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WELCOME UNCONDITIONALLY	WORSHIP FULLY
LIVE GENEROUSLY	CELEBRATE GROWTH

Visiting today? Welcome!

October 2, 2022

Notes for Today's Service

We hope that you will be able to join with us in worship in person or through the live streaming on the website templelutheran.org

We will be recording this worship service, your likeness may be shown on Temple's YouTube channel and website.

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS – *After today's sermon, some of our ministers will be moving around the worship space offering a blessing for your animal(s). With the blessing, dogs and cats will receive edible treats. If there are any dietary restrictions we should be aware of, please alert the minister at the time of the blessing. We are also happy to offer you a medal of St. Francis, which you are free to fasten to your animal's collar, leash, carrying case, or anywhere else you'd like!*

OFFERING - *During today's service, an offering will be gathered for the mission of the church, including the care of those in need. At Temple Lutheran Church, we acknowledge financial stewardship to be an act of discipleship, done in response to the Good News of God's love. As you hear God's Word today and consider the ways God has blessed you, we invite you to share only what God is calling you to share. We thank you for your generous gifts, and assure you that your donations will help to change lives as we transform church, our neighborhood, and God's world in the name of Jesus.*

Please consider e-giving as a way to continue meeting your pledge to Temple. Please contact our Financial Secretary for information or the form to do this at finsecretary@templelutheran.org.

WELCOME

REMEMBRANCE OF BAPTISM

GATHERING SONG: Morning Has Broken



1 Morn - ing has bro - ken like the first morn - ing;
2 Sweet the rain's new fall, sun - lit from heav - en,
3 Mine is the sun - light! Mine is the morn - ing,



black-bird has spo - ken like the first bird.
like the first dew - fall on the first grass.
born of the one light E - den saw play!



Praise for the sing - ing! Praise for the morn - ing!
Praise for the sweet - ness of the wet gar - den,
Praise with e - la - tion, praise ev - 'ry morn - ing,



Praise for them, spring - ing fresh from the Word!
sprung in com - plete - ness where God's feet pass.
God's re - cre - a - tion of the new day!

Text: Eleanor Farjeon, 1881–1965

Music: BUNESSAN, Gaelic tune

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GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

**God, our Creator, help us to love
all creatures as our kin,
all animals as our partners on Earth,
all birds as messengers of praise,
all small beings as expressions of your mysterious design
and all frogs as voices of hope. Amen.**

LET US READ PSALM 148 RESPONSIVELY

Congregation please read bold text

Praise the LORD!

Praise the LORD from the heavens;
praise him in the heights!

**²Praise him, all his angels;
praise him, all his host!**

³Praise him, sun and moon;
praise him, all you shining stars!

**⁴Praise him, you highest heavens,
and you waters above the heavens!**

⁵Let them praise the name of the LORD,
for he commanded and they were created.

**⁶He established them forever and ever;
he fixed their bounds, which cannot be passed.**

⁷Praise the LORD from the earth,
you sea monsters and all deeps,

**⁸fire and hail, snow and frost,
stormy wind fulfilling his command!**

⁹Mountains and all hills,
fruit trees and all cedars!

**10Wild animals and all cattle,
creeping things and flying birds!**

**11Kings of the earth and all peoples,
princes and all rulers of the earth!**

**12Young men and women alike,
old and young together!**

**13Let them praise the name of the LORD,
for his name alone is exalted;
his glory is above earth and heaven.**

**14He has raised up a horn for his people,
praise for all his faithful,
for the people of Israel who are close to him.
Praise the LORD!**

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God!**

Please rise for the reading of the Gospel

The holy gospel according to Matthew, the 11th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL: MATTHEW 11:25-30

25At that time Jesus said, "I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; **26**yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. **27**All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

28Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. **29**Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. **30**For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

LITANY OF BLESSING

Spirit of Life, for all the beautiful, loving, loved animals we see before us, we ask,

May they be blessed, as they have blessed us.

