



Becoming a beloved community of God where all belong.
Seventh Sunday after Pentecost July 7, 2024

Prelude: *Tribute to America* | My Country, 'Tis of Thee; Tune: THESAURUS MUSICUS | The Star-Spangled Banner, Music attr. John Stafford | Arranged by Mark Hayes

Entrance Song: H-719 | *O beautiful for spacious skies*

Song After Scripture: H-709 | *O God of Bethel, by whose hand*

Offertory Music: *Peace I Leave With You* | Jean Pasquet

Sanctus: S-129 | *Holy, holy, holy Lord*

Song At Communion: H-635 | *If thou but trust in God to guide thee*

Concluding Song: H-347 | *Go forth for God; go to the world in peace*

Postlude: *You Shall Go Out With Joy* | Geoffrey Andrews

The Collect/ Prayer of the Day

O God, you have taught us to keep all your commandments by loving you and our neighbor: Grant us the grace of your Holy Spirit, that we may be devoted to you with our whole heart, and united to one another with pure affection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Readings: https://lectionarypage.net/YearB_RCL/Pentecost/BProp9_RCL.html

Psalm 48 – Prayed responsively by half verse

- 1 Great is the LORD, and highly to be praised; *
in the city of our God is his holy hill.
- 2 Beautiful and lofty, the joy of all the earth, is the hill of Zion, *
the very center of the world and the city of the great King.
- 3 God is in her citadels; *
he is known to be her sure refuge.
- 4 Behold, the kings of the earth assembled *
and marched forward together.
- 5 They looked and were astounded; *
they retreated and fled in terror.
- 6 Trembling seized them there; *
**they writhed like a woman in childbirth,
like ships of the sea when the east wind shatters them.**
- 7 As we have heard, so have we seen,
in the city of the LORD of hosts, in the city of our God; *
God has established her for ever.

- 8 We have waited in silence on your loving-kindness, O God, *
in the midst of your temple.
- 9 Your praise, like your Name, O God, reaches to the world's end; *
your right hand is full of justice.
- 10 Let Mount Zion be glad
and the cities of Judah rejoice, *
because of your judgments.
- 11 Make the circuit of Zion;
walk round about her; *
count the number of her towers.
- 12 Consider well her bulwarks;
examine her strongholds; *
that you may tell those who come after.
- 13 This God is our God for ever and ever; *
he shall be our guide for evermore.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thank You! – Thanks to everyone for a wonderful celebration last Sunday for the Bishop’s visit and dedication of the Roberta Miller Learning Cottage. It was a blessed day!

Summer Food Drive for Germantown Help – Demand for food staples increases during the summer months when kids aren’t in school. We encourage you to bring non-perishable food items to church on Sundays so that we can donate them to Germantown Help. Cereals, canned goods and other non-perishable items are greatly appreciated.

Roberta Miller Learning Cottage Final Fundraiser - St. Nicholas' leadership has committed \$12,000 as Matching Funds for the Final Fundraiser for the Learning Cottage. We project a need for an additional \$20,000 to complete the extra work to finish the project. We appreciate any support you might be able to provide. Please write checks to **St. Nicholas** with *Learning Cottage* on the memo line.

Hospitality: Summer Schedule - Happy summer, everyone. For the months of July and August the hospitality team will be on summer schedule and we will move from weekly hospitality to a monthly hospitality Sunday. Hospitality Sunday will be the third Sunday of the month until September, when we will revert back to weekly hospitality. Enjoy the beautiful summer weather and relax! Alicia Frechette, Hospitality Chair

Montgomery County Interfaith 5K – Monday, September 2. Register today and join St. Nicholas’ Team! Or come and staff our information table! We have a lot of fun together.

