

OCEAN VIEW PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
67 Central Ave., Ocean View DE 19970
October 6, 2024
Season of Creation – World Communion Sunday



We live in a world of anthropocentrism; humans are the center of the world, or at least that is how we think of it. The bible seems to be subscribing to such a worldview. And yet, in life and in the Bible, we see glimpses of the nonhumans (animals, plants, and inanimate entities) showing humans the way of the divine. They teach us; they even heal us. Humanity's presentation and view of the nonhumans might not always be positive and reconciling. Nevertheless, ecologically engaging the nonhumans in the Bible guides us to the divine, and to do otherwise.

Dong Hyeon Jeong

THIS WEEK'S CHURCH CALENDAR

Church Security person(s) for this week is: TBD

SUNDAY Oct 6	Worship Service – 9:30 am (S) Christian Ed Class – 10:30 am – 12:00 pm – A synopsis of Pastor's trip to Montgomery & Selma (FC) AA Mtg. 8:00 – 9:00 pm (FC)
MONDAY Oct 7	YARN – 10:00 am – 1:00 pm (FC)
TUESDAY Oct 8	Bible Study – 10:00 am – 12:00 pm (FC) Seaside Serenity 6:45 – 8:00 pm (FC)
WEDNESDAY Oct 9	AARP Choir – 10:00 – 12:00 (FC) Women's Sewing Circle – 11:45 – 3:00 pm (MH) – Bring your lunch. Choir Rehearsal – 6:30 – 7:30 (S)
THURSDAY Oct 10	Shuffles Bridge – 11:00 am – 5:00 pm (FC) AA Young – 7:00 – 9:00 pm (FC) Finance Comm. Mtg. – 7:00 – 8:30 pm (MH)
FRIDAY Oct 11	
SATURDAY Oct 12	Yoga – 8:15 am – 9:45 am (FC) Nar. Anonymous – 5:00 pm – 7:30 pm (FC)
SUNDAY Oct 13	Worship Service – 9:30 am (S) AA Mtg. 8:00 – 9:00 pm (FC)

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

RINGING OF THE BELLS

SILENT MEDITATION

**PRE-SERVICE MUSIC /PRELUDE: A Communion Medley,
Arr. Robert Lau**

WELCOME

REMEMBRANCE OF BAPTISM

*** CALL TO WORSHIP**

L: Eternal God, you are the power behind all things:

**C: Behind the energy of the storm, behind the heat of a million
suns!**

L: Eternal God, you are the power behind all minds:

**C: Behind the ability to think and reason, behind all
understanding of the truth.**

L: Eternal God, you are the power behind the cross of Christ:

**C: Behind the weakness, the torture, and the death. Behind
unconquerable love!**

ALL: Eternal God, we worship and adore you. AMEN.

HYMN: 15 All Creatures of Our God and King

GATHERING PRAYER

CONFESSION

For seeking to live without limits, and failing to see how our lives
affect all in the community of creation; for the indifference or
ignorance or busyness that stops us from responding with mercy

and justice to our sisters and brothers in need, let us confess our sins before God and our neighbor.

**Lord, make me an instrument of your peace;
Where there is hatred, let me sow love;
Where there is injury, pardon;
Where there is doubt, faith;
Where there is despair, hope;
Where there is darkness, light;
Where there is sadness, joy.**

**O divine Master,
Grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled, as to
console;
To be understood as to understand;
To be loved as to love.
For it is in giving that we receive,
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
And it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. AMEN.**

Silent Confession

Christ is our peace; those who are divided He has made one. He has broken down the barriers of separation by His death, and has built us up into one body, with God. To all who repent and believe he has promised reconciliation. So live, as a people reconciled!

Thanks be to God!

Now may the Lord of peace Himself give you peace, at all times and in every way. The Lord be with you all! (2 Thessalonians 3:16)

And also with you!

Let us exchange glad signs of Christ’s reconciling peace!

CENTERING MUSIC: 753 Make Me a Channel of Your Peace

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

OT READING Proverbs 8: 22-31 (P. 565; p. 569)

PSALM READING Psalm 29 (P. 487; p. 494)

ANTHEM: **Put Peace Into Each Other’s Hand**

GOSPEL LESSON John 1: 1-5, 10-14 (First Nations Version)

¹⁻²Long ago, in the time before all days, before the creation of all things, the one who is known as the Word was there face to face with the Great Spirit. This Word fully represents Creator and shows us who he is and what he is like. He has always been there from the beginning, for the Word and Creator are one and the same. ³Through the Word all things came into being, and not one thing exists that he did not create. ⁴Creator’s life shined out from the Word, giving light to all human beings. This is the true Light that comes to all the peoples of the world and shines on everyone. ⁵The Light shines into the darkness, and the darkness cannot overcome it or put it out.