For all the animals who bring loveliness and happiness into our lives, though they are not here today—for their long lives and good health, we ask,

May they be blessed, as they have blessed us.

We lift up the names of animals we have loved and lost:

Of their memories, we ask,

May they be blessed, as they have blessed us.

For all the animals who live in fields and on farms, in the seas and on the desert, who depend on human kindness for their well-being and on our foresight for their habitats and homes—for all the species we have yet to discover, in the amazing diversity of life with which they grace our world,

May they be blessed, as they have blessed us.

For animals large and small, beautiful to our eyes and not-so-beautiful, cuddly and creepy, we ask,

May they be blessed, as they have blessed us.

And we ask this blessing for ourselves as well, in the words attributed to Albert Schweitzer: “Make us, ourselves, to be true friends to animals, and so to share the blessings of the merciful.”

Amen.

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

SONG OF THE DAY: Pass It On

It only takes a spark to get a fire going,
and soon all those around can warm up in its glowing;
That's how it is with God's love, once you've experienced it:
You spread His love to everyone, you want to pass it on.

How wonderful is fall when all the leaves are changing.
You hear your Savior's call and see all he is arranging.
That's how it is with God's love, once you've experienced it:
You want to sing, it's fresh like fall, you want to pass it on.

I wish for you my friend, this happiness that I've found.
You can depend on Him, it matters not where you're bound;
I'll shout it from the mountain top, I want my world to know:
The Lord of love has come to me, I want to pass it on.

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

OFFERING SONG

Make me a channel of your peace

Prayer of St. Francis



- 1 Make me a chan - nel of your peace.
- 2 Make me a chan - nel of your peace.
- 4 Make me a chan - nel of your peace.



Where there is ha - tred, let me bring your love;
Where there's de - spair in life, let me bring hope;
It is in par - don - ing that we are par - doned,

Last time to coda ⊕



where there is in - ju - ry, your par - don, Lord;
where there is dark - ness, on - ly light;
in giv - ing of our - selves that we re -



and where there's doubt, true faith in you.
and where there's sad - ness, ev - er joy.

2
3 O Mas - ter, grant that I may nev - er seek so

much to be con - soled as to con - sole, to be

un - der - stood as to un - der - stand, to be

D.C. (stanza 4) al coda

loved as to love with all my soul.

⊕ *Coda*

ceive, and in dy - ing that we're born to e - ter - nal life.

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

Gracious God,

in your great love you richly provide for our needs.

Make of these gifts a banquet of blessing,

and make us ready to share with all in need;

through Jesus Christ, who sets a table for all. Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven,

hallowed be your name,

your kingdom come,

your will be done,

on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins

as we forgive those

who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial

and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power,

and the glory are yours,

now and forever. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING

Like children in the arms of Jesus, receive this blessing:

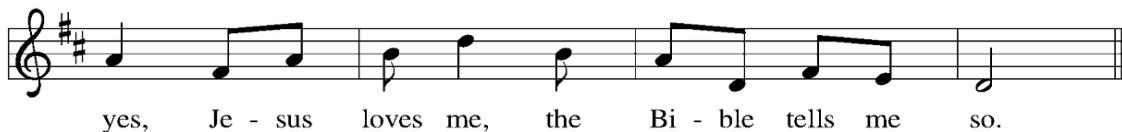
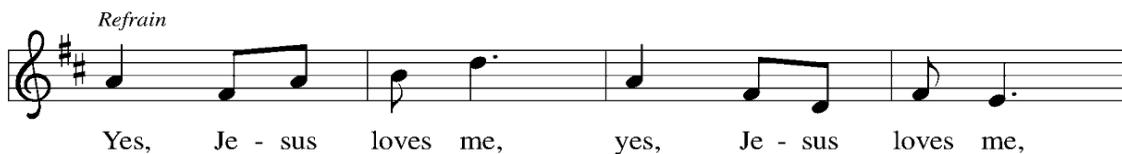
The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.

The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.

Amen.

