

# Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

June 28, 2020



Gathering Music 🎵

Great Day

arr. Hailstork

Billie Busby Smith, Director of Music Ministries

*We are a Diverse Community of Seekers...*

## Welcome to Park Hill

Jess, Will, Liam, and Evan Taylor; Pam Dacus (Sierra Vista, Arizona); Dan, Julie, and Violet Steiner; Bob and Marlene Lederer; Patti Knapp and Ann Mancuso (Myrtle Beach, South Carolina); Faye and Ennis Hudson; Leslie Simon and Lucy and Nicholas Paul; Lori Fell (Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania); Karen Blackwood; David Bahr

## Invitation to Worship

Rev. David Bahr, Pastor

## Opening Song 🎵 verse 1

*Lift Every Voice and Sing*

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## Children's Time

Jeremy Shaver, Minister for Faith Formation

*...Inspired by the Teachings of Jesus...*

## Scripture Reading

Psalm 13

## Sermon

The Cross and the Lynching Tree: A Requiem for Amaud Arbery

Rev. Dr. Otis Moss, III

## Response to the Sermon

## Special Music 🎵

*Lean on Me*

Gamble Family

## Prayers of the People

Terri Bowen, Minister for Congregational Care

Text prayers to 303-718-0694, email [prayer@parkhillchurch.org](mailto:prayer@parkhillchurch.org), or use the [web form](#).

## Pastoral Prayer

## Common Prayer

Our Creator, holy is your name.

Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread

And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.

And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.

For yours is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

## Response 🎵

*Lead me, guide me, along the way*

*For, if you lead me, I'll not stray*

*Lord, let me walk each day with you*

*Lead me, O Lord, lead me*

## Compassion in Action

Senior Support Services

## Invitation to Give

Terri Bowen, Minister for Congregational Care

Contributions may be made by credit card via PayPal at [parkhillucc.org](http://parkhillucc.org)

If you wish to designate your gift for a specific purpose, such as the mission partner, please use the "add a note" section to communicate your intent.

Text **Give** to 844-948-1390

For an **offering**, when prompted to enter an amount, enter a number, for example, 25.  
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*Thank you for your generosity!*

## **...Called to Bold Acts of Compassion and Justice**

### **Opportunities for Discipleship**

Please visit [parkhillucc.org](http://parkhillucc.org) to [“Let us know you’re here”](#)

### **Benediction**

#### **Song of Blessing** 🎵

*God be with you till we meet again*

*By good counsel guide uphold you*

*With a shepherd’s care enfold you*

*God be with you till we meet again*

*Till we meet, till we meet, till we meet at Jesus’ feet*

*Till we meet, till we meet, God be with you till we meet again.*



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### **Stay on Zoom for Coffee Hour**

### **Return to Zoom for a conversation about today’s sermon at 11:30 AM**

### **Sunday School is now at 9 AM** (Pre-K through Grade 6)

**Lesson:** “At the Table” – Luke 15:11-32 **Focus:** Compassion helps us see and welcome one another.

**Youth Group:** Our next weekly Youth Group meeting will take place at 4 PM Sunday, June 28. We will meet virtually by Zoom. A meeting link will be sent in advance. There will *not* be Youth Group on Sunday, July 5. If you would like information about Youth Group (grades 6-12), please contact Jeremy Shaver, Minister for Faith Formation, at [youth@parkhillchurch.org](mailto:youth@parkhillchurch.org).

### **Sunday School moves to Sunday mornings before worship**

Our weekly Sunday School for children in preschool through sixth grade will take place from 9-9:30 AM during the summer. We hope this change will allow families to enjoy more time together after worship on Sunday and will allow our post-worship virtual coffee hour to grow. Zoom log-in information will be provided to families. For questions, contact Jeremy Shaver, Minister for Faith Formation, at [youth@parkhillchurch.org](mailto:youth@parkhillchurch.org).

## Music Ministry

TODAY'S music celebrates a wide range of music composed and arranged by African American composers. The Prelude is a spiritual, "Great Day," which has been arranged for organ by African American composer, Adolphus Hailstork.



**PHCC Music Ministry**  
Make a Joyful Noise

The special music is provided by the Gamble Family. The music they are singing and playing is "Lean on Me," composed by Bill Withers. It would be difficult to not mention Bill Withers when talking about R&B music of the 70s and 80s. Like "Lean on Me," the texts of many of his songs are meaningful. The father and daughter vocal duo, Park and Ruth, are singing the vocals, while Charles, best known as a sax player, is playing bass for the first time!

