

Myerstown United Church of Christ

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

October 13, 2019

Worship Time 10:00 am

Traditional Service of the Word

Prelude *Romanza* Gabriel Faure

Welcome and Announcements

*Call to Worship (Leader/All)

(will all who are able, please stand)

Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth.

We sing the glory of God's name.

How awesome are your deeds, O God!

We sing praises to your name.

God has brought us out to a spacious place.

Our God is an awesome God!

*Opening Hymn #72

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

(please be seated)

Confession of Sin

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Jesus, Master, have mercy on us. We keep our distance from you, for we are broken and sick with sin. Yet you see us, and cleanse us, and make us whole. Forgive us when we forget to return to you. Have mercy when we fail to praise your name; And help us to radiate the faith that makes us well. Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Forgiveness

Anthem *To God Be the Glory* arr. Mary McDonald

A Word for Children

Lessons for Today

A Reading from the Epistles

2 Timothy 2:8-15

Listen for the Word of God in Paul's second letter to Timothy, verses 8 through 15 of chapter 2.

Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, a descendant of David--that is my gospel, for which I suffer hardship, even to the point of being chained like a criminal. But the word of God is not chained. Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, so that they may also obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus, with eternal glory. The saying is sure: If we have died with him, we will also live with him; if we endure, we will also reign with him; if we deny him, he will also deny us; if we are faithless, he remains faithful-- for he cannot deny himself. Remind them of this, and warn them before God that they are to avoid wrangling over words, which does no good but only ruins those who are listening. Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved by him, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly explaining the word of truth.

This is where the Epistle Lesson for the 18th Sunday after Pentecost ends.

[will those who are able please stand for the reading of the Gospel]

*A Reading from the Gospels

Luke 17:11-19

Hear the good news of Jesus Christ as recorded by Luke in the 17th chapter beginning at the 11th verse and following.

Praise be to you, O Christ.

On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. As he entered a village, ten lepers approached him. Keeping their distance, they called out, saying, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!" When he saw them, he said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went, they were made clean. Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. He prostrated himself at Jesus' feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. Then Jesus asked, "Were not ten made clean? But the other nine, where are they? Was none of them found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?" Then he said to him, "Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well."

This is where the reading ends. It is the gospel of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

[the congregation may be seated]

Homily Garret Book
Hymn #29 [verses 4-6] *God of the Sparrow*
Pastoral Prayer
Prayer of Our Savior

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 debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

Opportunity for Giving Thanks

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory *Trio in g minor* Josef Rheinberger
*Offertory Response #658 *Awesome God*

*Prayer of Dedication

Like the healed leper who returned to Jesus, we praise and glorify your name, O God. For wholeness received and for the gift of belonging, we thank you. Make of us, as well as these gifts, offering of good news and hope. We ask all things in the name of Christ. Amen.

*Affirming Our Faith *The Apostle's Creed* hymnal back cover

*Closing Hymn #458 *O Jesus, I Have Promised*

*Benediction

*Benediction Response #351 Take Up Your Cross

[verse 1 only]

(please be seated following the response)

Moments of Silent Meditation

Postlude *Fugue* Felix Mendelssohn

Acknowledgements

We again welcome Garrett Book to our pulpit and thank him for his presence among us today.

The flowers on the altar in loving memory of Mahlon and Mitch and our parents by the Hemperly family.

The flowers on the altar last week were placed in loving memory of departed family members by Joyce Bahney.

Better Families is sponsored this month by Lois Werner.

Thank you to everyone who participated in preparing, serving, and cleaning up for the first Community Meal. The next meal is Thursday, November 14.

Ruth Bomberger expressed, *Thank you for all the cards and good wishes on my birthday. It is wonderful to be remembered.*

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Short Survey

Please complete the Short Survey insert and put it in the chartreuse container on the credenza inside the main entrance.

Calendar for This Week

Today, Sunday, October 13

Monday, October 14

8:30 am Strong Bones [social hall]
 9:00 am - 2:00 pm Church Office Open
 6:00 pm Search Committee Meeting [Library]

Tuesday, October 15

11:00 am Lebanon Assoc Ministerium, Bethany Children's Hm
 12:30 pm - 4:30 pm Pastor Office Hours [preferably by appointment]

Wednesday, October 16

9:00 am - 2:00 pm Church Office Open

Thursday, October 17

8:30 am Strong Bones [social hall]
 10:00 am Elders [Library]

Friday, October 18

9:00 am - 2:00 pm Church Office Open

Saturday, October 19

noon New Horizon Middletown Train Ride

Sunday, October 20 8:00 am Worship; Jack Esbenshade, preaching

8:45 am Small group meetings.
 10:00 am Worship, Jack Esbenshade, preaching
 11:00 am Personnel Committee

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**Worship Assistants for October 20, 2019**

8:00 am Service

Open Church: Marcia Bicher Greeter: Gene Haag  
 Worship Leader: William Arnold

10:00 am Service

Greeter: Sara Zeller Worship Leaders: Carolyn Williams  
 Sound: Robert Dash Charles Williams  
 Ushers: Emily, Kara, & Abby Frantz, Marie Hibshman, Kenny Patrick  
 Counting Team: Lois Werner, Sara Zeller, Sally Kulp

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Announcements

SEARCH COMMITTEE will meet tomorrow, Monday, October 14th, at 6:00 pm in the Church Library.

