

OCEAN VIEW PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

67 Central Ave., Ocean View DE 19970

September 8, 2024

Season of Creation – Humanity



The irresolvable tension between our efforts and desire to make things and events predictable, manageable and controllable, and our intuition or longing to simply let “life” happen, to listen to it and then respond to it spontaneously and creatively, can be found in nearly all life processes and at every stage of life, from birth to death.

*Hartmut Rosa, **The Uncontrollability of the World**, p. 60*

THIS WEEK'S CHURCH CALENDAR

Church Security person(s) for this week is: Bob Turner

SUNDAY SEPT 8	Informal Worship Service – 9:30 am (MH) followed by Coffee Hour AA Mtg. 8:00 – 9:00 pm (FC)
MONDAY SEPT 9	YARN – 10 am – 1:00 pm (FC) Delaware Hospice Spousal Support Group – 2:00 – 3:30 pm (FC) OVPC Session Mtg – 7:00 – 9:30 pm
TUESDAY SEPT 10	Bible Study 10:00 – 12:00 pm (FC) Seaside Serenity 6:45 – 8:00 pm (FC)
WEDNESDAY SEPT 11	Women's Sewing Circle – 10:00 am – 2:00 pm (MH) Choir Rehearsal – 6:30 – 7:30 (S)
THURSDAY SEPT 12	Shuffles Bridge – 11:00 am – 5:00 pm (FC) AA Young – 7:00 – 9:00 pm (FC)
FRIDAY SEPT 13	AA Serenity Group 11:30 am – 1:30 pm (FC)
SATURDAY SEPT 14	Yoga – 8:15 am – 9:45 am (FC) Nar. Anonymous – 5:00 pm – 7:30 pm (FC)
SUNDAY SEPT 15	Worship Service – 9:30 am (S) Christian Ed Classes – 10:30 am – 12:00 pm (FC) AA Mtg. 8:00 – 9:00 pm (FC)

(S) Sanctuary (FC) Fellowship Center (MH) Memorial Hall

RINGING OF THE BELLS

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC / SILENT MEDITATION:

PRELUDE: Video: Beethoven Symphony No. 9, Movement No. 4

WELCOME

*** CALL TO WORSHIP**

L: The majesty of God cannot be measured by human instruments-

C: Cannot be constrained within human boundaries-

L: Cannot be contained within human vessels-

C: Cannot be explained by human thought, cannot be dismissed by argument or reason.

ALL: The majesty of God is beyond human comprehension; yet can be known, and touched, understood, and received, in the simple act of worship. Let us worship together!

HYMN: 611 Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee (*See pg. 13*)

GATHERING PRAYER

Let us pray; Rejoice in the Lord always! Shout out God's name! For God is with us; our God is with us, the God of salvation, in whom we trust! Our God draws us home, by streams of living water, where we shall thirst no more!

Rejoice in the Lord always! Shout out God's name! God knows out thoughts, understands our hearts, and enables us to become the people we were meant to be! Bless God's name!

AMEN!

CONFESSION

Our God is also a gracious God, forgiving us our sin and iniquities.
Let us confess our sins before God and our neighbor.

If we had a fraction of the faith that you have in us:

Then this world would be transformed, Lord!

If we showed a fraction of the love you show to us:

Then the world would be transformed, Lord!

If we possessed a fraction of the patience that you display with us:

Then the world would be transformed, Lord!

If we shared just a portion of the blessings that we have received from you:

Then the world would be transformed, Lord!

If we showed as much trust in others as you have shown in us:

Then the world would be transformed, Lord!

If we claimed just a fraction of the power you promise to your church:

Then the world would be transformed, Lord!

**ALL: Transform us first, Lord, that we might transform
this world through your love and power. AMEN.**

Shannon and Congregation:

Lord Prepare Me; 3x

Jesus came to transform us. Jesus showed us transformation.

We will be transformed, thanks be to God in Jesus our Lord!

Thanks be to God!

Please share the peace this brings to our hearts!

CENTERING MUSIC: 701 Lord Prepare Me 3x

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Let us pray; your Word is truth for victims of injustice, light for all who cannot see, love where there is hatred, freedom for the oppressed. Your Word is healing where there is sickness, comfort in times of sorrow, mercy where there is humility, hope for eternity. **Speak your word, Lord, for your servants are listening. AMEN.**

OT READING Genesis 1: 26-28 (P. 1; p. 1)

PSALM READING Psalm 8 (P. 475; p. 482)

ANTHEM: **Video – He Reigns by Newsboy**

It's all God's children singing "Glory, glory, hallelujah"

He reigns, He reigns!

GOSPEL LESSON (Mark 10: 41-45 **First Nations Version**)

⁴¹ When the other ten message bearers heard this, they began to look down on He Takes Over (James) and He Shows Goodwill (John). ⁴²So Creator Sets Free (Jesus) called them together and said, "Other nations have rulers, such as the People of Iron (Romans). They like to show their power over people and push them around.

