



WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

We are glad you have joined us today!

\* *Please stand as you are able; join together in readingsinging the boldface type and the hymns.*

\* *UMH United Methodist Hymnal*

The Altar Flowers are given to the glory of God in celebration of the retirement of Neal Hamlin for his 27 years of service at Hyde Park Community UMC.

Liturgist: Rev. Stephanie Tunison

PRELUDE *Prèambule, Op. 31 No. 1*  
Dr. Brenda Portman, organ

Louis Vierne

SILENT PRAYER OF PREPARATION

*God, You have numbered the hairs on our heads and know everything about us. You long for us to come to You honestly and simply acknowledge our need of Your infinite love. Move my heart this morning; draw me nearer to Your side. I pray in the matchless name of Jesus, who is the Christ, Amen.*

\* CALL TO WORSHIP

When we stand at the edge of fear and worry,  
**God invites us to step into the waters of faith and trust.**

When we stand at the edge of the world's pain and need,  
**Jesus invites us to step into the land of humble service.**

When we stand at the edge of our hunger and thirst:  
**The Spirit invites us to sit at the Table of grace.**

\* HYMN *God Is Here*

UMH 660

\* OPENING PRAYER

**God-ever-with-us: You draw us near to Your heart, so that, cradled in compassion, we might see the brokenness of all who are around us.**

**Teacher-beside-us: You draw us near to Yourself, so that, by following You, we may discover the deep joy of serving the broken of the world.**

**Spirit-within-us: You draw near to us with Your peace, so that, reconciled and restored to God, we may be the healers to a world shattered by despair.**

**God in Community, Holy in One, as we draw near to You in this time, we lift our prayers to You. Amen.**

PROCLAMATION & RESPONSE

ANTHEM *We Sing to You*

Brenda Portman  
words by Angier Brock

The Cathedral and Wesley Choirs  
Brenda Portman, piano; Ben Owen, conducting

*Commissioned in celebration of the retirement of Neal Hamlin after 27 years as Director of Music and Choirmaster*

We sing to you, O God, in praise.  
Your love surrounds us all our days.  
You guide our paths, both near and far,  
You are our lamp, our lighthouse, our North Star.  
O God, our source of inspiration,  
we sing to you.

The glories of your gifts amaze,  
the moon's pale light, the sun's bright blaze,  
the lakes, the fish, each season's art,  
a time to work, a time to stand apart.  
For all the riches of creation,  
we sing to you.

At times our footsteps go astray.  
We kneel: forgive our foolish ways.  
At times we stumble in the dark.  
Redeem our trials, and heal each humble heart.  
O wrap us in your sweet salvation,  
we pray to you.

Your loving kindness fills our days.  
Secure us in your boundless gaze,  
and guide our paths, both near and far,  
You are our lamp, our lighthouse, our North Star.  
You are our sure illumination.  
We sing to you, O God, in praise.

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

UMH 895

**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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**

\* GOSPEL LESSON Matthew 23: 27-28

Pew Bible NT p 32

This is the Gospel of our Lord, Jesus Christ.  
**Thanks be to God!**

\* GOSPEL RESPONSE *Spirit of the Living God*

UMH 393

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.  
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.  
Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.  
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

SERMON *Following Jesus: Authenticity*

Pastor Sadell Bradley

OFFERTORY *Lord, I Want to Be a Christian*  
The Cathedral Choir  
Ben Owen conducting

Moses Hogan

Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart,  
Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart,  
in my heart, in my heart  
Lord, I want to be a Christian.

Lord, I want to be more holy in my heart,  
Lord I want to be more holy in my heart,  
in my heart, in my heart,  
Lord, I want to be more holy.

In my heart, in my heart  
Lord, I want to be like Jesus.  
Lord, I want to be more holy.  
Lord, I want to be a Christian.

