

Welcome to Myerstown United Church of Christ

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If you are visiting, we welcome you!

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Lindy Bennetch, Financial Administrator

Elicia Frank, Custodian

Katie Fields, Temporary Church Secretary

WORSHIP LEADERS & ASSISTANTS

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

9:00 am	Open Church:	Marcia Bicher
	Greeter:	Sue Harvey
	Worship Leader:	Kristi Fields
	Ushers:	Travis, Angie, Gabby, and Gavin Bicher Kenny Patrick
	Sound:	Bob Dash
	Counting Team:	Lois Werner, Sara Zeller, Sally Kulp
	Flowers:	Celebrating the glory of God's creation

Stewardship Report for Sunday, July 14, 2019

Offerings:	General Fund	\$ 4,461
	Our Church's Wider Mission	295
	Church Improvement Fund	160
	Food Bank	135
	Total Attendance:	58

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July 21, 2019

Worship Time 9:00 am

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

Prelude

Fugue on the name "BACH"

J.G. Albrechtsberger

Welcome and Announcements

*Call to Worship

Leader: Lord God, if we find favor with you,

Congregation: Do not pass by.

Leader: As we come into your house, O God,

Congregation: Let a little water be brought, let a little bread be made, let a little wine be poured.

Leader: All who long to find rest and refreshment in the Lord,

Congregation: Come and hear, come and share the word of life.

*Opening Hymn

Immortal, Invisible

#48

(please be seated)

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Lord God, one look at our calendars tells the story. Our lives are full of many things that often have little to do with your purposes in the world. Our minds are full of cares and concerns that needlessly drive us to distraction. Unable to put our full trust in you, we grow anxious and irritable. Forgive us Lord, for being so little willing to find our rest, hope, and joy in you. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Praise Hymn

Grace Alone

#436



Commissioning of the Search Committee

Invitation

The Word—1 Corinthians 12:4-12

4 Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; 5 and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; 6 and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. 7 To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. 8 To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, 9 to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, 10 to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. 11 All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses. 12 For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ.

Response

President: There are different gifts.

People: But it is the same spirit who gives them.

President: Each one is given a gift by the Spirit.

People: To be used for the common good.

Address to the Committee Members:

Sisters and Brothers, you have committed yourselves to a significant leadership task on behalf of the entire congregation. In recognition of the importance of your work, we pause to express our gratitude and to remind ourselves that you do not undertake this task alone; you will be guided by the power and presence of the Holy Spirit, the prayerful support of the members of this church, and the assistance of the United Church of Christ through the Association and Conference.

Covenant

Committee Members: We, who are serving on the Search Committee for Myerstown United Church of Christ, promise to perform faithfully the vital task of searching for a new pastor. We pledge, with God's guidance and your prayers, to be open to the leading of the Holy Spirit in all we do, say, and decide.

We will endeavor:

to establish a harmonious working relationship within our committee;

to maintain consistent attendance at our Search Committee meetings;

to be open and patient listeners to each other and to the congregation;

to listen carefully to your hopes and dreams as we consult with you, the members, in the development of a description of our church community and the style of pastoral leadership we seek;

to maintain strict confidentiality in all we read, say, and hear—protecting both the privacy of each other and of potential candidates;

Prayer List

Family Member/s

Long-Term Prayer Concerns

Family Members

Nancy Brown

Ellen Goodyear

Ruthann Snoke

Joyce Mitstifer

The Search Committee

Friends

Suzanne Fritsch — mother of Steven Fritsch

Bill Gracely— father of Margo McQuate

Dennis Palm— former ScoutMaster of Troop 20

Katie Long— friend of Phyllis Keith

Linda Feaser— friend of Kathy Grose

Jewel Fessler— friend of Kathy Grose

Joanne Frantz— mother-in-law of Emily Frantz

Heather and Elvin Perez— friends of Marianne Fritsch

Announcements

The Personnel Committee will meet in the Library immediately following church today.

The Search Committee will hold a meeting on Monday, July 22 at 6:30 pm in the Library.

LCCM donation item for the month of July is salad dressing. Please place donations in the box provided in the Gathering Area. Thank you for your continued support of this ministry. If you have any questions, please contact Carolyn Williams at 717/866-9482.