LEFTOVERS!: Do we have leftovers from last week. Because one can never be sure about what the number of servings for a recipe means, the bakers were asked to make two batches; there is leftover bread. Because the one purchasing the dry ingredients cannot add and multiply correctly, there are leftover dry ingredients. All are for purchase in the gathering area. The breads were frozen to assist with freshness and have been thawed for instant enjoyment. Donations are requested to offset the costs to the church.

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING will take place on Sunday, November 10th. There will be only one service that morning at 9 am. The meeting to follow the service.

ANNUAL MEETING CHOIR: Since there is only one service on November 10th, there is an opportunity for folks who normally attend the early service to sing in the choir. It's also an opportunity for late service people to participate in a special musical event. If you are interested / willing, please contact Emily.

CONSTITUTION & BY-LAWS: At the Annual Meeting on November 10, 2019, we will vote on some amendments to our Constitution and By-Laws. Major changes include removing the list and descriptions of committees and task groups including term limits that we find impossible to follow. Committees will now be controlled by Council so adjustments can be made as needed (See Section 4.1 of the By-laws). We adjusted the terms for Elders to coordinate with having 4 Elders rather than 6, a change we made three years ago (See Section 4.2) We also added the word *active before member* in several locations to emphasize that quorums will be determined based on active membership. We replaced general mailing with communication to reflect our current use of electronic as well as paper communications (See Constitution Section 7.2, By-laws Section 5.3 and 5.4). Copies of the current [white paper] and proposed [pink] By-Laws are available on the information table.

KITCHEN EQUIPMENT & UTENSILS should not be removed from the kitchen without talking to the Kitchen Task Group [Mark Herr] and being signed out through the church office.

LCCM needs plastic store bags in addition to the goods on the list. Please place them in the usual LCCM collection box. Also, the Annual Fundraising Event is scheduled for Thursday, Nov 21st. Carolyn Williams will be selling tickets. MUCC also provides a basket for the silent auction that contains gift cards. Double benefit: Order a gift card on Nov 3 and give it to the Williams on Nov 10. Very simple!

WORSHIP SUPPORT TEAM: The meeting scheduled for Monday, October 14th, has been moved to Monday, October 21st. The meeting will be in the library.

LEBANON VALLEY HOMES [ANNVILLE] ANNUAL HOLIDAY BAZAAR will be held on Saturday, November 23rd from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm in the Chapel. Refer to the November Vineyard for items they would like to have donated.

FREE PHONES with answering machines are available in the Gathering Area. First come—first served.

CHOIR MEMBERS: Please take note of the rehearsal schedule for October and November: Wednesdays at 7:30 in the Music room (10/23, 10/30, 11/6.) Anthems will be rehearsed at 9:40 am (music room) and sung on 10/27, and 11/3 at the 10 am services and 8:40 am for the 9 am service on 11/10. Please contact Emily Frantz or put your name on the absentee chart as soon as possible if you will miss any of these dates.

PRAYER TEAM: Replacing a traditional prayer chain, participants will come together to pray for individuals and situations as a group. Sally Kulp is organizing this team. Please contact her to participate.

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Prayer List

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|------------------------------------------|------------------------------------|------------------|
| Nancy Brown                              | Rosene Duffy                       | Larry Eisenhauer |
| Ellen Goodyear                           | Ruthann Snoke                      | Joyce Mitstifer  |
| Jewel Fessler (Kathy Grose)              | Linda Feaser (Kathy Grose)         |                  |
| Suzanne Fritsch (Stephen Fritsch)        | Bill Gracely (Margo McQuate)       |                  |
| Dennis Palm (former Scout Master)        | Ralph Woynarowski (Sara Zeller)    |                  |
| Rosalla Hollenbach (Trudy Yeager)        | Joanne Frantz (Emily Frantz)       |                  |
| David Mock (Ed & Candy Hibshman)         | James Haines (Ed & Candy Hibshman) |                  |
| Heather & Elvin Perez (Marianne Fritsch) | Beverly Asroff (Steve Fritsch)     |                  |
| Family of Carol Schwalm                  |                                    |                  |

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Upcoming Pulpit Supply Information

October 20	Jack Esbenshade	October 27	Nora Foust
November 3	Jim Yoder	November 10	Jim Yoder
November 17	Peter Schmiechen	November 24	Peter Hook
Jim Yoder will be preaching the entire season of Advent and Christmas Eve			

Welcome to Myerstown United Church of Christ

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 Jim Yoder----- 252-258-4268 ----- Bridge Pastor
 Emily Frantz----- 717-383-1147 ----- Parish Administrator
 Mark Herr----- 717-572-7734 -Family & Community Ministry Coordinator
 Lindy Bennetch----- Financial Administrator
 Jim Yoder----- Church Secretary
 Elicia Frank----- Custodian

Worship Assistants

Appreciation to the following who participated in today's service:

Organist Mark Herr

8:00 am Service

Open Church

Mark Herr

Greeter

Marcia Bicher

Worship Leader

Doug Bohannon

10:00 am Service

Greeter

Hetty Wengert

Sound:

Paulie McQuate

Worship Leaders

Kristi Fields

Donald Brown

Ushers

Ed & Candy Hibshman, Terry & Suzie Schott, Kenny Patrick

Counting Team

Marie Hibshman, Kathy Grose, Charles & Carolyn Williams

Stewardship Report for Sunday, September 29, 2019

General Fund \$4,489 OCWM \$1,375

Church Improvement Fund \$1,040

Attendance 8 am: 22

Attendance 10 am: 53