

Welcome to Myerstown United Church of Christ

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If you are visiting, we welcome you!

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Katie Fields, Temporary Church Secretary

WORSHIP LEADERS & ASSISTANTS

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

9:00 am	Open Church:	Mark Herr
	Greeter:	Lindy Bennetch
	Liturgist:	Carolyn Williams
	Lector:	Charles Williams
	Ushers:	Jeff, Holly, Hannah, Jared, and Leah Rosen Kenny Patrick
	Sound:	Paulie McQuate
	Counting Team:	Marie Hibshman, Kathy Grose Charles and Carolyn Williams
	Flowers:	In honor of our parents by Scott and Melanie Bennetch.

This month's Better Families is sponsored by Warren and Lindy Bennetch.

Stewardship Report for Sunday, June 30, 2019

Offerings:	General Fund	\$ 2,827
	Our Church's Wider Mission	205
	Church Improvement Fund	85
	Total Attendance:	56

Stewardship Report for Sunday, July 7, 2019

Offerings:	General Fund	\$ 4,207
	Our Church's Wider Mission	340
	Church Improvement Fund	615
	Total Attendance:	67

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July 14, 2019

Worship Time 9:00 am

Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

Prelude

Toccata pour Grand Orgue

Gaston Beiler

Welcome and Announcements

Second Sunday of Sharing

*Call to Worship

Leader: We have received life as a gift from you, Creator God. We have received new life as a gift from our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. We have received the light that shows us the path to peace and joy from you, Gracious God. We have received the promise of eternal life as a gift from you. Now we come into your presence at your invitation.

Congregation: We gratefully accept all these gifts from you, knowing we can repay nothing, but can take part in the exciting adventure of your reign on earth by reflecting your generosity and compassion to the world. Amen.

*Opening Hymn

God of Grace and God of Glory

#569

(please be seated)

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Lord, you have made it clear to us that your desire for us is to enjoy sharing life with you and our neighbors. Yet, like the lawyer, we do not fully trust you. In our fear and self-obsession, we seek ways to manipulate your invitation in order to raise ourselves up and to limit our liability. We fail to do justice to our weak, lowly, needy, and destitute neighbors. Have mercy on us, Lord.

Assurance of Pardon

Solo

Remember— Lauren Daigle

Erin Harris

A Word for Children

Scripture Readings

The Epistle lesson is from Colossians 1: 1-4.

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our brother, 2 To God’s holy people in Colossae, the faithful brothers and sisters in Christ: Grace and peace to you from God our Father. 3 We always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, when we pray for you, 4 because we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love you have for all God’s people 5 the faith and love that spring from the hope stored up for you in heaven and about which you have already heard in the true message of the gospel 6 that has come to you. In the same way, the gospel is bearing fruit and growing throughout the whole world—just as it has been doing among you since the day you heard it and truly understood God’s grace. 7 You learned it from Epaphras, our dear fellow servant, who is a faithful minister of Christ on our behalf, 8 and who also told us of your love in the Spirit. 9 For this reason, since the day we heard about you, we have not stopped praying for you. We continually ask God to fill you with the knowledge of his will through all the wisdom and understanding that the Spirit gives, 10 so that you may live a life worthy of the Lord and please him in every way: bearing fruit in every good work, growing in the knowledge of God, 11 being strengthened with all power according to his glorious might so that you may have great endurance and patience, 12 and giving joyful thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of his holy people in the kingdom of light. 13 For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves, 14 in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

All who are able, please stand for the reading of the Gospel.

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

All: Glory to you, O Lord!

The reading is recorded in chapter 10: 25-37.

The Parable of the Good Samaritan

25 On one occasion an expert in the law stood up to test Jesus. “Teacher,” he asked, “what must I do to inherit eternal life?” 26 “What is written in the Law?” he replied. “How do you read it?” 27 He answered, “Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind’ and, ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.” 28 “You have answered correctly,” Jesus replied. “Do this and you will live.” 29 But he wanted to justify himself, so he asked Jesus, “And who is my neighbor?” 30 In reply Jesus said: “A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, when he was attacked by robbers. They stripped him of his clothes, beat him and went away, leaving him half dead. 31 A priest happened to be going down the same road, and when he saw the man, he passed by on the other side. 32 So too, a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. 33 But a Samaritan, as he traveled, came where the man was; and when he saw him, he took pity on him. 34 He went to him and bandaged his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he put the man on his own donkey, brought him to an inn and took care of him. 35 The next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper. ‘Look after him,’ he said, ‘and when I return, I will reimburse you for any extra expense you may have.’ 36 “Which of these three do you think was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of robbers?” 37 The expert in the law replied, “The one who had mercy on him.” Jesus told him, “Go and do likewise.”

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

All: Praise to you, O Christ!

(Please be seated)

The Message– Caring Neighbors

Hymn *Lord, I Want to be a Christian* #457

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord’s Prayer

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 on “Welcome Voice”* Evelyn Larter

*Offertory Response *Rejoice in the Lord Always* #650

The Apostles Creed *(on the inside back cover of the hymnal)*

*Closing Hymn *O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee* #589

*Benediction

*Congregational Response *I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art* #77
(verse 5)

Moments of Meditation *(seated)*

Postlude *Cwm Rhonda* Paul Manz

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**Today: Fifth Sunday after Pentecost**

**This Week: Monday: Staff Meeting at 11:00 am in the Office**  
**Wednesday: Property Committee Meeting at 7:30 pm in the Library**