

Myerstown United Church of Christ

DISCIPLESHIP AND MISSION

All Saints Sunday

November 3, 2019

Worship Time 10:00 am

Traditional Service of the Word

The Gifts of the Past

Prelude *Pastoral "Symphony"* George Friderich Handel

Welcome

Announcements

Reflection [Leader/All]

We thank God for these opportunities for fellowship and service.

Response of Thanks #448 *In the Lord*

Joys and Concerns

Our joys are blessings that urge us forward.

We bless the God who blesses us.

For all these persons and all who are in need and for situations and places

Hold your people near, O God.

(will all who are able, please stand)

*Opening Hymn *I Sing a Song of the Saints of God* next page

(please be seated)

A Word for Children

Lessons for Today

A Reading from the Epistles Hebrews 12:1-2

Listen for the Word of God in the instructions given to the Hebrews, chapter 12, verses 1 & 2. The author is encouraging them to look at Jesus as an example.

Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the

I Sing a Song of the Saints of God 730



1 I sing a song of the saints of God, pa - tient and
2 They loved their Lord so dear, so dear, and God's love
3 They lived not on - ly in a - ges past; there are hun - dreds of



brave and true, who toiled and fought and lived and
made them strong; and they fol - lowed the right, for Je - sus'
thou - sands still; the world is bright with the joy - ous



died for the Lord they loved and knew. And one was a
sake, the whole of their good lives long. And one was a
saints who love to do Je - sus' will. You can meet them in



doc - tor, and one was a queen, and one was a shep - herd - ess
sol - dier, and one was a priest, and one was slain by a
school, or in lanes, or at sea, in church, or in trains, or in



on the green: they were all of them saints of
fierce wild beast: and there's not an - y rea - son,
shops, or at tea; for the saints of God are just



God, and I mean, God help - ing, to be one too.
no, not the least, why I should - n't be one too.
folk like me, and I mean to be one too.

Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

Despite the quaintness of some of the language in this text, it has an important message to communicate about the down-to-earth ordinariness of the holy people of God at all times and places. The tune name honors the island in Vermont's Lake Champlain where the composer lived.

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MUSIC: John Henry Hopkins, 1940
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GRAND ISLE
Irregular

pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

This is where the Epistle Lesson for the 21st Sunday after Pentecost ends. May we be blessed.

Response of Thanks #448 *In the Lord*

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

*A Reading from the Gospels Luke 22:14-20

Hear the good news of Jesus Christ as remembered by Luke in verses 14 through 20 of chapter 22.

Praise be to you, O Christ.

When the time came, Jesus took his place at the table, and the apostles joined him. He said to them, "I have earnestly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer. I tell you, I won't eat it until it is fulfilled in God's kingdom." After taking a cup and giving thanks, he said, "Take this and share it among yourselves. I tell you that from now on I won't drink from the fruit of the vine until God's kingdom has come." After taking the bread and giving thanks, he broke it and gave it to them, saying, "This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." In the same way, he took the cup after the meal and said, "This cup is the new covenant by my blood, which is poured out for you.

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

Thanks be to God!

[the congregation may be seated]

Anthem	<i>We Thank You For Beloved Saints</i>	Pepper Choplin
	<i>Margo McQuate, Narrator</i>	
Homily	<i>The Cloud Is All Around Us</i>	Jim Yoder
Hymn #522	<i>Shall We Gather at the River</i>	HANSON PLACE

We Respond in Joy & Thanksgiving

Opportunity for Giving Thanks

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory

Largo

George Friderich Handel

*Response of Thanks #448 *In the Lord*

Tables of Abundance

*Invitation to the Table

*The Act of Confession

*An Invitation to Reconciliation

*Acknowledgment of Shortcomings

We confess that at times we forget that we, too, will be the "ancestors" of those to come. We sometimes think only of ourselves whether our own plates will be full, whether our own needs are met. Amen.

*Silent Prayers of Confession

*Assurance of Reconciliation

Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners;

That proves God's love toward us.

In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! .

Glory and gratitude be to God. Amen.

*The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you in your joy and your sorrow.

And also with you.

Though sometimes they be heavy, lift up your hearts to God.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to God, for God is always present.

It is right to give our thanks and praise!

*Response of Thanks #448 *In the Lord*

[the congregation may be seated]

Reading of the Memorial Roll

Hymn #136

Holy, Holy, Holy

NICEA

[stanzas 2 & 4]

Words of Institution

Acclamation and Proclamation

Laying a banquet for all because of this mystery of faith:
Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

Prayer of Blessing

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.

Breaking & Pouring

The Act of Communing with God and Each Other

We Go Forth to Serve

[will all who are able please stand]

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

Pastor: Let us offer our thanks for God's gift in Jesus.

All blessing, honor, and glory, all wisdom, praise, and thanks be yours, O God of our salvation! We pray in communion with all the saints on earth and heaven. Bless us with your healing presence; make us hungry for justice; strengthen our faith; and increase our love for others. Amen.

*Benediction

And now we pray blessings on our feasting:

The feast of life, the feast of love, the feast of grace,

The feast of mercy, the feast of grief, and the feast of acceptance

The feast of letting go and the feast that is moving forward.