SENDING SONG: Jesus Loves Me!



DISMISSAL

Go in peace, Live Generously!

Thanks be to God.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS THIS COMING WEEK:

For Healing and Encouragement Paul Arata, Geoff Bailey, Gretchen Baumgardner, Brendan Bell, John Burd, Nancy Butler, Jack Byers, Mike Carr, Linda Clack, Joan Clarke, Sue Cook, Jane Corso, Cynthia Davis, Marge Davis, Bobbie Delaney, Gordon Dersheimer, Declan Devlin, Diane Donnelly, Chase Doyle and Adam, Mary England, Christie Ennis, Bill Faust, Shane Faust, Friends and Family of Theo Ferrara, Kristine Ferguson-Franklin, Michelle Filler, Lois Ann Forgest-Oler, Todd Gasper, Brian Hegarty, Roy Hallowell, Greg Hallquist, Florence Homer, Amy Ingram, Cari Isakson, Craig Jamgochian, Dan Joseph, Gina Kapusniak, Kim Komar, Louis F. Lamoreux, Dave Leefson, Jean Long, Leia Jean Louis, Madison Lynn, Kevin Mack, Janet Marinari, Wayne Meider, Lino Mescia, Audie Murphy, Helen Neiser, Betty Pagan, Carmen Palacios, Merry Snyder, Patricia Snyder, Karen Spangler, Benny Strain, Gaetan Termini, Dick Torti, Diana Valvardi, Lily Walker, Barbara Ward, Philip White, and Linda Wilke.

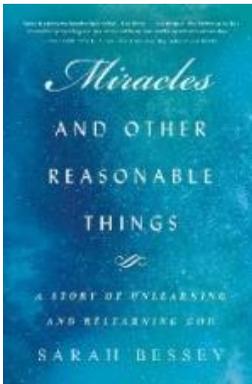


WELCOME UNCONDITIONALLY

CAFÉ

This week is the 2nd of 2 discussions about Ruth. We read it last week and began talking about it. We will talk about why the story was written in 450 BC about an event in 1500 BC had such resonance that it got into the Bible. It has to do with anti-antisemitism, closed religious understanding, prejudice and the importance of family. Come join friends in conversations. Discussion and fellowship every Sunday at 9:00 a.m. In Person (in the Café) or on Zoom.

[Adult Café Link](#)



BOOK CLUB – Monday, October 3
**Miracles and Other Reasonable Things:
A Story of Unlearning and Relearning God**
by Sarah Bessey

A deeply moving and life-affirming account of wrestling with faith and God and finding miracles in the most unexpected places.

If you would like a copy of a book but cannot afford it, please let Pastor Tim know!

Please join us on Monday, October 3 at 8 p.m. for great discussion and fellowship. We will be having the book club in person at Temple's Café, with the option to Zoom in as well. Even if you haven't read the book, you are very welcome to join!

Meeting ID: 838 3646 6562 Passcode: BookClub

RALLY DAY!

Thank you to all who attended Rally Day on September 18! By the generosity of an anonymous donor and Thrivent Financial, children won tickets at carnival games. Unlike most carnivals, tickets were a lesson in Living Generously. These tickets were for different school supplies that Pastor Tim purchased, and delivered to Child Guidance Resource Center. See the video here.





WORSHIP FULLY

WORSHIP SERVANTS NEEDED

We are looking for servants to help in leading worship.

Greeting, Reading, Leading the Prayers, or Helping with Communion. Any questions please contact [Rob Mannix](#) or see the sign-up sheet in the back of church.

SPONSORING ALTAR FLOWERS



Altar flowers are a great way to beautify the sanctuary and remind your fellow worshipers of the new life that Jesus brings. They are also a great way to commemorate an event near a specific date, or honor/remember someone close to your heart. Select the week, enter the note you would like in the bulletin and pay through PayPal. The cost is \$42 per week. The florist will deliver a beautiful arrangement

to the church. You can collect it after the 10:00 a.m. service or ask for it to be delivered to someone in the community going through a difficult time.

