

# Myerstown United Church of Christ

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

October 27, 2019

Worship Time 10:00 am

## Traditional Service of the Word

Prelude *Fugue on the Name of BACH* J Albrechtsberger

Welcome and Announcements

### \*Call to Worship (Leader/All)

This is the day the Lord has made:

**A day for praise and prayer; a day for gratitude and generosity.**

This is the time God has given us:

**A time for singing and silence; a time for speaking and listening.**

This is the life to which God calls us:

**A life of humility and service; a life of faith and trust.**

*(will all who are able, please stand)*

\*Opening Hymn #31 *I Sing the Mighty Power of God* ELLACOMBE  
*(please be seated)*

Confession of Sin

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Join me as we pray to our God, saying

**Watching God, like the Pharisee, we think we can stick our thumbs into life, pull out a prayer, and congratulate ourselves for being such good Christians. Then, we remember the harsh words we have spoken this week, the hurt we have inflicted on someone we loved, the lack of compassion we failed to offer to someone who needed our help.**

**Forgive us, God of Grace, and deal gently with us. May we become more like the tax collector—humble, penitent, acknowledging our faulty lives to you. Then, may we receive the mercy promised to us through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.**

Silent Confession

Assurance of Forgiveness

Forgiven and healed, we open ourselves to the grace, the peace, the hope offered to us through our living God.

**This is the good news we have received!**

Hymn #354 *Just As I Am* WOODWORTH

A Word for Children Jim Yoder

Lessons for Today

A Reading from the Epistles 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18

Listen for the Word of God in Paul's second letter to Timothy. It is selected verses from chapter 4.

As for me, I am already being poured out as a libation, and the time of my departure has come. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. From now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have longed for his appearing.

At my first defense no one came to my support, but all deserted me. May it not be counted against them! But the Lord stood by me and gave me strength, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion's mouth. The Lord will rescue me from every evil attack and save me for his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory forever and ever. Amen.

This is where the Epistle Lesson for the 20th Sunday after Pentecost ends. May we be blessed.

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

\*A Reading from the Gospels Luke 18:9-14

Hear the good news of Jesus Christ as remembered by Luke in verses 9 through 14 of chapter 18.

**Praise be to you, O Christ.**

He also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and regarded others with contempt. "Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee, standing by himself, was praying thus, 'God, I thank you that I am not like

other people: thieves, rogues, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week; I give a tenth of all my income. But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even look up to heaven, but was beating his breast and saying, ‘God, be merciful to me, a sinner! I tell you, this man went down to his home justified rather than the other; for all who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted.’”

This is where the reading ends. It is the gospel of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God!**

*[the congregation may be seated]*

Anthem *At the Riverside* arr. Joel Raney  
Homily Nora Foust  
Hymn #326 *Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness*  
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 *Jesu, Meine Freude (Jesus My Joy)* Peter Blumenthal

\*Offertory Response #4 *Bless His Holy Name*

\*Prayer of Dedication

Let us offer this prayer of blessing together.

**If our lives, our love, our gifts are not shared with others, the words we offer in prayer and praise are hollow. We ask you to receive what we offer Holy God, and bless them in the work that bring hope and healing to all. in Jesus; name, we pray. Amen.**

\*Affirming Our Faith *UCC Statement of Faith* hymnal back cover

\*Closing Hymn #502 *Be Thou My Vision* SLANE

\*Taking Today Into the World

We have offered praise and prayer to our God,  
**Who sends us out to offer peace and hope to others.**  
We have heard the call of Jesus in the silence and singing,  
**And we will join him in speaking for the voiceless.**  
Filled by the Spirit with faith and trust,  
**We go to serve others, humbly and lovingly.**

\*Benediction

\*Benediction Response #491 *Open Our Eyes*  
*(please be seated following the response)*

Moments of Silent Meditation

Postlude *Postludium* Adolf Hesse

### Acknowledgements

We welcome Rev. Rev Nora Foust again to our pulpit and thank her for her presence among us today. Rev. Foust is the Associate Conference Minister for Congregational and Ministerial Excellence for the Penn Central Conference. She staffs all association Committees on Ministry, facilitates the Ministerial Education Forums, leads the congregational and clergy boundary training program, and meets with consistories and congregations for a wide variety of educational opportunities. A life-long member of the UCC, Rev. Foust has been involved with outdoor ministries as a camper and director for over 30 years. Nora loves spending time outside and reading when she can find extra minutes. Nora and Mike have an adult daughter that lives in NC; their son Joshua lives with them in Harrisburg, PA.

The flowers on the altar in honor of our parents by the Scott Bennetch family.

We thank Abby Frantz and Jim Yoder for providing refreshments in the Gathering Area following worship this morning. Let us continue the fellowship begun during worship in this relaxed time of community.