¹⁰He came down into this world, and even though he made all things, the world did not recognize him. ¹¹Even his own tribe did not welcome or honor him. But all who welcome and trust him receive

their birthright as children of the Great Spirit. ¹³They are born in a new way, not from a human father's plans or desires, but born from above – by the Great Spirit. ¹⁴Creator's Word became a flesh-and-blood human being and pitched his sacred tent among us, living as one of us. We looked upon his great beauty and saw how honorable he was, the kind of honor held only by this one Son who fully represents his Father – full of his great kindness and truth.

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

SERMON: Another Voice

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

I believe in God, the Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, who was conceived of the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin, Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day, he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the hand of God, the Almighty. From there, he will come again in to raise the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting; 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 Beauty of Nature

Walter Rauschenbusch

O God, we thank you for this earth, our home,
For the wide sky and the blessed sun,
For the salt sea and the running water,
For the everlasting hills
And the never-resting winds,
For trees and the common grass underfoot.
We thank you for our senses
By which we hear the songs of birds,
And see the splendor of the Summer fields,
And taste of the autumn fruits,
And rejoice in the feel of snow,
And smell the breath of the Spring.
Grant us a heart wide open to all this beauty;
And save our souls from being so blind
That we pass unseeing
When even the common thorn bush
Is aflame with your glory,
O God our Creator,
Who lives and reigns forever and ever.

AMEN.

THE SERVICE OF COMMUNION

Our element of bread includes gluten-free wafers (in a plastic sleeve).

Our cup is grape juice, except for pale wine in the center.

Enter this time as if the floor were made of gold,
And every wall of jewels, all wealth untold:
As if a choir, with robes of fire, were singing here.
Nor shout, nor rush, but hush... For God is here.
(Julianne Stanz; Braving the Thin Places, p. 164)

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

God, our Sovereign, how majestic is your Name! We behold your heavens, moon and stars: who are we that you care for us? Yet you crown us with glory and honor, make us responsible for the works you have made, sheep, oxen, birds, fish! How majestic is your name in all the earth! Allow us to learn to live with one another, together with creation; make peace a reality! Give us strength, faith and hope, to the day when justice and peace meet with a kiss! Then how we shall sing and praise!

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are filled with your glory! Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest; hosanna in the highest.

God, lover of the unlovable, we thank you that at the right time you sent Jesus to live and be with us. He lived as a child, in a

society where children are not recognized. He grew up and touched the untouchable, confronting the powerful. The lonely, the sick, the widows, the orphaned: these were never far from Him. He suffered for them; He suffered for us. On the night He would be arrested, He took supper with His friends. Taking bread made by human hands, He blessed it with thanks to God, and gave it to His friends, saying "Eat, all of you; this bread – my body – broken for you". At the end of the supper, He gave thanks, taking and blessing the cup of wine crafted by human hands. He shared it to His friends, saying "Drink this, the cup of the new covenant sealed in my blood. Do it, remembering me". Friends, each time we eat and drink this way, we declare Jesus' death, til He comes again. Great is the mystery of faith:

Christ died, on the cross. Christ rose, from the grave. Christ will come, from heaven.

God, Founder and Giver of life, come and transform this bread and wine, made by workers, to be holy food for your people. As we eat and drink, renew our hearts, minds and souls, that we may be one with Christ and one another. Nourish us, to grow into the likeness of Christ, our Redeemer. Amen.

COMMUNION: Dona Nobis Pacem – Let Us Break Bread Together

Eternal Spirit, Earth-Maker, Pain-Bearer, Life-Giver, source of all that is and that shall be, Father and Mother of us all, Loving God, in whom is heaven: the hallowing of your name shall echo through the universe! The way of your justice be followed by the peoples of the earth! Your heavenly will be done by all created beings! Your commonwealth of peace and freedom sustain our hope, and come on earth. With the bread we need for today, feed us. In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us. In times of temptation and test, strengthen us! From trials too great to endure, spare us. From the grip of all that is evil, free us. For you reign in the glory of the power that is love, now and forever. Amen.

{we will partake of the elements together; first the bread, and then the cup}

The body of Christ, given for you.

Thanks be to God.

The blood of Christ, shed for you.

Thanks be to God!

