



SUNDAY, JULY 4, 2021

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

Worship Schedule: 10 AM

In –person and livestreamed

Masks are required

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Pastor's Ponderings

The Rev. Emma Horn

We Are Made for the Beloved

When was a moment in your life that you felt deeply loved? Perhaps it was the moment someone cared for you during a difficult illness, the moment when you met your spouse, or a moment in which you experienced extravagant un-earned generosity. While these moments take many forms, feeling deeply loved also reminds us of the extravagant love of God. But, what happens when love seems so far away, when heartache and brokenness are the loudest narrative? How do we find the sense of being deeply loved by God and being able to deeply love others in those moments?

This week in worship we will be exploring together these ideas as we continue in our series on compassion and contemplation. We will think together about how contemplative practices and scripture help us to wrestle with these questions about love and how contemplative practices make us more aware of this beloved-ness.

Marcia McPhee writes the following in Worship Design Studios' series, "Beguiled by Beauty: Cultivating a Life of Contemplation and Compassion"

"A Christian mystic of the 14th century, Julian of Norwich lived during one of the worst centuries of human history, including the black death pandemic that wiped out millions of people, famines, floods, war and corruption. In her writing, she addresses what she believed to be at the root of suffering-the misplaced idea of God's rejection. Suffering is part of being human, but what makes suffering so soul-destroying is our forgetfulness that God is with us. Without this core belief in beauty and sacred worth, we engage in self-and- other destroying behaviors, inducing further suffering. Contemplative practices invite us into the union with the Divine One, healing the wounds of forgetfulness."

I hope that you will join us on Sunday morning at 10am either in person or online!

JOYS AND CONCERNS FROM JUNE 20, 2021

Our pastor's contact information can be found on the front page of this newsletter. Pastor Emma is available for conversation and prayer. Also, please continue to share your joys and concerns with us so that we may continue to support each other in specific prayer requests.

Joys and concerns may be submitted to the office via email or by phone. We check messages regularly.

Please let us know of answers to prayer – so that we can give thanks to God!

Memorial information for John Kohlmann, father of Cindy Kohlmann, which includes donations in John's memory to the newly established "John Kohlmann Memorial Scholarship" is now available online:

<https://www.whidbeymemorial.com/memorials/john-kohlmann/4647405/index.php?fbclid=IwAR0sahoUEwgLRwO8ETpwp9f8vC-PXekGovTWhuPFbw6IJbpg87wkXdEbd9M>

May the memories of a life well lived and the prayers of friends near and far provide comfort to Cindy and her family.

We ask healing prayers for Phil Calabrese who underwent rotator cuff surgery on June 25th. He is now recovering at home.

We celebrate the life of Andrew L. Johnson, a one time member of LBPC, who died June 19th. A private memorial service was held over the weekend. A link to his obituary may be found [HERE](#).

We celebrate with joy the safe return of our mission trip leaders and participants!

2021 FINANCIAL UPDATE

Year to Date Total Giving 2021:	\$132,532
Budgeted Giving 2021:	\$244,249

WORSHIP LINKS

June 27 2021

"Beauty, Contemplation and Compassion"

- ◇ [Audio/Video link](#)
- ◇ [Bulletin/Liturgy link](#)



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HOP SKIP JUMP Into God's Love

JUMP into a week of fun with
LBPC's 2021 **Vacation Bible School**
Monday- Friday, July 26-30, 2021

11am-2pm

Ages 5-10

Safety Precautions are in place so
please send your child with a mask!

There will be

Bible Stories, Games, Crafts & Refreshments

Lower Brandywine Presbyterian Church
[101 Old Kennett Rd, Wilmington, DE 19807](https://www.lowerbrandywine.org/)

Registration link: <https://forms.gle/PPVsPsiZLcwEKSDQ7>

Registration is first come, first serve, space is limited. Please
register as soon as possible, registration will close when full.

Volunteers needed and appreciated!

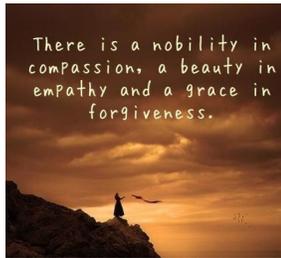
Contact Candace Smith for more information 302-897-2469
candacesmithevents@gmail.com

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WELCOME HOME!!



There is a nobility in
compassion, a beauty in
empathy and a grace in
forgiveness.

A Visual Prayers of the People, September 5th. As part of the worship service for Sunday, September, 5th, we are putting together a visual Prayers of the People. The subject is *"Beauty and Compassion"*.

If you were to pray for beauty and compassion, what that look like? We invite everyone to submit a picture or pictures that represent what a prayer for beauty and compassion looks like to each person. Please submit your pictures to lbpc@lowerbrandywine.org or put them in Becky's box. The deadline for submission is **August 26th**.



A large portion of our church building is over 100 years old. As such, maintenance of our building and grounds is something that requires a great deal of thought, planning, creativity, patience and time. At LBPC we rely on a committee of volunteers to ensure our property continues to be a beautiful, safe, and comfortable place for people to worship. It is a very big job. At this time we find ourselves in desperate need of enthusiastic people willing to join this committee and commit their time and talent to ensure the proper upkeep of LBPC. They meet once a month. If after prayerful consideration you feel called to step into this roll, please contact Larry Murphy at Mjmlpm@verizon.net or 302-540-1779.