\* THE PRESENTATION AND DOXOLOGY

UMH 94

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

**Praise God, the source of all our gifts!  
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!  
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

\* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

SENDING FORTH

\* HYMN *When in Our Music God Is Glorified* v. 1-3 and 5

UMH 68

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Toccata, Op. 53 No. 6*

Louis Vierne



**PRESCHOOL: @9:30am - Room 9**

We welcome any preschooler (who attends a weekday preschool) to come learn about God's love for us, make friends and have fun! Class will have a weekly Bible lesson, playtime, snacks and activities.

**ELEMENTARY: @9:30am - 2nd floor Little Theater**

We welcome all children in K-5th grade to come learn more about God's stories, make friends and have fun! Class will have a weekly Bible lesson, fun activities, games and more!



**YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL: @9:30am - 3rd floor Youth Lobby**

All youth in grades 6th-12th are welcome to join us for weekly Bible study and fellowship. We split Middle School and High School classes to dive into scripture and apply it to our daily lives.



**YOUTH GROUP: 4:00-6:00pm - 3rd floor Youth Lobby**

All youth in grades 6th-12th grade are welcome to join us weekly for food, fellowship and fun. Come be surrounded by other Christian teens and deepen your relationship with God!

**Masks are required for leaders and youth.**

**ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL**

**(Current class information, please contact class leader)**

**9:30am**

Adult Bible Study Ron Purdon, [purdon@mail.com](mailto:purdon@mail.com)  
 Faith Weavers Micheal Hickerson, [mikehickerson@gmail.com](mailto:mikehickerson@gmail.com)  
 Let's Get Real Jason Burgess, [JasonBurgess13@gmail.com](mailto:JasonBurgess13@gmail.com)

**11:00am**

New Ventures Mike Vilardo, [mpvilardo@gmail.com](mailto:mpvilardo@gmail.com)  
 Soul Builders Ronda Deel, [rodeel@fuse.net](mailto:rodeel@fuse.net)

**Current COVID-19 Protocols**

On Monday, August 9, the SLB approved the following protocols:

- Require social safe distancing, per CDC guidelines, which will include every other pew seating in the sanctuary
- Refreshments between services will continue to be suspended until further notice (*will be reviewed again in September*).
- At the discretion of the Director of Music Ministry, choirs can resume singing in worship if singers are masked and socially distanced.
- Masks are highly recommended for public indoor gatherings and for congregational singing.
- Classes and small groups can continue to meet in person; however, it is strongly recommended that individuals wear masks.

In addition, the COVID-19 Task Force affirms the following CDC guidelines for protecting individuals and communities:

- Get fully vaccinated
- Wearing masks
- Safe social distancing
- Hand sanitizer

**Invitation to Pray:**

**Sympathy:** To Paul Lisi and family in the death of his mother, Donna Busch, on September 5, 2021.

**Hospitalizations:** Pete Hess and Bob Walker at Christ Hospital

**Discharged:** Heidi Messinger from UC West Chester to rehab at Mason Christian Village.

**Staff & Their Families:**

**Men & Women in the Military:** We are praying for all men and women serving in the military.

**Our Church Ministries:** Our classes meeting online and in person.

**Our Global Ministries:** Haiti, Romania, Russia and Mexico

**Next Sunday, September 26th.**

Pastor Cathy begins a new sermon series on Second Corinthians: *A Letter From Christ*. Her sermon, *Power*, is based on 2 Corinthians 4:7-12. Join us and invite a friend, relative, acquaintance, or neighbor.



