

Welcome to Myerstown United Church of Christ

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

Supply Pastor: Rev. Carrie Call
Organist: Mark Herr
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Greeter(s): Dawn Hassler
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Ushers: Kory and Ryan Leppo, Robert Dash, Kenny Patrick
Sound: Robert Dash
Counting Team: Lois Werner, Sara Zeller, Sally Kulp
Flowers: In honor of Mark Herr's birthday!

Stewardship Report for Sunday, September 8, 2019

Offerings:	General Fund	\$ 5,067
	Our Church's Wider Mission	\$ 350
	Church Improvement Fund	\$ 335
	Total Attendance 8 am:	16
	Total Attendance 10 am:	50

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Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 15, 2019

Worship Time 10:00 am

Traditional Service of the Word

Prelude *If You But Suffer God to Guide You* J G Walther

Welcome and Announcements

Second Sunday

*Call to Worship (Leader/All)

(will all who are able, please stand)

Let us bow before our Creator,

Whose Spirit moves over desert and sea,

Whose Word has the power to create, to judge, and to save,

Come, let us worship God.

*Opening Hymn *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing* #68

(please be seated)

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (Leader/All)

Gracious and loving God, we find it difficult at times to place our trust in you. Too often we look at the world, and see only violence, pain, destruction, and signs of hopelessness and despair. Too often we rely on our own strength, our own plans, our own devices, rather than trusting in your hand to hold us, your love to sustain us, and your wisdom to see us through.

Forgive us, Holy One. Help us turn to you when we are lost, that we might find our way home. Help us navigate the treacherous waters of this world, that we might experience your abundant grace, mercy, and love. Help us put our trust in you, that the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus may shine in our lives for all to see. Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Anthem *Great Is Thy Faithfulness* arr. Mary McDonald

A Word for Children

Scripture Readings

A Reading from the Epistles 1 Timothy 1:12-17

I am grateful to Christ Jesus our Lord, who has strengthened me, because he judged me faithful and appointed me to his service, even though I was formerly a blasphemer, a persecutor, and a man of violence. But I received mercy because I had acted ignorantly in unbelief, and the grace of our Lord overflowed for me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners—of whom I am the foremost. But for that very reason I received mercy, so that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display the utmost patience, making me an example to those who would come to believe in him for eternal life. To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

This is where the reading of the Epistle ends.

*A Reading from the Gospels Luke 15:1-10

Will those who are able please stand.

Hear the good news of Jesus Christ recorded by Luke in the 15th chapter.

Glory be to you, O Lord.

Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to him. And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, “This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them.” So he told them this parable: “Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it? When he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbors, saying to them, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.’ Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance. “Or what woman having ten silver coins, if she loses one of them, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it? When she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.’ Just so, I tell you,

there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents.”

The lesson ends here. This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

(please be seated)

Message *What It Means to Be Found* Rev. Dr. Carrie Call

Hymn *Lord of All Hopefulness* #469

Pastoral Prayer

Prayer of our Savior

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 *Invocation* Sigfrid Karg-Elert

*Offertory Response *My Tribute* #363

*Prayer of Thanksgiving (Leader/All)

Gracious and loving God, we thank you for these gifts and ask that they be used to help the needy in our community and throughout the world. As we offer you these gifts, we offer ourselves as well, that together we might transform the world with your grace and love. Amen.

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

*Closing Hymn *Just a Closer Walk With Thee* #504

*Benediction

*Response *Lord, Dismiss Us With Your Blessing* #748

Moments of Meditation (seated)

Postlude *Trumpet Tune* William Selby

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