

Welcome to Myerstown United Church of Christ

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If you are visiting, we welcome you!

Rev. Rick Luciotti, Interim Pastor

717-679-0001

Emily Frantz, Parish Administrator/Choir Director

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Mark Herr, Organist/Christian Education Coordinator

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:	Cal Beamesderfer
	Greeter:	Dawn Hassler
	Worship Leaders:	Doug Bohannon
	Communion Servers:	Ed and Candy Hibshman Steve and Marianne Fritsch
	Ushers:	Ed and Candy Hibshman Terry and Suzie Schott Kenny Patrick
	Sound Technician:	Paulie McQuate
	Counting Team:	Ted and Carol Batdorf Marie Hibshman Darryl Brown
	Flowers:	In Loving Memory of Earl and Joanne Rittle and Karen Wagner by Steve Wagner and Family

*We invite you to join us for light refreshment and conversation
in the Gathering Area following the service.
Hosted today by Steve and Marianne Fritsch.*

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June 2, 2019

Worship Time 9:00 am

Seventh Sunday After Easter

Prelude *Angels Farewell from the Dream of Gerontius* Edward Elgar

Welcome and Announcements

*Call to Worship

Leader: Rejoice all the earth;

Congregation: And all the coastlands will be glad.

Leader: Rejoice all the heavens;

Congregation: And all the peoples behold God's glory.

Leader: Rejoice in the Lord, all you people;

Congregation: And give thanks to God's holy name.

*Opening Hymn *Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken* #598

(please be seated)

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Spirit of the living God, open our eyes even as we are blinded to you and all that you have placed around us. Spirit of the living God, open our minds even as we are weakened by the darkness that we create around us. Spirit of the living God, restore us, strengthen us and lead us in service to all in need. Keep us in your truth and unite us in one hope. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

A Word for Children

Scripture Readings

The first reading is from Acts 16: 16-34.

Paul and Silas in Prison

16 One day, as we were going to the place of prayer, we met a slave-girl who had a spirit of divination and brought her owners a great deal of money by fortune-telling. 17 While she followed Paul and us, she would cry out, "These men are slaves of the Most High God, who proclaim to you a way of salvation." 18 She kept doing this for many days. But Paul, very much annoyed, turned and said to the spirit, "I order you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her." And it came out that very hour. 19 But when her owners saw that their hope of making money was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the marketplace before the authorities. 20 When they had brought them before the magistrates, they said, "These men are disturbing our city; they are Jews 21 and are advocating customs that are not lawful for us as Romans to adopt or observe." 22 The crowd joined in attacking them, and the magistrates had them stripped of their clothing and ordered them to be beaten with rods. 23 After they had given them a severe flogging, they threw them into prison and ordered the jailer to keep them securely. 24 Following these instructions, he put them in the innermost cell and fastened their feet in the stocks. 25 About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them. 26 Suddenly there was an earthquake, so violent that the foundations of the prison were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened and everyone's chains were unfastened. 27 When the jailer woke up and saw the prison doors wide open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself, since he supposed that the prisoners had escaped. 28 But Paul shouted in a loud voice, "Do not harm yourself, for we are all here." 29 The jailer called for lights, and rushing in, he fell down trembling before Paul and Silas. 30 Then he brought them outside and said, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" 31 They answered, "Believe on the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household." 32 They spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house. 33 At the same hour of the night he took them and washed their wounds; then he and his entire family were baptized without delay. 34 He brought them up into the house and set food before them; and he and his entire household rejoiced that he had become a believer in God.

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

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

All: Glory to you, O Lord!

The reading is recorded in chapter 17: 20—26

20 "I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word, 21 that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. 22 The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one, 23 I in them and you in me, that they may become completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me. 24 Father, I desire that those also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory, which you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world. 25 "Righteous Father, the world does not know you, but I know you; and these know that you have sent me. 26 I made your name known to them, and I will make it known, so that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them."

The Message—'Seeking Meaning'

Hymn

O Love, How Deep, How Broad
(Verses 1, 5, and 6)

#244

Prayer List

Family Member/s

Joyce Mitstifer
Suzie Wartluft and her family with the death of her mother

Long-Term Prayer Concerns

Family Members

Nancy Brown
Ellen Goodyear
Lee and Mary Smith
John and Ruthann Snoko

Friends

Suzanne Fritsch — mother of Steven Fritsch
Betty and Bill Gracely— mother and 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

To Everything
there is a Season,
and a time
to every Purpose,
under Heaven.
Ecclesiastes 3:1

Summer Adventure registration forms can be found on the information counter

Sunday, July 7 through Thursday, July 11 6:00pm - 8:00pm

Theme is "Lava Lava Island, Where Jesus' Love Flows."

