

# Myerstown United Church of Christ

*Sixth Sunday After the Epiphany*

February 16, 2020

Worship Time 8:00 am

*Whoever You Are*

*Wherever You are on Life's Journey*

*You are welcome here!*

Gathering Music *Theme & Variations* Johann Pachelbel

Welcome & Announcements Paul Cronin

\*Call to Worship Wanda Rabold

L: People of God,  
look about and see the faces of those  
we know and love—  
neighbors and friends,  
sisters and brothers—  
a community of kindred hearts.

**P: People of God,  
look about and see the faces  
of those we hardly know—  
strangers, sojourners, forgotten friends,  
the ones who need an outstretched hand.**

L: People of God,  
look about and see all the images of God assembled here.  
In me, in you, in each of us,  
God's spirit shines for all to see.  
People of God, come. Let us worship together.

\*Hymn of Praise #595 *They'll Know We Are Christians By Our Love*

\*Greeting One Another with the Peace of Christ Paul Cronin

Call to Confession

Time of Confession [in unison]

Wanda Rabold

**Gracious God,  
we confess what seems always with us:  
broken things within us that seem never to mend,  
empty places within us that seem always to ache,  
things like buds within us that seem never to flower.  
O God of love and grace,  
help us accept ourselves;  
lead us to do those good and true things  
that are not compromised by anything within us.  
As much as can be,  
mend us, fill us, make us bloom.  
For all these things, we will give you the glory;  
through Jesus Christ our Savior.  
Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon

Paul Cronin

Listening for God's Word

Hebrew Scripture Lesson

Wanda Rabold

Deuteronomy 30:15-20

See, I set before you today life and prosperity, death and destruction. For I command you today to love the LORD your God, to walk in obedience to him, and to keep his commands, decrees and laws; then you will live and increase, and the LORD your God will bless you in the land you are entering to possess.

But if your heart turns away and you are not obedient, and if you are drawn away to bow down to other gods and worship them, I declare to you this day that you will certainly be destroyed. You will not live long in the land you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess.

This day I call the heavens and the earth as witnesses against you that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Now choose life, so that you and your children may live and that you may love the LORD your God, listen to his voice, and hold fast to him. For the LORD is your life, and he will give you many years in the land he swore to give to your fathers, Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.

“You have heard that it was said to the people long ago, ‘You shall not murder, and anyone who murders will be subject to judgment.’ But I tell you that anyone who is angry with a brother or sister will be subject to judgment. Again, anyone who says to a brother or sister, ‘Raca,’ is answerable to the court. And anyone who says, ‘You fool!’ will be in danger of the fire of hell.

“Therefore, if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother or sister has something against you, leave your gift there in front of the altar. First go and be reconciled to them; then come and offer your gift.

“Settle matters quickly with your adversary who is taking you to court. Do it while you are still together on the way, or your adversary may hand you over to the judge, and the judge may hand you over to the officer, and you may be thrown into prison. Truly I tell you, you will not get out until you have paid the last penny.

“You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall not commit adultery.’ But I tell you that anyone who looks at a woman lustfully has already committed adultery with her in his heart. If your right eye causes you to stumble, gouge it out and throw it away. It is better for you to lose one part of your body than for your whole body to be thrown into hell. And if your right hand causes you to stumble, cut it off and throw it away. It is better for you to lose one part of your body than for your whole body to go into hell.

“It has been said, ‘Anyone who divorces his wife must give her a certificate of divorce.’ But I tell you that anyone who divorces his wife, except for sexual immorality, makes her the victim of adultery, and anyone who marries a divorced woman commits adultery.

“Again, you have heard that it was said to the people long ago, ‘Do not break your oath, but fulfill to the Lord the vows you have made.’ But I tell you, do not swear an oath at all: either by heaven, for it is God’s throne, or by the earth, for it is his footstool; or by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the Great King. And do not swear by your head, for you cannot make even one hair white or black. All you need to say is simply ‘Yes’ or ‘No’; anything beyond this comes from the evil one.

Sermon “ ***It’s the Little Things*** ”

Prayers of Pastor & People

**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.**

\*Sending Forth

\*Song of Sending

**Sent Forth By God’s Blessing**

*Sent forth by God's blessing our true faith confessing,  
The people of God from this dwelling take leave.  
The service is ended, O now be extended  
The fruits of our worship in all who believe.  
The seed of the teaching, receptive souls reaching,  
Shall blossom in action for God and for all.  
God's grace did invite us and love shall unite us  
To work for God's kingdom and answer the call.*

\*Postlude

“*Shout On*”

Edward Broughton

**Acknowledgements**

The altar flower are given in loving memory of departed family and members and friends who we dearly miss by Russ & Priscilla Kahl and family.

Better Families for February is sponsored by Marcia Bicher.

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**Prayer List**

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| Nancy Brown        | Bernadette Petzinger | Rosene Duffy          |
| Steve Norford      | James Haines         | Suzanne Fritsch       |
| Ellen Goodyear     | Ruthann Snoke        | Bill Gracely          |
| Ralph Woynarowski  | Jewel Fessler        | Linda Feaser          |
| Rosalla Hollenbach | Joanne Frantz        | Heather & Elvin Perez |

The family of Grace Brightbill

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Calendar for This Week

Today, Sunday, February 16

- 8:00 am Brief Worship
- 8:45 am Small group meetings.
- 8:45 am Prayer Team [Prayer Room]
- 10:00 am Worship

Monday, February 17

**The Church Office will be CLOSED until approximately 12:30 pm.**

- 8:30 am Strong Bones [Social Hall]
- 9:30 am Staff Meeting
- 11:00 am Membership Committee [Church Office]

Tuesday, February 18

- 10:30 am Lebanon Association Ministerium [Library]
- 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm Pastor Paul on site\*
- 6:30 pm Transition Team [Library]

Wednesday, February 19

- 9:00 am - 2:00 pm Church Office Open
- 6:30 pm Scouts [Social Hall]

Thursday, February 20

- 8:30 am Strong Bones [Social Hall]
- 9:30 am - 1:30 pm Pastor Paul on site\*
- 1:30 pm Women's Bible Study [Library]

Friday, February 21

- 9:00 am - 2:00 pm Church Office Open
- 3:00 pm Floor Keepers [Social Hall]

Saturday, February 22

Sunday, February 23

- 8:00 am Brief Worship
- 8:45 am Faith Formation Groups
- 8:45 am Prayer Team [Prayer Room]
- 10:00 am Worship

\*On site for Pastor Paul means that he plans to be here. Those are also the times that he will be scheduling meetings. It is always preferred to make an appointment if you want to meet with him. Please contact the church office to establish the visit.

*Welcome to Myerstown United Church of Christ*

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- 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:** Marcia Bicher

**Greeter:** Terry, Theresa & Christine Wolfe **Worship Leader:** Wanda Rabold

**10:00 am Service**

**Greeters:** Dawn Hassler **Sound:** Bob Dash / Gabby Bicher

**Worship Leaders:** Steve & Marianne Fritsch

**Ushers** Kory & Ryan Leppo, Bob Dash, Kenny Patrick

**Nursery Attendants:** Kara & Abby Frantz

**Counting Team** Sara Zeller, Sally Kulp

Stewardship Report for Sunday, February 9, 2020

General Fund	\$4,943	OCWM	\$365
Church Improvement Fund		\$175	
Attendance 8 am:	14	Attendance 10 am:	?