⁴³But this will not be the way of the ones, like you, who walk with me. ⁴⁴The great ones among you will humble themselves and serve all the others. ⁴⁵In the same way, the True Human Being did not come to be served by others but to offer his life in the place of many lives, to set them free."

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

SERMON: The True Human Being

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

Think about yourselves in the same way Creator Sets Free (*Jesus*) the Chosen One thought about Himself. Even though Creator Sets Free has always been the same as the Great Spirit, and shared everything equally with him, He did not even think of holding on to this in a selfish way. Instead, He emptied Himself, became nothing, and gave up all He had. Then, having been born as a human being, He took on Himself the lowly form of a servant. As a True Human Being, He lowered Himself even more by following the guidance of the Great Spirit, even when death was waiting for Him at the end of the trail; death on a tree-pole – the cross!

Because Creator Sets Free did this, the Great Spirit gave Him an honored place above all others, and bestowed on Him a name greater than all other names, so that all who live in the spirit-world above, on the earth below, and underneath the earth will bow their knee to Creator Sets Free, in honor of His name. Then everyone, in their native language, will shout out loud that Creator Sets Free, the Chosen One, is Grand Chief over all the earth. This will bring honor and praise to our Father, the Great Spirit. AMEN.

CONCERNS AND JOYS

Please email, text or call your concerns directly to Pastor Terry at:
Cell: 862-432-1196, Office: 302-539-3455 or tdougherty@ovpc.org

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORDS PRAYER

CALL FOR THE OFFERING - *Our offering will be received in the basket in the back; see ushers*

HYMN: Go Now in Peace

Go now in peace, never be afraid, God will go with you each hour of every day.

Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true. Know He will guide you in all you do.

Go now in love, and show you believe. Reach out to others, so all the world can see.

God will be there, watching from above. Go now in peace, in faith, and in love.

Amen, amen, amen!

CHARGE

We are your people, Lord, chosen and cherished from the beginning of time, lavished and loved, sheltered and shepherded, through sunshine and storm. Restore us, O Lord, that we might be saved.

We are your children, prodigal children wandering far from home, a wilderness people, yet never forgotten, never separated from the warmth of your love. Restore us, O Lord, make your face shine upon us, that we might be saved.

We go now, to serve your world, in your name!

BLESSING

POSTLUDE: Video – Build your Kingdom Here

Rend Collective



We respectfully remind you of the ongoing expenses of our ministry, and of our beautiful campus. Please continue to donate. We can receive your donation by regular mail, online via PayPal or if you would like to drop your donation off, come to the office Monday through Thursday, 9:00 am – 12:00 pm and drop it in the mailbox outside of the office.

“May our gifts be a source of light, in a world that has learned to love darkness.”

Prayer List

John Burris	Alex Rhodes	Dottie Nicholson
Mo Gittman (Maureen)	Family of Elaine Jackson Ruth Schafer	Peggy Schaffer Family of Elsie Young
Family of Dick Peoples	Jeff Neihammer Norbert Kraich	Pastor Bruce Gillette
The Family of Janice Parris Pat Robinson	Flora Beaver Judy Reich	Francis Carbine Andrea Miller
Sarah & Chelsea, Jeanette Lyons Daughters	Carol Kratch	Charlie O’Neill & Daughter, Brenda Treherne

Prayer requests will be kept on this list in the bulletin for three months unless the office hears otherwise.

If you need prayer for whatever reason, call Kathy Sheetz (302-539-2827) to initiate a chain of prayers. Please contact the office at 302-539-3455 or email office@ovpc.org to update the prayer list! Thank you!

Our live streaming services will begin at 9:20 with pre-service music with worship beginning at 9:25. If you happen to miss us live, please visit our YouTube page so you can worship with the recorded version.

LITURGIST: Bob Wolf

SCRIPTURE READER: Bev Bailey

GREETERS – Nancy & Bob Turner

SANCTUARY FLOWERS – donated by Kathey Sheetz to celebrate Herb's 80th birthday.

Announcements 9/8/2024

This Week

- **Today** – Informal worship service in Memorial Hall. Coffee hour will follow.
- It's almost time for our OVPC Choir to resume rehearsals! We will begin again on **Wednesday, September 11 at 6:30 pm** in the Sanctuary. Returning choir members and new voices alike are welcome to attend. If you are planning to be part of the Choir for the 2024-2025 season, please let Shannon know via email (ShanFlynnMusic221@gmail.com) or text (443-405-5799). Looking forward to a great year of making music together!
- **Circle Bible Study Books** are available in the church office. They cost \$10 which you can leave in the envelope. Please pick yours up prior to the September 11 meeting. We will cover lesson #1

Future Events

- **Food Pantry** - **Have your grocery shopping list ready?** Our Pantry could use some donations (monetary or

food items), so we've put together a *take-along* list for you (copies in the foyer). This way you won't have to search for your bulletin or make a special trip when the summer people crowd the stores. Just conveniently drop off your donations in the basket during Sunday Service or in the tub outside the office door during the week. We so appreciate every effort to help our hungry neighbors!

