

Broad Street United Methodist Church

17th Sunday After Pentecost

September 24, 2023

Welcome to the Broad Street United Methodist Church.

We are happy you are here today.

The order of worship is found in this bulletin.

*Indicates congregation stands, if able.

PRELUDE

Judy Schetler

GREETING/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor James

*CALL to WORSHIP (responsive)

Pastor James

Come!

Come and worship,

you who woke early and you who slept late;

you who come often, and you who don't.

Whether we are first or last or somewhere in between,

there is room for all of us in God's kingdom,

and more than enough grace to go around.

Let's worship God together!

~ posted on re:worshipblogspot

*HYMN

God Will Take Care of You

UMH 130

OPENING PRAYER (pray in unison)

Doug Papp

You call your people to prayer and praise in many ways.

This day, bring us together just as you called the people of Israel to gather manna in the desert to eat and sustain life.

God of unity, give us this day our daily bread.

Offer us the nutrients we need to remain connected to you.

As spiritual beings, we desire to receive food that endures—

faith, hope, and love. God of grace, give us this day our daily bread.

All life is created and nourished by you!

May we grow into new circles of understanding and being,

reflecting the ways in which we have been touched by your holy manna.

Holy Spirit, come! Give us this day our daily bread.

from The Bread of Life, written by the Rev. Kristina Lizardy-Hajbi

HYMN

In the Midst of New Dimensions (v. 1, 3, 4)

TFWS 2238

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Laura Sourwine

WE OFFER OUR PRAYERS TO GOD

PRAYERS of the PEOPLE (pray responsively)

Doug Papp

God, like the Israelites in the wilderness, we too have known Your love, and experienced Your care and provision.

You call us to extend Your love to the world around us—
to care for others as deeply as we care for ourselves.

And so we bring the needs of our world before You now.

In Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for those who do not have what they need in order to survive;
those without enough food to eat, or shelter to keep them warm;
those without employment, or enough money to pay their bills;
those without access to medical care, or medicine to keep them healthy.

Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for those who have more than enough to meet their needs,
but who continue to feel empty inside; who struggle to find meaning and purpose in life,
who turn to destructive behaviors to try and hide the pain,

Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for those who are struggling physically, who are battling life-threatening disease or injury, who are living with chronic pain, or facing death.

Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of the first and the last, and all those in between,
Your grace reaches out to all of us— life-long believers or newcomers alike.
You call us to live as citizens of heaven, to work together with one mind and one purpose,
to reach out in love to those in need.
Strengthen us so that we might live in a manner worthy of the Good News we have received,
offering our lives to the building up of Your upside-down kingdom,
where the last are first, and the first are last, and there is grace enough for all.

Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

In the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, **Amen.**

Posted on re:Worship blogspot

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation,
we pray for _____

Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer. Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

UMH 895

HYMN

Great Is the Lord

TFWS 2022

WE OFFER OUR GIFTS TO GOD

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| INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP | | Pastor James |
| HYMN | <i>Grace Alone</i> | TFWS 2162 |
| *DOXOLOGY | | UMH 95 |
| *OFFERTORY PRAYER | (pray together) | Pastor James |

God of endless patience, we know that the sound of our complaining is not the music that pleases your ears. We complain about the food that is under or overcooked, and you hear the stomachs that have no food. We whine about the bed being too soft, and you see instead those whose bed is the sidewalk or the floor of a cell. May the offering we bring today be an act of praise that drowns out the noise of our complaining. May it find its way to bring comfort to your children who have little or nothing; and when that happens, may it be joy for your eyes and ears. In Christ, we pray. Amen.

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| ANTHEM | <i>We're Gonna Shine Our Light!</i> Parker, Austin and Courtney | Sanctuary Choir |
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WE LISTEN FOR THE WORD OF GOD

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| PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION | (pray together) | Doug Papp |
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Lord, in Paul's second letter to Timothy, he wrote "Everything in the Scriptures is God's Word. All of it is useful for teaching... The Scriptures train God's servants to do all kinds of good deeds." Lord, as we listen to the scripture today, help us understand what we are hearing and discern your message to us. Amen.

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| CREED | Affirmation from Romans Led by Doug Papp | UMH #887 |
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| SCRIPTURE LESSON | Matthew 20:1-16 | Doug Papp |
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| THE MESSAGE | <i>The Offense of God's Grace</i> | Pastor James |
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WE SCATTER TO SERVE CHRIST IN THE WORLD

*HYMN

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

UMH 121

*WORDS OF BLESSING (Responsive)

Pastor James

Go out from here
as workers in God's upside-down kingdom,
where the last are first and the first are last,
where needs are met in miraculous ways,
and there is grace enough for all!

And may the blessing of God,
the love of Jesus Christ,
and the presence of the Holy Spirit
surround you and sustain you in the coming days.

Amen.

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POSTLUDE

Judy Schetler

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The altar flowers this morning are dedicated in memory of Peg Tomer (birthday anniversary 9/4) and Herb Tomer, Sr. (birthday anniversary 9/22). Given by Spike (Herb) and Jean Tomer.



Please remember our families and friends in prayer

Matt Cardis; Shirley Woolman; Lyn O'Riordan; Sue Curlett

Requests for inclusion on the prayer list, removal from the list, or to have a name remain on the list longer than two weeks can be emailed to office@broadstumc.org or placed in the offering plate.

Please continue to pray for those on the prayer list in previous weeks.

Girls of Grace Annual Church Yard Sale

We held our yard sale inside yesterday due to the rain and because of the weather, we have quite a bit of merchandise still for sale. Stop by the Fellowship Hall (Junior Room) after worship today to take a look if you didn't get here yesterday. There are some wonderful items still available – some are brand new. It's a great way to complete some of your holiday shopping!

Communion: Next Sunday is World Communion Sunday and our communion offering will be shared with the Greater New Jersey Conference in support of World Communion missions.

Hoagie Sale – Thank you to all who supported our hoagie sale. Once again it was a successful fundraiser for the church and we appreciate all who purchased hoagies and all who helped make them.

Check out the church website (www.broadstumc.org) for more information on upcoming activities.

THIS WEEK:

Sunday, September 24, 2023 – Nominations Committee 12:00PM Pastor's Office
Tuesday, September 26, 2023 – Bible Study on Romans 6:00PM Fellowship Hall
Thursday, September 28, 2023 – Praise Band practice 6:00PM Sanctuary
Thursday, September 28, 2023 – Sanctuary Choir Practice 7:00PM Fellowship Hall
Sunday, October 1, 2023 – Sunday School 9:45AM Worship 11:00AM



Planning ahead... mark your calendars

Tuesday, October 10, 2023 – Annual Church Conference 6:00PM
Thursday, November 23, 2023 – Annual Thanksgiving Breakfast 8:00AM
Friday, November 24, 2023 – *A Christmas Carol* with Gerald Dickens 1:00PM / 7:00PM
Saturday, December 2, 2023 – Annual Christmas Tea 12:00PM – 3:00PM
Sunday, December 10, 2023 – Advent Covered Dish Dinner and Carol Sing
Sunday, December 17, 2023 – Sanctuary Choir Christmas Cantata