

Welcome to Myerstown United Church of Christ

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If you are visiting, we welcome you!

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WORSHIP LEADERS & ASSISTANTS

Appreciation to the following people who assisted with today's service:

9:00 am	Supply Pastor:	Rev. Keith Miller
	Open Church:	Marcia Bicher
	Greeter:	Ted and Carol Batdorf
	Worship Leader:	Charles and Carolyn Williams
	Ushers:	Kory and Ryan Leppo, Robert Dash, Kenny Patrick
	Sound:	Robert Dash
	Counting Team:	Ed and Candy Hibshman, Terry and Suzie Schott
	Flowers:	In loving memory of Harold (Herb) Zeller and daughter, Kay, by Sara and family

Stewardship Report for Sunday, August 18, 2019

Offerings:	General Fund	\$ 2,375
	Our Church's Wider Mission	\$ 180
	Church Improvement Fund	\$ 320
	Total Attendance:	59

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August 25, 2019

Worship Time 9:00 am

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

Prelude *Nocturne* (origin of the hymn tune for Lord, Speak to Me) Robert Schumann

Welcome and Announcements

Search Committee Update

Announcements/Concerns of Congregation

(all who are able, please stand)

*Call to Worship from *Jeremiah 1, Hebrews 12* (Leader/All)

Reach out your hand and touch our mouth, O God,
that authentic praise may flow freely from our lips.

Put your words in our mouths, O Lord,
that we might exalt you with reverence and awe.

Empower us to speak truth to the nations
and to build your kingdom here on earth.

Let it be so today. Amen. Alleluia.

*Opening Hymn *The God of Abraham Praise*

#16

(please be seated)

Prayer of Confession (Leader/All)

Dear Heavenly Father, we lower our heads before you and we confess that we have too often forgotten that we are yours. Sometimes we carry on our lives as if there was no God and we fall short of being a credible witness to You. For these things we ask your forgiveness and we also ask for your strength. Give us clear minds and open hearts so we may witness to You in our world. Remind us to be who You would have us to be regardless of what we are doing or who we are with. Hold us to You and build our relationship with You and with those You have given us on earth.

Assurance of Pardon (Leader/All)

Almighty God, who does freely pardon all who repent and turn to Him, now fulfill in every contrite heart the promise of redeeming grace; forgiving all our sins, and cleansing us from an evil conscience; through the perfect sacrifice of Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

A Word for Children

Scripture Readings

The Old Testament Lesson is from Psalm 71:1-6.

1 In you, O LORD, I take refuge; let me never be put to shame. 2 In your righteousness deliver me and rescue me; incline your ear to me and save me. 3 Be to me a rock of refuge, a strong fortress,^[a] to save me, for you are my rock and my fortress. 4 Rescue me, O my God, from the hand of the wicked, from the grasp of the unjust and cruel. 5 For you, O Lord, are my hope, my trust, O LORD, from my youth. 6 Upon you I have leaned from my birth; it was you who took me from my mother's womb. My praise is continually of you.

The Epistle lesson is from Hebrews 11:24-28.

24 By faith Moses, when he was grown up, refused to be called a son of Pharaoh's daughter, 25 choosing rather to share ill-treatment with the people of God than to enjoy the fleeting pleasures of sin. 26 He considered abuse suffered for the Christ^[a] to be greater wealth than the treasures of Egypt, for he was looking ahead to the reward. 27 By faith he left Egypt, unafraid of the king's anger; for he persevered as though he saw him who is invisible. 28 By faith he kept the Passover and the sprinkling of blood, so that the destroyer of the firstborn would not touch the firstborn of Israel.

*A reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke

Glory to you, O Lord

The reading is recorded in Chapter 13:10-17.

10 Now he was teaching in one of the synagogues on the sabbath. 11 And just then there appeared a woman with a spirit that had crippled her for eighteen years. She was bent over and was quite unable to stand up straight. 12 When Jesus saw her, he called her over and said, "Woman, you are set free from your ailment." 13 When he laid his hands on her, immediately she stood up straight and began praising God. 14 But the leader of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had cured on the sabbath, kept saying to the crowd, "There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be cured, and not on the sabbath day." 15 But the Lord answered him and said, "You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the manger, and lead it away to give it water? 16 And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen long years, be set free from this bondage on the sabbath day?" 17 When he said this, all his opponents were put to shame; and the entire crowd was rejoicing at all the wonderful things that he was doing. 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.

Here ends the Gospel reading. It is the Good news of Jesus Christ.

Praise to you, O Christ!

(please be seated)

The Message

The Moses Effect

Rev. Keith Miller

Hymn

Lord, Speak to Me

#593

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer *(sung as hymn #740)*

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.

Offertory

Prelude in F

Johann Sebastian Bach

*Offertory Response

Jesus' Hands Were Kind Hands (verse 2)

#634

*The Apostle's Creed *(back of hymnal)*

*Closing Hymn

Here I Am, Lord

#559

*Benediction

*Congregational Response

Send Me, Jesus

#713

(please be seated)

Moments of Silent Meditation

Postlude

O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing

Alfred Fedak