Questions: Contact the office.

[Order Altar Flowers](#)



MUSIC MINISTRY

Interested in being part of music at Temple Lutheran Church?

We have Chancel Choir, Handbell Choir, and Children's Music.

If you have a desire to praise at Temple through music, please contact our Director of Music Ministries, Florrie Marks, @ music@templelutheran.org.



LIVE GENEROUSLY

FOOD PANTRY SERVICE DAY

4th Saturday of every month

1-3 PM

Our next day for providing food and necessities to those in need is Saturday October 22nd.

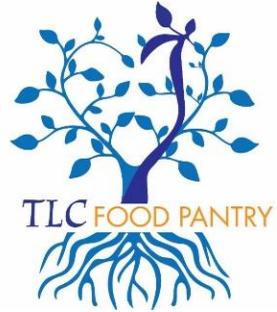
Items needed to stock the shelves are:

Applesauce, Canned Fruit, Cereal, Coffee,

Paper Towels, Toilet Paper

NO GLASS containers accepted for the safety of our clients and volunteers.

To volunteer please contact [Bridget McCormack](#).



GIVING TO TEMPLE

Did you know that Temple has doubled its' congregational giving in the last ten years? This drastically affects the impact we can have on our community and beyond. It's because of your generosity that this is a growing, thriving, multi-generational community of people dedicated to living out our values of Inclusion, Service, and Community.

There are now many ways you can financially contribute to TLC's Mission

- Mail a check to the church office
501 Brookline Blvd, Havertown, PA 19083
- Authorize payment through your bank
- Sign up for electronic giving with Celia Engman

Questions? Contact [Celia Engman](#)

Use this [PayPal link](#)

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CELEBRATE GROWTH

Thank you to all who attended Pastor Tim's 10-Year Celebration!

It was a beautiful worship service followed by a delicious luncheon. Thank you to all who had a hand in making the day memorable!

Pastor Tim's 10-Year Worship Celebration

**“BLESSED ARE THOSE WHO PLANT A TREE
UNDER WHOSE SHADE THEY WILL NEVER SIT.”**

As of August 6, \$220,177 had been pledged to the Generation to Generation Campaign. The goal for the Generation to Generation Campaign is to raise \$250,000 over the next three years. \$100K to be put towards Debt Reduction in the wake of massive improvements to our building, and \$150K as seed money to hire a new Children, Youth and Family Minister for at least the next five years.

Pledge Form



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The Rev. Timothy Johansen,
by calling (610) 446-3270
or by emailing pastor@templelutheran.org
Emergency Phone Number (610) 853-1736

CALENDAR OF REGULAR MEETINGS AND REHEARSALS

Tuesdays	7:15 p.m.	Handbell Choir
	8:30 p.m.	AA Meeting
Friday	7:30 p.m.	I Am Responsible [AA meeting]
Saturdays	9:30 a.m.	Bryn Mawr Early Birds [AA meeting]
Sundays	9:00 a.m.	Sunday School / Café
	9:40 a.m.	Children's Music
	10:00 a.m.	In-person, Live Streamed Worship
	11:30 a.m.	Chancel Choir

12-Step meetings are held regularly at the church, but not all of them are posted, at the request of each group's leadership.

Please contact Pastor Tim if you have an addiction and need help.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

October	2	Blessing of the Animals
	9	The Sacramental Life Sermon Series Begins
	22	Food Pantry Service Day 1-3 PM Volunteers Welcome!
	30	Confirmation
November	6	All Saints Sunday
	14	Red Cross Blood Drive

Partners in Ministry

Ministers	People of Temple Lutheran Church
Pastor	The Rev. Timothy B. Johansen
Congregation Council President	Amanda Quillen
Director of Music Ministries	Florrie Marks
Director of Discipleship	Rob Mannix
Parish Administrator	Darcy Mannion
Director of Sunday School	Jeanne Daniels
Sexton	Calvin Lawler Sr.



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