**Lead Me, Guide Me** - We will sing together this very famous gospel song as we have done at PHCC since 1999. Doris Akers is one of the most famous Gospel composers and performers of the twentieth century. In 1992, Ms. Akers was honored by the Smithsonian as "the foremost black gospel songwriter in the United States."

**Lift Every Voice and Sing** - Who could celebrate African American music without singing the hymn often identified as the African American National anthem? The lyrics were penned by James Weldon Johnson in 1900 and the music composed by his brother, J. Rosamond Johnson in 1905. The NAACP first called it the "Negro National Hymn" in 1919, and since then it has played a prominent role in the musical background for the Civil Rights movement. Join Paul, Amanda Tant, Sid, and Billie to sing every important word of this hymn!

*When words fail, music speaks.*

## June Mission Partner: Senior Support Center

In the spring of 2000, the executive director of Senior Support explained that there was a great need for shelter for elderly homeless senior citizens. At that time the zoning laws allowed for churches to provide overnight shelter for a certain amount of time without a change in the zoning laws. The Park Hill Pastors group decided to accept this challenge and formed a team to provide meals and overnight hospitality at the then-empty high school building next to Blessed Sacrament. However, when this outreach was announced, the community in Park Hill were upset and so we had to withdraw the offer for overnight shelter...but since the teams were already put together for the evening meal, we offered to provide the evenings meals for our friends, even though we could not provide overnight shelter. Thus, the evening meal program was born! Park Hill United Church of Christ was a founding member and so has provided continuous meals support for 20 years now.

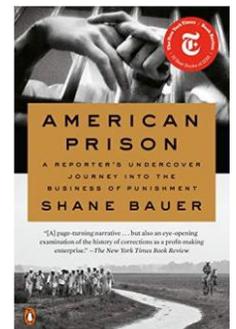


If you'd like to help, please contact Joan Root, our meal coordinator, for more information at [joanroot@comcast.net](mailto:joanroot@comcast.net)

## July Book Group

Our next book is *American Prison: A Reporter's Undercover Journey into the Business of Punishment* by Shane Bauer. The meeting is scheduled for July 9, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. The Zoom ID is 827 3823 0808. The password is 2600.

From the publisher: In 2014, Shane Bauer was hired for \$9 an hour to work as an entry-level prison guard at a private prison in Winnfield, Louisiana. An award-winning investigative journalist, he used his real name; there was no meaningful background check. Four months later, his employment came to an abrupt end. But he had seen enough, and in short order he wrote an exposé about his experiences that won a National Magazine Award and became the most-read feature in the history of the magazine *Mother Jones*. Still, there was much more that he needed to say.



In *American Prison*, Bauer weaves a much deeper reckoning with his experiences together with a thoroughly researched history of for-profit prisons in America from their origins in the decades before the Civil War. For, as he soon realized, we can't understand the cruelty of our current system and its place in the larger story of mass incarceration without understanding where it came from. Private prisons became entrenched in the South as part of a systemic effort to keep the African-American labor force in place in the aftermath of slavery, and the echoes of these shameful origins are with us still.

## 540 LIFT EVERY VOICE AND SING

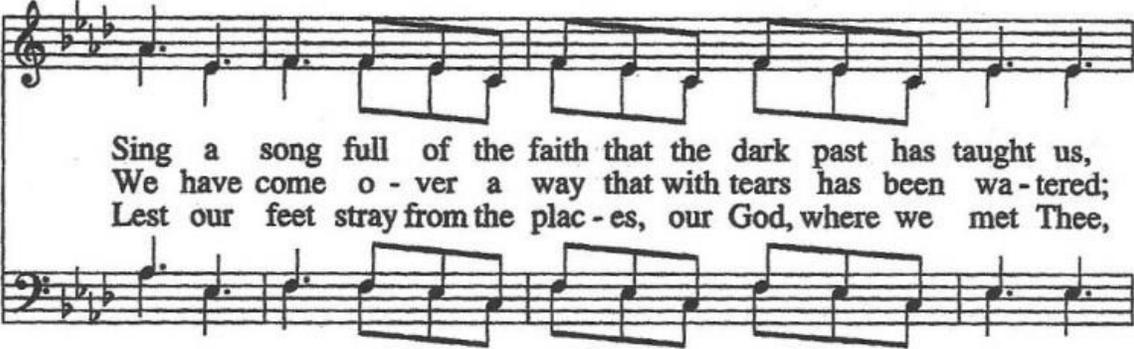
Let them praise the name of the LORD, for his name alone is exalted; his glory is above earth and heaven.  
Psalm 148:13