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**Hyde Park Community Worship:**

**Sundays 8:00am, 9:30am & 11:00am**

**Recordings of the sermons are updated weekly on our website in both video and audio formats.**

**Holy Communion:**

**Hyde Park Community**

**1st Sunday of the month**

All Services (9:30 & 11:00am)

Every Sunday (8:00)



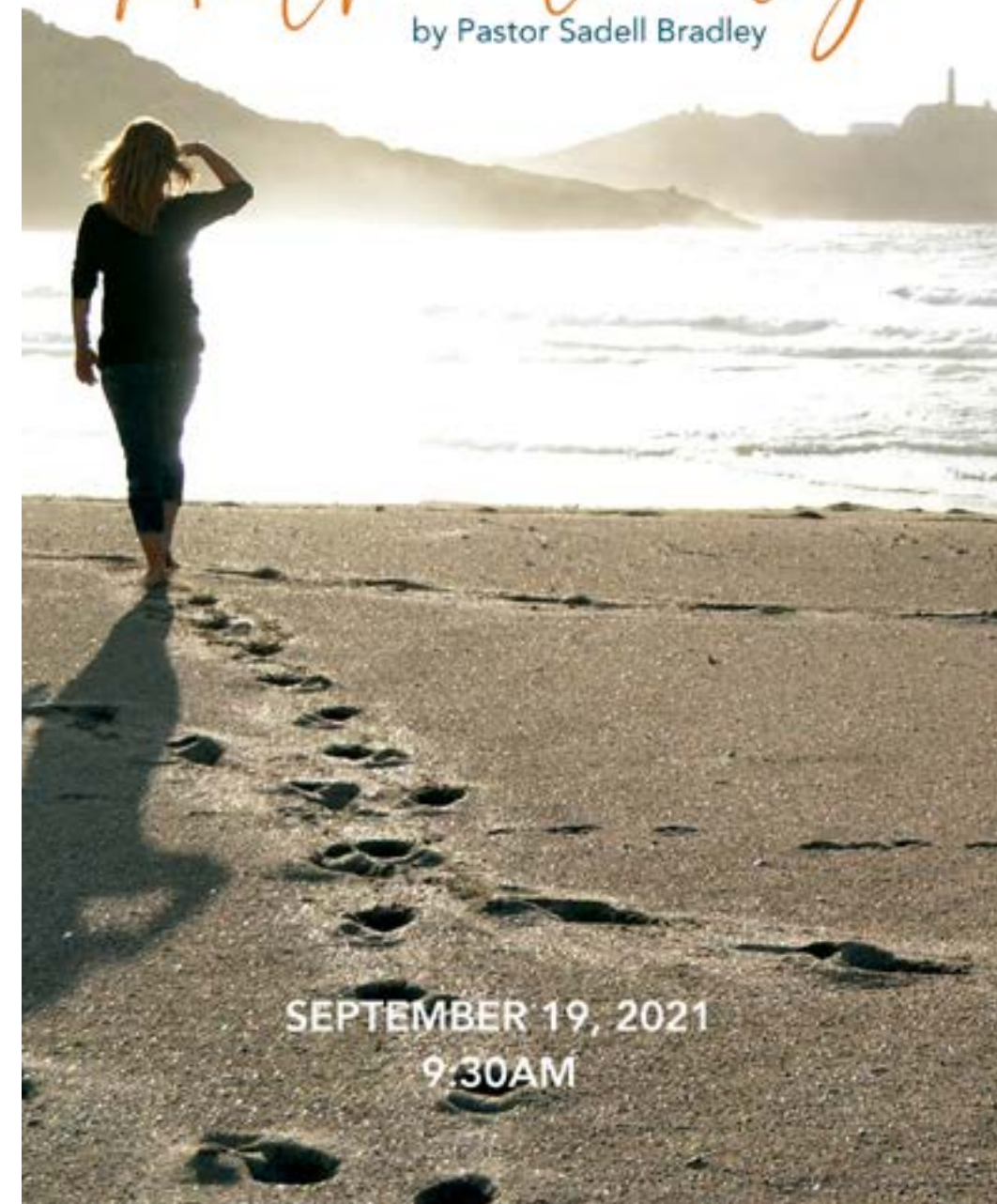
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**FOLLOWING JESUS**  
*Authenticity*  
 by Pastor Sadell Bradley



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 9:30AM