

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. Dave Bushnell
Organist: Mark Herr
Choir Director: Emily Frantz
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Greeter(s): Ted and Carol Batdorf
Worship Leader(s): Kristi Fields
Ushers: Marie Hibshman, Emily, Kara and Abby Frantz, Kenny Patrick
Sound: Robert Dash
Counting Team: Ted and Carol Batdorf, Darryl Brown, Marie Hibshman
Flowers: In loving memory of Mr. and Mrs. Harvey P. Brown and children, Earl, Roy, Myrl, and Harvey

Stewardship Report for Sunday, September 15, 2019

Offerings:	General Fund	\$ 3,533
	Our Church's Wider Mission	\$ 240
	Church Improvement Fund	\$ 130
	Total Attendance 8 am:	20
	Total Attendance 10 am:	50

Myerstown United Church of Christ

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 22, 2019

Worship Time 10:00 am

Traditional Service of the Word

Prelude *Gavotte* William Boyce

Welcome and Announcements

Search Committee Update

*Call to Worship (Leader/All)

(will all who are able, please stand)

Praise the Lord, O servants of the Lord!

Blessed be the name of the Lord from this time on and forevermore.

From the rising of the sun to its setting the name of the Lord is to be praised.

Blessed be the name of the Lord from this time on and forevermore.

*Opening Hymn *To God Be the Glory* #66

(please be seated)

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (Leader/All)

Creator of the universe, breath of life, we come trembling before you for we have hoarded and bartered what has never been ours in the hope of securing our future. We have yearned for wealth more than we have yearned for you. We have squandered your trust and grieved your heart with our betrayal. Help us, O God of our salvation, for the glory of your name; deliver us, and forgive our sins, for your name's sake. Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

A Word for Children

Scripture Readings

*A Reading from the Gospels

Luke 16:1-13

Will those who are able please stand.

Hear the good news of Jesus Christ recorded by Luke in the 16th chapter.

Glory be to you, O Lord.

Then Jesus said to the disciples, “There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was squandering his property. So he summoned him and said to him, ‘What is this that I hear about you? Give me an accounting of your management, because you cannot be my manager any longer.’ Then the manager said to himself, ‘What will I do, now that my master is taking the position away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. I have decided what to do so that, when I am dismissed as manager, people may welcome me into their homes.’ So, summoning his master’s debtors one by one, he asked the first, ‘How much do you owe my master?’ He answered, ‘A hundred jugs of olive oil.’ He said to him, ‘Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it fifty.’ Then he asked another, ‘And how much do you owe?’ He replied, ‘A hundred containers of wheat.’ He said to him, ‘Take your bill and make it eighty.’ And his master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly; for the children of this age are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light. And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of dishonest wealth so that when it is gone, they may welcome you into the eternal homes. “Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much; and whoever is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much. If then you have not been faithful with the dishonest wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? And if you have not been faithful with what belongs to another, who will give you what is your own? No slave can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth.”

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

Thanks be to God.

(please be seated)

Message

The Scoundrel’s Lesson

Rev. Dave Bushnell

Hymn

Make Me a Servant

#576 (sing twice)

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

Adagio

Felix Mendelssohn

*Offertory Response

We Give Thee But Thine Own

#688 (verse 2)

*Prayer of Thanksgiving (Leader/All)

Gracious God, source of our daily bread and Sabbath trust, you feed us with your love and equip us to share in your purpose. Receive the offerings of our wounded spirits, our guarded purses, our meager strength, and continue to expand our hearts, until we live with the boldness and joy of Easter morning; for we pray in the name of your son, Jesus, and by the power of your Spirit. Amen.

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

*Closing Hymn

Forth in Your Name

#718 (verses 1-3)

*Benediction

*Response

Go Now in Peace

#717 (verse 3)

Moments of Meditation (seated)

Postlude

Beloved Jesus

Johannes Brahms

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