

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:	William and Betty Arnold
	Greeter:	Marcia Bicher
	Worship Leaders:	Steve and Marianne Fritsch
	Ushers:	Travis, Angie, Gabby and Gavin Bicher Kenny Patrick
	Sound:	Robert Dash
	Counting Team:	Terry and Suzie Schott Ed and Candy Hibshman

Stewardship Report for Sunday, June 23, 2019

Offerings:	General Fund	\$ 2,151
	Our Church's Wider Mission	254
	Church Improvement Fund	288
	Hope Fund	10
	Number of Envelopes Received:	38
	Total Attendance:	53

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June 30, 2019

Worship Time 9:00 am

Third Sunday after Pentecost

Prelude

Reverie

Claude Debussy

Welcome and Announcements

*Call to Worship

Leader: We gather here in the presence of God.

Congregation: We come together in worship and praise.

Leader: We gather for a purpose.

Congregation: We come together to understand the mission that has been entrusted to us.

Leader: We gather to focus.

Congregation: We gather to hear God's redeeming love to all the world.

*Opening Hymn

America, the Beautiful

#727

(please be seated)

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Lord, we confess that we have fallen out of your desires. We have strayed away from the core of your message. We have put our own priorities ahead of yours and those of our neighbors. We have put off, delayed, or declined actions that would mend your creation and bring your justice, peace, and love into the world. Have mercy upon us. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

A Word for Children

Scripture Readings

The Old Testament lesson is from Psalm 16.

A Miktam of David.

Protect me, O God, for in you I take refuge. 2 I say to the LORD, "You are my Lord; I have no good apart from you." 3 As for the holy ones in the land, they are the noble, in whom is all my delight. 4 Those who choose another god multiply their sorrows; their drink offerings of blood I will not pour out or take their names upon my lips. 5 The LORD is my chosen portion and my cup; you hold my lot. 6 The boundary lines have fallen for me in pleasant places; I have a goodly heritage. 7 I bless the LORD who gives me counsel; in the night also my heart instructs me. 8 I keep the LORD always before me; because he is at my right hand, I shall not be moved.. 9 Therefore my heart is glad, and my soul rejoices; my body also rests secure. 10 For you do not give me up to Sheol, or let your faithful one see the Pit. 11 You show me the path of life. In your presence there is fullness of joy; in your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

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 9: 51-61.

A Samaritan Village Refuses to Receive Jesus

51 When the days drew near for him to be taken up, he set his face to go to Jerusalem. 52 And he sent messengers ahead of him. On their way they entered a village of the Samaritans to make ready for him; 53 but they did not receive him, because his face was set toward Jerusalem. 54 When his disciples James and John saw it, they said, "Lord, do you want us to command fire to come down from heaven and consume them?" 55 But he turned and rebuked them. 56 Then they went on to another village. 57 As they were going along the road, someone said to him, "I will follow you wherever you go." 58 And Jesus said to him, "Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests; but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head." 59 To another he said, "Follow me." But he said, "Lord, first let me go and bury my father." 60 But Jesus said to him, "Let the dead bury their own dead; but as for you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God." 61 Another said, "I will follow you, Lord; but let me first say farewell to those at my home."

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- "The Time is Now"

Hymn *God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand* #728

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 *My Country 'Tis of Thee* James Southbridge

*Offertory Response *For the Fruit of All Creation* #723
(verse 2)

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

*Closing Hymn *Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory* #730

*Benediction

*Congregational Response *O Jesus, I Have Promised* #458
(verse 1)

Moments of Meditation *(seated)*

Postlude *Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory* James Denton

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**Today: Third Sunday after Pentecost**

- This Week: Tuesday: Council Meeting at 6:30 pm in the Library**
- Thursday: Independence Day**
- Friday: Rev Rick office hours 8:00 am—12:00 pm**  
**Janette Mills drop-in from 11:00 am—2:00 pm in the Social Hall**
- Saturday: Summer Adventure Setup from 10:00 am—3:00 pm in the Social Hall**