAYER

DEPARTING HYMN **"Where Cross The Crowded Ways of Life"** *Pg. 543 Black Hymnal*

BLESSING & BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

William Byrd, III

HYMNS & SONGS

“O God of Bethel, by Whose Hand” *Scottish Psalter*

1- O God of Bethel, by whose hand Thy people still are fed, who through this weary pilgrimage Hast all Thy servants led.

2- Our vows, our prayers, we now present Before Thy throne of grace; God of past ages, be the God Of each succeeding race.

3- Through each perplexing path of life Our wandering foot-steps guide; give us each day our daily bread, And raiment fit provide.

4- O spread Thy covering wings around Till all our wanderings cease, and at our God’s beloved abode Our souls arrive in peace.

“Not My Brother, nor My Sister” *African-American Spiritual* (Standing in the Need of Prayer)

1- Not my brother, nor my sister, but it’s me, O God, standing in the need of prayer; Not my brother, nor my sister, but it’s me, O God, standing in the need of prayer.

2- Not the preacher, nor the deacon, but it’s me, O God, standing in the need of prayer. Not the preacher, nor the deacon, but it’s me, O God, standing in the need of prayer.

3- Not my father, nor my mother, but it’s me, O God, standing in the need of prayer. Not my father, nor my mother, but it’s me, O God, standing in the need of prayer.

4- Not the stranger, nor my neighbor, but it’s me, O God, standing in the need of prayer. Not the stranger, nor my neighbor, but it’s me, O God, standing in the need of prayer.

(Refrain)

It’s me, it’s me, O God, standing in the need of prayer; It’s me, it’s me, O God, standing in the need of prayer.

HYMNS & SONGS

“Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life” *Frank Mason North*

- 1- Where cross the crowded ways of life, where sound the cries of clan and race, Above the noise of selfish strife, O Christ, we hear your voice of grace.
- 2- In haunts of wretchedness and need, on shadowed thresholds framed with fears, from paths where hide the lures of greed, we catch the vision of your tears.
- 3- From tender childhood’s helplessness, from human griefs and burdened toil, from famished souls, from sorrows’ stress, we know your heart does not recoil.
- 4- The cup of water given for you still holds the freshness of your grace; yet long these multitudes to view the deep compassion of your face.
- 5- O Savior, from the mountainside, make haste to heal these hearts of pain; among these restless throngs abide, o tread the city’s streets again:
- 6- Till all shall learn compassion’s might, and follow where your feet have trod, till glorious from your realm of light shall come the city of our God.

SEPTEMBER M.O.M.

(Mission of the Month)

PHILABUNDANCE

Driving hunger from our communities

Philabundance serves our neighbors in need through a network of 350 partners, including churches, hospitals, schools, libraries and other service providers. We can't fight hunger alone—we need everyone to collaborate, including individuals, corporations, foundations, the government and other hunger nonprofits. Together, we can end hunger for good and make nutritious food accessible to all.



\$20

Just \$20 buys a case of nutritious peanut butter for children.

\$100

Your \$100 donation allows us to purchase much-needed protein for seniors.

\$150

Donating \$150 provides 50 kids with lunch over a holiday weekend.

135,000 People

THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE SERVED EACH WEEK

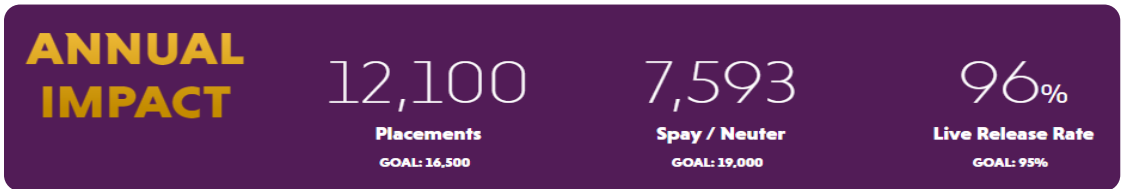




Collenbrook youth have selected this mission because they have been accepting pets that were evacuated due to Hurricane Ida and are constantly in need of donations. donations.

Mission statement from the BVSPCA.ORG:

"Founded in 1929, the Brandywine Valley SPCA exists to end animal suffering and to involve the entire community in the welfare and well-being of animals. Our mission is to put the "human" back in humane animal treatment and advocate on their behalf. Our vision is to be the recognized leader in animal welfare that empowers communities to treat life with respect and dignity."



→ You can purchase and bring donated items to the church, or make a monetary donation via the usual methods (check, cash, PayPal).



MEMBERS OF COUNCIL

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Collenbrook Children's Corner

Books, Coloring books & Crayons,
Welcome bags, and Children's Bulletins.

(Located in the back of the sanctuary. Please help yourself!)

September Birthday's & Events:

- 3rd Rich W.
- 7th Kristen R.
- 11th Beth T.
- 12th Randy C.
- 14th Lana M.
Council (7pm)
- 16th Tabitha T.
- 21st Gavin P.
- 22nd Mary Ann D.
- 23rd Barb P.
- 25th Blood Drive (9-2)
- 26th Olivia P.
- 30th Pat L.C.

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