We wish everyone a safe and happy 4th of July! A reminder that the church office will be closed, Monday, July 5th in recognition of the holiday.



Al-Anon/Alateen is a recovery support fellowship for families and friends of alcoholics. Al-Anon/Alateen members share how attendance has helped them more fully understand their alcoholic relative, and how they can enjoy a full and happy life, regardless of whether the alcoholic is still drinking or not. Al-Anon meets twice weekly and Alateen meets once a week at LBPC:

Al-Anon Meetings: Monday 7:00-8:00 pm and Wednesday Noon-1:00 pm

Alateen Meeting: Monday 7:00-8:00 pm

*Due to the pandemic, Al-Anon and Alateen are having virtual meetings.
Please go to delawarealanon.org/meeting for the most up-to-date information.*

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IMPORTANT THINGS TO KNOW

300th Anniversary Campaign Update



We have reached and exceeded our goal with a total of \$300,289 donated to the 300th Anniversary Campaign! Thanks to all for their very generous contributions!

If you still wish to contribute, please contact Linda Natali at linda.natali@comcast.net or visit www.vancopayments.com to give electronically, or mail your check to the church office with a memo, "300th Anniversary."

Did you know that you can contribute to LBPC with a stock contribution? Or electronically via Vanco services? Vanco – visit our website and follow the instructions to "contribute online."

Stock Transfers – inform your investment company to send the transfer to Fidelity Investments. Our DTC is 0226, Account **772-118389**.

If needed – Fidelity Investments – 4001 Kennett Pike Ste. 120, Greenville, DE 19807, our Account Executive is Daniel Glazer 302-428-3776 ext. 78869.

Please remember to advise Linda Natali at linda.natali@comcast.net of your donation, so that we may credit your giving account promptly.

Donations of Required Minimum Distributions from Retirement Accounts

Did you know that you can make a donation of all or a portion of the Required Minimum Distribution from your retirement account to tax exempt charities, such as Lower Brandywine Presbyterian Church and your donation will be tax exempt?

Here's how it works. If a person is at least age 70½, they must take at least a minimum distribution from their IRA or incur a penalty equal to one-half of the otherwise required minimum distribution amount. They may take more than the minimum at their discretion. These individuals may instruct their IRA account manager to distribute any amount of their choosing to one or more tax exempt charities such as Lower Brandywine Presbyterian.

When that is done, it is considered to be a tax-exempt contribution. Lower Brandywine would acknowledge to the giver the receipt of that contribution from their IRA. Also, this contribution is tax exempt even if the individual does not itemize deductions for income tax purposes because the IRA account manager would not identify this to the IRS as reportable income in accordance with the tax code.

July 2021 Readings

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost—July 4

Topic: We Are Made for the Beloved

Psalm 16:7-11

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost—July 11

Topic: Compassion and Contemplation

2 Samuel 6:1–5, 12b–19

Psalm 24

Ephesians 1:3–14

Mark 6:14–29

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost—July 18

Topic: Worth It—2021 Mission Trip Report

Luke 15:11-32

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost—July 25

Topic: Awakening to Beauty, Falling in Love with the World

Psalm 147:1-11

*“Faith is to believe
what you do not see;
the reward of this faith
is to see what you believe.*

Saint Augustine

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

JULY BIRTHDAYS

7/2	George Thorpe Alison Jury
7/3	Jeffery Day Meredith Day
7/4	David Baldr
7/6	Susan Gluck
7/7	Ginny Nutt
7/10	Emily Salmons Marina Wright
7/11	Thomas Johnson Michael Wright
7/12	Jake Armstrong
7/16	Edward Nass Colin Underwood
7/17	Janet Haldeman
7/18	Brian Kent
7/23	Kelly Soliman
7/24	Hayden Faulkner
7/26	Michael Connolly
7/27	Barbara Burkhardt
7/28	Conor Garrigan-Nass
7/30	Keeley Lannon

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7/6	Kieran & Chantel Connolly
7/11	Phillip & Patricia Dewey
7/16	Dennis & Diana Witmer
7/27	William & Lisa McNett
7/30	Patrick & Keeley Lannon

CALENDAR

JUNE 27TH—JULY 11TH

Start Date	Start Time	Subject	ZOOM
06/28/2021	7:00 PM	Session	Contact Pastor Emma
	7:00 PM	Al-Anon	
	7:00 PM	Al-Ateen	
06/30/2021	12:00 PM	Al-Anon	
07/04/2021		Sixth Sunday after Pentecost	
	8:00 AM	Adult Topical Study	
	10:00 AM	Worship Service (In-Person and Livestreamed)	
07/05/2021		CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED	
	7:00 PM	Al-Anon	
	7:00 PM	Al-Ateen	
07/06/2021	12:00 PM	Richard Rohr Small Group (ZOOM)	Contact Sandra Borrer
07/07/2021	12:00 PM	Al-Anon	
07/11/2021		Seventh Sunday after Pentecost	
07/11/2021	8:00 AM	Adult Topical Study	
07/11/2021	10:00 AM	Worship Service (In-Person and Livestreamed)	



- Sunday, July 18 Youth Sunday with mission trip report
- Week of July 26th Vacation Bible School (see previous VBS announcement)



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