1. Lift ev - 'ry voice and sing, Till earth and heav - en  
2. Ston - y the road we trod, Bit - ter the chas - t'ning  
3. God of our wea - ry years, God of our si - lent

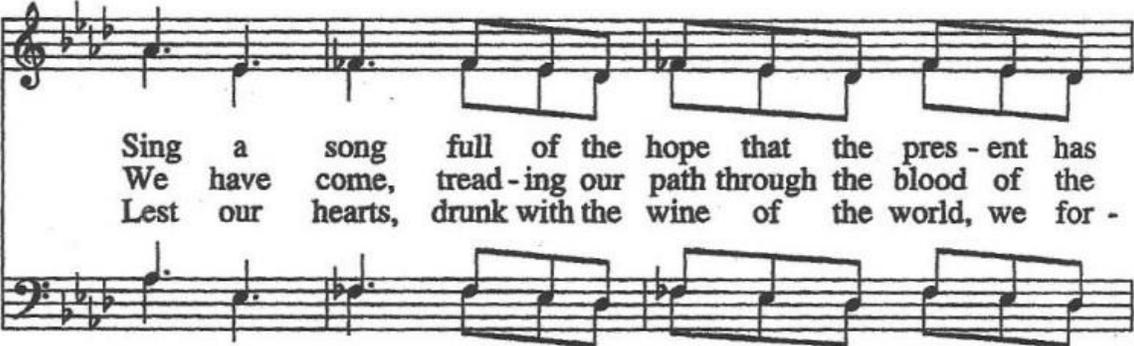
ring, Ring with the har - mo - nies of lib - er -  
rod, Felt in the days when hope un - born had  
tears, Thou who hast brought us thus far on the

ty; Let our re - joic - ing rise High as the lis - t'ning  
died; Yet with a stead - y beat, Have not our wea - ry  
way; Thou who hast by Thy might, Led us in - to the

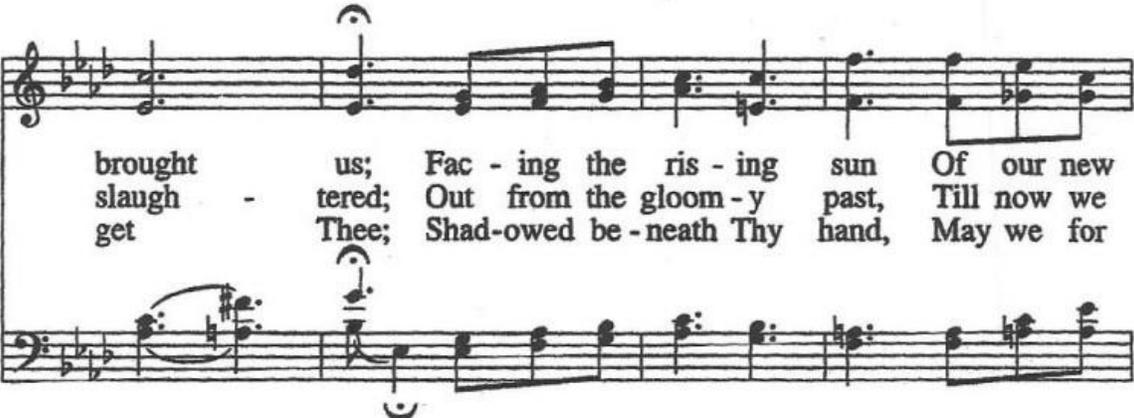
skies, Let it re - sound loud as the roll - ing sea.  
feet Come to the place for which our peo - ple sighed?  
light, Keep us for ev - er in the path, we pray.



Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us,  
We have come o - ver a way that with tears has been wa - tered;  
Lest our feet stray from the plac - es, our God, where we met Thee,



Sing a song full of the hope that the pres - ent has  
We have come, tread - ing our path through the blood of the  
Lest our hearts, drunk with the wine of the world, we for -



brought us; Fac - ing the ris - ing sun Of our new  
slaugh - tered; Out from the gloom - y past, Till now we  
get Thee; Shad - owed be - neath Thy hand, May we for



day be - gun, Let us march on till vic - to - ry is won.  
stand at last Where the bright gleam of our bright star is cast.  
ev - er stand, True to our God, true to our na - tive land.