

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	Open Church:	Bill and Betty Arnold
	Greeter:	Bill and Betty Arnold
	Worship Leader:	Wanda Rabold
	Ushers:	Ed and Candy Hibshman, Terry and Suzie Schott, Kenny Patrick
	Sound:	Bob Dash
	Counting Team:	Ed and Candy Hibshman, Terry and Suzie Schott
	Flowers:	In honor of Pastor Rick for all he did for our church.

Conversational will be held following the service, in thanks of Pastor Rick, sponsored by Council.

Stewardship Report for Sunday, July 21, 2019

Offerings:	General Fund	\$ 2,018
	Our Church's Wider Mission	155
	Church Improvement Fund	270
	Total Attendance:	67

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July 28, 2019

Worship Time 9:00 am

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

Prelude

Pastorale in F

Johann Sebastian Bach

Welcome and Announcements

Presentation from the Congregation

*Call to Worship

Leader: How vast are the works of Your hand, O Lord.

Congregation: The heavens themselves declare Your glory!

Leader: How close You draw us into the life of Your Son.

Congregation: With all creation we sing Your praise!

Leader: Come, Holy Spirit, draw us into Your presence.

Congregation: Come, let us worship in spirit and truth.

*Opening Hymn

Praise Him! Praise Him!

#95

(please be seated)

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Holy God, You see how often we call our families and friends, or send them emails, or text them saying, "Tis been awhile! Let's meet for coffee and chat." It must hurt You when you see the attention we give to conversation with You. Forgive us, Lord, for having so little understanding and trust in Your deep desire to hear from us often. Help us fully appreciate how You bridged the communication gap in Christ. Inspire us to take full advantage of the unlimited opportunities to visit with You in prayer, which You give us free of charge. Amen

Assurance of Pardon

A Word for Children

Scripture Readings

The Epistle lesson is from Colossians 2:6-15.

6 As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, continue to live your lives in him, 7 rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving. 8 See to it that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the universe, and not according to Christ. 9 For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, 10 and you have come to fullness in him, who is the head of every ruler and authority. 11 In him also you were circumcised with a spiritual circumcision, by putting off the body of the flesh in the circumcision of Christ; 12 when you were buried with him in baptism, you were also raised with him through faith in the power of God, who raised him from the dead. 13 And when you were dead in trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive together with him, when he forgave us all our trespasses, 14 erasing the record that stood against us with its legal demands. He set this aside, nailing it to the cross. 15 He disarmed the rulers and authorities and made a public example of them, triumphing over them in it.

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 11:1-13.

The Lord’s Prayer

1 He was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, “Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples.” 2 He said to them, “When you pray, say: Father, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come. 3 Give us each day our daily bread. 4 And forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us. And do not bring us to the time of trial. 5 And he said to them, “Suppose one of you has a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say to him, ‘Friend, lend me three loaves of bread; 6 for a friend of mine has arrived, and I have nothing to set before him.’ 7 And he answers from within, ‘Do not bother me; the door has already been locked, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything.’ 8 I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, at least because of his persistence he will get up and give him whatever he needs. 9 “So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. 10 For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. 11 Is there anyone among you who, if your child asks for fish, will give a snake instead of a fish? 12 Or if the child asks for an egg, will give a scorpion? 13 If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!”

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 *What a Friend We Have in Jesus* #473

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 *Blessed Jesus, at Thy Word* Sigfrid Karg-Elert

*Offertory Response *Take My Life, and Let It Be* #466

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

*Closing Hymn *Day by Day* #449

*Benediction

*Congregational Response *Seek Ye First* #349

Moments of Meditation *(seated)*

Postlude *Pavillioned in Splendor* Richard Lloyd