** Please let us know of **anyone** who would enjoy a 'Sharing Our Love' card shower. We can announce it in the bulletin anytime. This is a great opportunity to reach out with a simple card or short note to lift someone's spirit and let them know they are loved and not forgotten. Please see Emily Frantz or contact the office by phone or email to set up a card shower. **

We are delighted to report that Beverly Asroff of Myerstown has been hired as our church secretary. Her hours will begin on Monday, July 22 from 8 am - noon, Monday - Friday. Katie Fields will remain as our summer help to train Bev and continue working on some long-term projects such as new Membership Software, creating a cemetery database, printer cartridges, organizing all of the bulletins and Vineyards for the last 3 years, clearance updates, and more! Please take the opportunity to introduce yourself and welcome Bev to our church family! A big thank you to the personnel committee: Steve Fritsch, Kathy Grose, Margo McQuate and Council liaison Jim Diehm for their tireless efforts in this interviewing and hiring process.

Help needed- an easy job to do on your schedule: The office is looking for someone to package the empty ink cartridges in the office so we can send them off. This would be great for a youth member looking to build a resume or college application.

The Elders would like to establish a more organized schedule for visiting shut-Ins. Would you be willing to "adopt" a shut-in, committing to visit that person at least once a month? Visitors would be encouraged to share church news, perhaps taking a copy of the Vineyard if appropriate, and to convey any needs back to the Elders. Updated shut-in lists are on the information table. Talk to Marie Hibshman if you are willing to help in this ministry.

to review all profiles with open minds and hearts, treating all candidates fairly and justly to seek decisions not made by majority rule, but by the coming together of minds, hearts, and souls in a consensus that will build a firm foundation for the effective future mission and ministry of this church.

Congregation:

We pledge, as a gathered community of faith, to be patient with you and to respect your need to be confidential in your task. We recognize that the work of our search committee is a difficult assignment and will take much effort. We pray for you and offer our support and words of encouragement throughout this time.

These things we promise in the hope and belief that you will be obedient to the guidance of the Spirit as you seek a new pastor to minister with us.

Closing Prayer

Scripture Readings

The Epistle lesson is from Colossians 1: 15-28.

The Supremacy of Christ

15 He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; 16 for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. 17 He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. 18 He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. 19 For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, 20 and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross. 21 And you who were once estranged and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, 22 he has now reconciled in his fleshly body through death, so as to present you holy and blameless and irreproachable before him 23 provided that you continue securely established and steadfast in the faith, without shifting from the hope promised by the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed to every creature under heaven. I, Paul, became a servant of this gospel. 24 I am now rejoicing in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I am completing what is lacking in Christ's afflictions for the sake of his body, that is, the church. 25 I became its servant according to God's commission that was given to me for you, to make the word of God fully known, 26 the mystery that has been hidden throughout the ages and generations but has now been revealed to his saints. 27 To them God chose to make known how great among the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. 28 It is he whom we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone in all wisdom, so that we may present everyone mature in Christ.

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: 38-42.

Jesus Visits Martha and Mary

38 Now as they went on their way, he entered a certain village, where a woman named Martha welcomed him into her home. 39 She had a sister named Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to what he was saying. 40 But Martha was distracted by her many tasks; so she came to him and asked, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her then to help me." 41 But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things; 42 there is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her."

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— "Word and Application"

Hymn

The Church's One Foundation

#544

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

"Dix"

Edwin E. Childs

*Offertory Response

For the Beauty of the Earth
(Verse 2)

#40

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

*Closing Hymn

All Who Love and Serve Your City

#625

*Benediction

*Congregational Response

Turn Your Eyes upon Jesus

#472

Moments of Meditation *(seated)*

Postlude

Allegro Spiritoso

Robert Thygeron

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**Today:**

**Sixth Sunday after Pentecost**

**Personnel Committee Meeting following the service in the Library**

**This Week:**

**Monday: Search Committee Meeting at 6:30 pm in the Library**

**Next Sunday:**

**July 28— Seventh Sunday after Pentecost**

Worship 9:00 am

**Open Church:** Bill and Betty Arnold

**9:00 am Greeter:** Bill and Betty Arnold

**Worship Leader:** Wanda Rabold

**Ushers:** Ed and Candy Hibshman, Terry and Suzie Schott

**Sound:** Bob Dash

**Counting Team:** Ed and Candy Hibshman,  
Terry and Suzie Schott



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