*Recessional Hymn #529

For All the Saints

SINE NOMINE

Moments of Silent Meditation

Postlude

Fugue in C

Johann Sebastian Bach

Acknowledgements

The flowers on the altar are given in loving memory of Emily's grandparents and Herb and Kay Zellers by the Brian Zellers family.

We are especially grateful to the youth of the congregation who annually participate in the All Saints Service. Those helping today: Gabby Bicher, Hank Bicher, Bradon Bohannon, Abby Frantz, Kara Frantz, Hannah Rosen, and Jared Rosen. We also thank Travis Bicher for assisting the youth.

We thank the Decorating Committee for preparing the chancel area to receive our Cloud of Witnesses represented by the cloud cards.

We thank Suzie Schott and Candy Hibshman 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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Calendar for This Week

Today, Sunday, November 3
 8:00 am Worship; Jim Yoder, preaching
 8:45 am Small group meetings.
 9:40 am Choir rehearsal
 10:00 am Worship, Jim Yoder, preaching
 11:00 am Personnel Committee

Monday, November 4
 8:30 am Strong Bones [social hall]
 9:00 am - 2:00 pm Church Office Open

Tuesday, November 5
 11:00 am Lebanon Assoc Ministerium, Bethany Children's Hm
 12:30 pm - 4:30 pm Pastor Office Hours [preferably by appointment]
 8:00 pm Greater Harrisburg Chorus Concert

Wednesday, November 6
 9:00 am - 2:00 pm Church Office Open
 7:30 pm Choir Rehearsal
 Scouts

Thursday, November 7
 8:30 am Strong Bones [social hall]
 1:30 pm Women's Bible Study [library]

Friday, November 8
 9:00 am - 2:00 pm Church Office Open

Saturday, November 9

Sunday, November 10
 8:40 am Choir Rehearsal
 9:00 am Worship; Jim Yoder, preaching
 10:15: am Congregational Annual Meeting

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Announcements

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

**LAST CHANCE!:** 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.

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

**EMILY FRANTZ** will be on vacation from November 15th through the 30th. Please contact the church office with any concerns normally directed to her.

**GREATER HARRISBURG CHORUS CONCERT** will be held on Tuesday, November 5th, at 8:00 pm. Quentin UCC [intersection of Rts 72 and 419] is the host for the concert. Two pre-paid tickets have been sent to the church office. First-come, first-served. Tickets can be purchased at the door. UCC Homes will receive the proceeds from the ticket sales. You can get the tickets from the Church Secretary.

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

**JULIUS MUTHENGI** is in need of a host when he comes to the US next year. The person who has been providing this support is no longer able to assist him. This sounds like it's far away. Julius needs this for his planning purposes. There will be more from Julius in the November Vineyard.

**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.

**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 11/6, 12/18, 12/22 [11am,if needed],12/24. Anthems will be rehearsed at 9:40 am (music room) and sung on 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.

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Worship Assistants for November 10, 2019

9:00 am Service
Greeters: Jim & Beth Diehm
Open Church: Mark Herr
Worship Leader: Doug Bohannon
Sound: Paulie McQuate
Ushers: Kory & Ryan Leppo, Bob Dash, Kenny Patrick
Counting Team: Kathy Grose, Charles & Carolyn Williams

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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) |               | Steve Norford (Margo McQuate)      |

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Preaching Schedule

	November 10	Jim Yoder	
November 17	Peter Schmiechen	November 24	Peter Hook
	Jim Yoder will be preaching	all of Advent	

Welcome to Myerstown United Church of Christ

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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

Upcoming Community Activities

November

- 5th 8:00 pm Greater Harrisburg Chorus Concert
- 9th 9:00 am Scouting for Food Drop Off
- 10th 7:00 pm Myerstown Area Veterans Day
Concert at Zion UMC
- 14th 9:00 am Community Meal Prep
4:00 pm Community Meal
- 16th Scouting for Food Pick Up
- 21st LCCM Dinner
- 23rd 9:00 am New Horizons at Country Fare
- 24th 7:00 pm Myerstown Community Thanksgiving
Service, Theater on Main Street,
Stoneridge at Poplar Run
- 30th 3:30 pm Myerstown Holiday Parade & Tree Lighting

December

- 15th 3:00 pm Lebanon County Choral Society
Concert at Myerstown UCC
- 4:00 pm Festival of Lessons & Carols at
Frieden's Lutheran

Worship Assistants

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

Organist Mark Herr

8:00 am Service

Open Church Cal Beamesderfer

Greeter Shirley Krall **Worship Leader** William Arnold

Communion Servers: William & Betty Arnold

10:00 am Service

Greeter Ed & Candy Hibshman **Sound:** Paulie McQuate

Worship Leaders Steve & Marianne Fritsch

Ushers Youth, Kenny Patrick

Counting Team Carol & Ted Batdorff, Daryll Brown

Communion Servers: Travis Bicher, Angie Bicher, Marianne Fritsch,
Emily Frantz, Charles & Carolyn Williams

Stewardship Report for Sunday, October 27, 2019

General Fund \$3,081 OCWM \$180

Church Improvement Fund \$250

Attendance 8 am: 17 Attendance 10 am: 54