MUTHENGI MINISTRY/CONFIRMATION PROJECT - Congratulations to the confirmands and their families who have raised a total of \$775.55 for the Muthengi ministry. We pray that this amount will help their ministry in Kenya. The last day to donate is **TODAY**. For anyone looking to donate, please put MUTHENGI on the last line of your offering envelope. A big thank you goes out to all that have donated money towards this great cause.

The Christian Education Committee would like to extend our sincere appreciation and gratitude to our Sunday school volunteers. Thank you for donating your time to help us all grow in Christ.

Updated Contact Information: We have started the process of trying to update our contact information for our members so that a new Church Directory can be created. If you could please email myerstownucc@comcast.net with a current email, address, home phone, cell phone/s and birthdays it would be greatly appreciated.

The congregational meeting will be held next Sunday, June 9 following the 9:00 am service.

Stewardship Report for Sunday, May 26, 2019

Offerings:	General Fund	\$ 2,241
	Our Church's Wider Mission	190
	Church Improvement Fund	335
Attendance at the 9:00 am service:		52 people

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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 *Popular Memory* Quenton Thomas

*Offertory Response *Songs of Thankfulness and Praise* #243
(verse 1)

The Celebration of Holy Communion

Invitation

Leader: This table is open to all who confess Jesus as the Christ and seek to follow Christ's way. Come to this table not because you must, but because you may. Come not because you are Fulfilled, but because in your emptiness you stand in need of God's mercy and assurance.

Congregation: Jesus Christ, the Bread of Life, we gather at your table to know you in the breaking of bread.

Leader: Come to this table, then, brothers and sisters, as you are. Partake and share. It is spread for you and me that we might again know that God has come to us, shared our common lot, and invited us to join the people of God's new age...

Communion Hymn *I Come with Joy* #706
(verses 1-3)

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to God.

Let us give thanks to God Most High.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

(pastor continues the prayer)

The Words of Jesus and Prayer of Blessing

Proclaiming the Mystery

Let us proclaim the mystery of our faith:

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

Lord by your cross and resurrection, you have set us free.

You are the savior of the world.

Sharing the Bread and Cup (Hold the bread and cup until instructed by the Pastor to partake)

* The Apostle’s Creed (on the inside back cover of the hymnal)

*Closing Hymn *Crown Him with Many Crowns* #317

*Benediction

*Congregational Response *I Come With Joy* #706
(verses 4 and 5)

Moments of Meditation (seated)

Postlude *Trumpet Tune* Christopher Tambling



**Today: Communion by Intinction
Seventh Sunday of Easter
Christian Education Committee Meeting**

**This Week: Monday: Strong Bones 8:30 am in the Social Hall
Tuesday: Council Meeting 6:30 pm in the Library
Thursday: Strong Bones 8:30 am in the Social Hall
Upper Room 1:00—2:00 pm in the Library
Friday: Rev Rick Office Hours 8:00 am—12:00 pm
PCC Annual Conference is held this weekend**

Next Sunday: June 9— Pentecost—Congregational Meeting following the service

Worship 9:00 am

Open Church— Mark Herr
Greeters— Pat and Trudy Yeager
Worship Leader— Bill Arnold
Ushers—Kory and Ryan Leppo
Robert Dash
Kenny Patrick
Sound— Paulie McQuate
Counting Team—Marie Hibshman
Kathy Grose
Charles and Carolyn Williams

Announcements

LCCM donation item for the month of June is instant or regular ground coffee. 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.

There will be a Personnel Committee meeting following the conclusion of the church service.

GIFT CARD REMINDER: June gift card orders are due TODAY , June 2 in the drop box on the information counter. Order forms are also available on the information counter.

NEW OFFICE HOURS: The church office will be open Monday - Friday from 9 am - 12 noon. We welcome Katie Fields as our temporary secretary during her summer break from Penn State. Please help us make Katie feel welcome in this position!

A special thank you is extended to all who have helped with the community meals throughout the last year. Without your participation we could not have had these community events.

** 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.

Upper Room Ladies Bible study meets each Thursday from 1:00-2:00 pm in the Library You may contact Marcia Bicher at 717/866-6401 with questions.

Kathy Grose has taken over ordering all supplies for communion, the Gathering Area and kitchen. Please let Kathy know if you notice we are out of something or getting low on any supplies in those areas. She may be reached at 717/821-5824.