- **New Bibles** - Ocean View Presbyterian Church has purchased 50 Bibles for the congregation to use. They will be put in pew racks throughout the sanctuary.

These Bibles are available for dedication in memory or honor of a loved one. For a donation, you can have your loved one's name on a book plate that will be placed inside the front cover of the Bible along with your name as the donor.

Please speak to Diane in the office or any member of the worship committee to make these arrangements.

Eric Neumann, Susie Baer, Kathy Sheetz,
Jane Bonbright & Jen Read

New Initiatives

- **Season of Creation** - OVPC will observe the Season of Creation from September 1st through October 6th. Each week will be thematic, matching the Year B lectionary of Season of Creation, with 2 Sundays chosen by Terry.
 - 9/15/2024: SKY
 - 9/22/2024: MOUNTAIN
 - 9/29/2024: OCEAN
 - 10/6/2024: WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY/FRANCIS OF ASSISI

If you have art, photographs, sculptures, shells, rocks, whatever! – that you would like to share for each or all of the Sundays, please just bring them in after letting the Worship Committee know. The members of the Committee are Jane Bonbright, Jen Read, Kathy Sheetz, Eric Neumann, Susie Baer, and Shannon Flynn. Pastor Terry sits in with us.

- **Deacons' September Mission – Selbyville Middle School**

The September Deacon Mission will be raised for Selbyville Middle School families. OVPC has a long relationship with Selbyville schools, meaningful for both of us.

Your generosity will buy store gift cards for clothing and shoes for students. You will also be helping with daily food insecurity. Many parents, and grandparents, have little, or fixed, incomes. Many are what is called “working class poor”, when a job (or jobs) doesn’t provide a living wage. Your generosity will buy store gift cards for food.

Within the school itself, many children are on free, and reduced fee lunch program. Sadly, the food that provides is often not enough. If students want or need more, they have to pay. Too often, they can’t. Staff, Cafeteria Workers, and a “Share Bin” for unwanted (unopened) food all help. Some of your contribution will serve as cash to support these students’ needs.

Please give generously, and thank you, the Deacons.

Ongoing Events

- To work in Frankford Thrift Shop, contact Elaine Wolf.
- While masking and social distancing is no longer mandatory, please respect those who wish to continue to do so. OVPC will continue to supply a mask if needed.
- **Announcements:** All announcements are due to the office by Monday prior to the date you want it published.

- **Volunteers Needed:**

Security - Couples can work together. Can you donate a half hour in the evening for one week to do church security? Training is available, contact Jim Hartsig at 301-247-1747. Email Diane at office@ovpc.org if you are interested.

Greeters - If you are interested in volunteering, please use the sign-up sheet in the back of the church or call Pam Dougherty. Thank you!

Scripture Readers - If you are interested in volunteering to read, please contact Diane in the office.

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611 Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

1 Joy - ful, joy - ful, we a - dore thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love!
 2 All thy works with joy sur-round thee; earth and heaven re-lect thy rays;
 3 Mor-tals, join the hap-py cho-rus which the morn-ing stars be-gan.

Hearts un-fold like flowers be - fore thee, o - pening to the sun a - bove.
 stars and an - gels sing a - round thee, cen - ter of un - bro - ken praise.
 Love di - vine is reign - ing o'er us, join - ing all in heav - en's plan.

Melt the clouds of sin and sad-ness; drive the dark of doubt a - way.
 Field and for - est, vale and moun-tain, flower-y mead-ow, flash - ing sea,
 Ev - er sing - ing, march we on - ward, vic - tors in the midst of strife.

Giv - er of im - mor-tal glad-ness, fill us with the light of day.
 chant - ing bird and flow - ing foun-tain, call us to re - joice in thee.
 Joy - ful mu - sic leads us sun - ward in the tri - umph song of life.

This well-known melody was created to provide a choral setting for J. C. F. von Schiller's poem, "An die Freude" (To Joy), as the final movement of the composer's *Ninth Symphony*. The author, a prominent Presbyterian pastor and author, wrote the words with this tune in mind.

Program Notes:

Beethoven (1770-1827) was not afraid to break with convention, and this astounding work of his is a prime example. He wrote a four-movement symphony, when three movements were the norm. He followed a different pattern than the normal "fast-slow-fast" within and between movements. And he added, for the first time ever, a chorus to this final movement. But it is the sheer scale of this piece, and the composer's intention, that is truly transformative. The last of his symphonies (and by comparison, Haydn wrote 106 and Mozart, at least 41), Symphony No. 9 in D minor, Op. 125 was written at the end of his career, while deaf, and just three years before his death at age 56. Still, he somehow manages to bring us, collectively, all of us, together in the hope of a world vision of hope, love, peace, and JOY!

Maestro Gustavo Dudamel is a Venezuelan conductor who is currently the music director of the Simon Bolivar Symphony Orchestra and the Los Angeles Philharmonic. He will begin his tenure at the helm of the New York Philharmonic in 2026. His enthusiasm for the music he conducts, his love for the musicians he leads, and his work in local communities bringing music into children's lives makes him a favorite around the globe.