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Prayer List

Nancy Brown	Rosene Duffy	Larry Eisenhauer
Ellen Goodyear	Ruth Ann Snoke	Joyce Mitstifer
Jewel Fessler (Kathy Grose)		Linda Feaser (Kathy Grose)
Suzanne Fritsch (Stephen Fritsch)		Bill Gracely (Margo McQuate)
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		Steve Norford (Margo McQuate)

**Worship Assistants for November 3, 2019**

8:00 am Service  
**Open Church:** Cal Beamesderfer      **Greeter:** Shirley Krall  
**Worship Leader:** William Arnold

10:00 am Service  
**Greeter:** Ed & Candy Hibshman      **Sound:** Paulie McQuate  
**Worship Leaders:** Steve & Marianne Fritsch  
**Ushers:** Travis Bicher, Youth, Kenny Patrick  
**Communion Servers:** Travis Bicher, Charles & Carolyn Williams (

Upcoming Preaching Schedule

November 3	Jim Yoder	November 10	Jim Yoder
November 17	Peter Schmiechen	November 24	Peter Hook

Calendar for This Week

Today, Sunday, October 27  
8:00 am      Worship; Nora Foust, preaching  
8:45 am      Small group meetings.  
10:00 am      Worship, Nora Foust, preaching  
11:00 am      Christian Education Committee

Monday, October 28  
8:30 am      Strong Bones [social hall]  
9:00 am - 2:00 pm      Church Office Open

Tuesday, October 29  
12:30 pm - 4:30 pm      Pastor Office Hours [preferably by appointment]

Wednesday, October 30  
9:00 am - 2:00 pm      Church Office Open  
7:30 pm      Choir Rehearsal  
Scouts

Thursday, October 31  
8:30 am      Strong Bones [social hall]

Friday, November 1  
9:00 am - 2:00 pm      Church Office Open

Saturday, November 2  
Sunday, November 3  
8:00 am      Gift Card Orders Received  
8:45 am      Worship with Communion; Jim Yoder, preaching  
10:00 am      Small group meetings.  
:3:00 pm      Worship with Communion, Jim Yoder, preaching  
Garret Book Ordination



Announcements

**ALL SAINT'S SUNDAY** is November 3rd. As before, we will read the names of members of the congregation who have died in the past years. If there are *family members* who have died this year, you are also invited to submit their names to be read. Please contact the Church Office on or before Wednesday, October 30th. Be sure to spell the name if leaving a voicemail message.

In addition, we will gather the names of persons who achieved their *sainthood* in previous years. You are invited to submit names of family members and friends on the cloud cards. You are also encouraged to talk with your neighbors and

invite them to submit names. If you returned any cards today, please put them in the container on the Information Table in the Gathering Area. Cards that you bring with you on the 3rd will be placed during the worship service.

**ORDINATION SERVICE FOR GARRETT BOOK.** The service will be held on Nov 3rd and begins at 3:00 pm. It will take place at Christ UCC, 200 S White Oak St, Annville.

**MAILBOXES** for church staff and all task groups are located in the Library.

**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!

**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.

**CHOIR MEMBERS:** Please take note of the rehearsal schedule for October through December: Wednesdays at 7:30 in the Music room 10/30, 11/6, 12/18, 12/22 [11am,if needed],12/24. Anthems will be rehearsed at 9:40 am (music room) and sung on 11/3, and 12/22 at the 10 am services and 8:40 am for the 9 am service on 11/10, as well as 12/24. 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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## Welcome to Myerstown United Church of Christ

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 Mark Herr----- 717-572-7734 -Family & Community Ministry Coordinator  
 Lindy Bennetch----- ----- Financial Administrator  
 Jim Yoder----- ----- Office Administrative Assistant  
 Elicia Frank----- ----- Custodian

### Worship Assistants

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

**Organist** Mark Herr

#### 8:00 am Service

**Open Church** William & Betty Arnold **Greeters** William & Betty Arnold  
**Worship Leader** Wanda Rabold

#### 10:00 am Service

**Greeter** Dawn Hassler **Sound:** Robert Dash  
**Worship Leaders** Sally Kulp  
**Ushers** Kory & Ryan Leppo, Bob Dash, Kenny Patrick  
**Counting Team** Ed & Candy Hibshman, Terry & Suzie Schott

### Stewardship Report for Sunday, September 29, 2019

|                  |         |                         |       |
|------------------|---------|-------------------------|-------|
| General Fund     | \$3,416 | OCWM                    | \$150 |
|                  |         | Church Improvement Fund | \$300 |
| Attendance 8 am: | 17      | Attendance 10 am:       | 41    |