Let us pray: **Oh God of all creation, you have given us life, restored us with love, fed us with yourself. Stay with us on this journey; give us insight and understanding as we witness creation's unfolding. Bless us to bless this, your world without end. AMEN.**

CALL FOR THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY: Bless the Beasts and the Children – Bev Bailey


***DOXOLOGY: 606 Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow**

***DEDICATION**


HYMN: O God, Your Creatures Fill The Earth




1. O God, your crea-tures fill the earth with won - der and de - light,
2. You made the pets we wel - come in; they're won - drous bless - ings, too.
3. You made the crea - tures on each farm; you know the things they need.
4. Your crea - tures live in eve - ry land; they fill the sky and sea.



and eve - ry liv - ing thing has worth and beau - ty in your sight.
With paws and whisk - ers, wings and fins, they of - fer praise to you.
May they grow health - y, safe from harm, and safe from hu - man greed.
O Lord, you give us your com - mand to love them ten - der - ly.



So play - ful dol - phins dance and swim; your sheep bow down and graze.
O Lord, you call us to em - brace these crea - tures in our care.
Just as a shep - herd loves the sheep, you know their joy, their pain.
We're called to have do - min - ion here, to care for them al - ways.



Your song birds share a morn - ing hymn to of - fer you their praise.
May we show kind - ness, love and grace to all pets eve - ry - where.
Lord, bless the an - i - mals we keep; may all farms be hu - mane.
By loy - ing crea - tures you hold dear, we of - fer you our praise.

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MUSIC: *Gesangbuch der H. W. k. Hofkappelle*, 1784, alt.

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CHARGE

*John Philip Newell, **Praying with the Earth**, p. 52*

To the home of peace, to the field of love, to the land where forgiveness and right relationship meet, we look, O God, with longing for earth's children, with compassion for the creatures, with hearts breaking for the nations and people we love.

Open us to visions we have never known; strengthen us for self-givings we have never made; delight us with a oneness we could never have imagined. May we truly be born of you, makers of peace. AMEN.

BLESSING

POSTLUDE: He's Got the Whole World In His Hands



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: Al Tamilio

SCRIPTURE READER: Elaine Wolf

GREETERS: Peggy Manion & Marjie Poffel

SANCTUARY FLOWERS – donated by Eric & Ellen Neuman – Celebrating the day they met.

Announcements 10/06/2024

This Week

- **Pastor Terry's Performance Review**- The Session will be conducting their annual performance review of Pastor Terry in the November 11 Session meeting, and they invite and welcome written input from all who wish to submit comments. The feedback should be submitted to Ollie Robling, Clerk of Session, either in a sealed envelope to the office or by email to orobling@yahoo.com. The feedback must identify the author, as anonymous feedback will not be read or considered. Please get your feedback submitted by November 1st.
- **Women's Sewing Circle update** - On Wednesday, November 6 at 10 AM, the Mission sub-committee of the Sewing Circle will meet to determine which missions to support. Please check your Annual Report to see who we supported last year. Since all the congregation helped to "raise" these donations at the Heavenly Luncheon, we are asking if you have any pet projects. Please give information regarding the project to Marti Sommer and the group will consider it. Thank you for your support in all of our activities.
- OVPC Choir rehearsal has resumed and will continue weekly on **Wednesdays at 6:30pm** 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!

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

New Initiatives

- **OVPC's ADVENT DEVOTIONAL BOOKLET** - As has been OVPC's tradition for a number of years, we are again asking the congregation and friends to contribute meditations to help guide us in the celebration of Advent. Please let your meditation reflect your own thinking, struggling, and experiences with God's promises in Christ. You can choose from one of these areas to write about:
 - First, as you probably remember, are the weekly Advent themes that celebrate each Sunday during the season: Hope, Peace, Joy, and Love.
 - Second, each day of the week lists passages from the Daily Lectionary (in the Book of Common Worship or Revised Common Lectionary--each listing four Scriptures).
 - *And new this year*, you can write about your ★*Star Word* as it relates to the readings for the day you selected or season.

Sign up with Gloria Bartholomew asap (as the "first come first chosen dates" rule applies). All are **due by Sunday, November 3rd**, so we have time to get the book published.

- **Deacons' October Mission – Peace and Global Witness**

The Peace and Global Witness Offering is a special offering of the Presbyterian Church (USA) that supports the church's efforts to promote peace and reconciliation. Funds from this offering enable the church to promote the peace of Christ by addressing systems of conflict and injustice locally and across the world. Peacemaking is central to the gospel and the mission of the Church. Peace *is* possible, and it begins with us sowing the seeds of peace in every interaction and decision we make. Twenty-five percent of this offering will stay with our church to promote peace through our own ministries, and 25% is retained by our presbytery for peace and justice ministries in our region. The remaining 50% will go to the Presbyterian Mission Agency to support peacemaking efforts around the globe. For more information, please visit our home page (ovpc.org) to view an enlightening video about this mission. Please give generously, for when we all do a little, it adds up to a lot!

Ongoing Events

- To work in Frankford Thrift Shop, contact Elaine Wolf.
- **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? Email the office 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 the office at office@ovpc.org.

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