

OUR CHURCH FAMILY AT WORSHIP

4th Sunday after Epiphany

January 30, 2022

**Just Say Yes**

11:00 A.M.

TIME OF GATHERING: Read through Announcements, Pray over Concerns, Meditate on Celebrations and the wonder and grace of God, and Thanksgiving to God....

PRELUDE      *Processional and Trumpet Tune on Cwm Rhodda*      Wayne L. Wold

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Liturgist: You know what time it is,

**People: how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep.**

Leader: For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers;

**People: the night is far gone, the day is near.**

Leader: Let us then lay aside the works of darkness

**People: and put on the armor of light.**

\*HYMN      *God of Grace and God of Glory*      No. 577

OPENING PRAYER

**Gracious God, in Jesus Christ you introduced yourself as the help of the hopeless and the hope of the helpless, and you called us to proclaim your name and portray your character. With gladness we heeded your summons. But our enthusiasm has waned, and your mission has suffered. So we pray, O Lord, for the renewal of our vision of Jesus Christ, that our enthusiasm for his mission might be rekindled and that, once again, the helpless might find hope and the hopeless might find help. In Christ's holy name we pray. Amen.**

SCRIPTURE LESSON      *Jeremiah 1:4-10*

Liturgist: The Word of God for God's people.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

\*RESPONSE      *Gloria Patri*      No. 70

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, Amen.**

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**We believe in one God, who is Creator, maker of all we see and all we do not see; Who is Ruler of the universe: Source of all creation!**

**We believe in one God, who is Jesus Christ, God from God, Light from Light, true God and true human. He is one with the Creator; the Word made flesh, our Messiah: Savior of all creation!**

**We believe in one God, who is Holy Spirit, Breath of God moving among us. Who is one with the Creator; one with the Christ; our Comforter and our Guide: Mentor of all humanity!**

CHOIR ANTHEM      *Come Let Us Sing*      Natalie Sleeth

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

**Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that as the scriptures are read and your Word proclaimed, we may hear with joy what you say to us today. Amen.**

GOSPEL READING      *Luke 4:21-30*  
MESSAGE      *"Just Say Yes"*      *Pastor Janet Saddel*

\*HYMN      *Lord, Speak to Me*      No. 463

AN INVITATION TO PRAY

+Prayer of Confession (unison)

**Gracious God, all too often we rely on other people to do your work. All too often we think that someone else will hear from you, someone else will help a person in need, someone else will share the Good News. Forgive us Lord, for the times we have ignored your call. Forgive us for not listening to you. Open our hearts now to your call and open our ears to your voice. Give us strength to answer your call, this day and always. Amen.**

+Pastoral Prayer

+Lord's Prayer (trespasses)

+Sung Response      *Spirit of the Living God*      No. 393

**Spirit of the living God, fall a fresh on me.  
Spirit of the living God, fall a fresh on me.  
Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.  
Spirit of the living God, fall a fresh on me.**

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory

*Meditation*

Robert Elmore

\*Congregational Response *Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart*

**Praise God who reigns on high, the Lord whom we adore,  
the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, one God forever more.  
Rejoice, rejoice, rejoice, give thanks and sing.**

\*HYMN

*Here I Am, Lord*

No. 593

\*BENEDICTION

\*ORGAN RESPONSE

\*POSTLUDE

*Prelude and Fugue in B-flat Major*

Craig A. Penfield

*\*All stand if possible +All kneel or sit to pray*

We thank all those who helped with the service this morning.

Liturgist: Rowena Fink

**Mission Statement for the Church of the Good Shepherd**

We are committed to:

- ▶ Connecting persons to Jesus Christ
- ▶ Connecting with broken and hurting people
- ▶ Challenging persons to grow and celebrate their relationship with Jesus Christ
- ▶ Equipping persons and partnering with them to serve in God-powered ministry

**2022 Mission Support**

International

Heifer Int., UMCOR (United Methodist Committee on Relief),

Congo Partners in Mission, Africa University

Lebanon County

COGS in Motion, Gretna Glen Support, Habitat for Humanity, Iglesia Nuevo Nacimiento,

Lebanon County Christian Ministries (LCCM), Lebanon Rescue Mission, Support

Connections of Lebanon County(SCLC), Good Shepherd Care and Compassion Fund.



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*"connecting to broken and hurting people"*

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**TRADITIONAL WORSHIP** †  
*Celebration of Faith*



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11:00 A.M.

1500 Quentin Road / Lebanon, PA 17042  
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Sermon Outline: "Just Say Yes" Speaker: Pastor Janet Sattel  
Jeremiah 1:4-10; Luke 4:21-30

Often times it's not others who hold us back from answering God, so much as it is ourselves. We have our own internal objections to carrying out God's will. Eventually Moses and Jeremiah both said "yes" to God. And when they responded, then God met them and provided all that they needed to carry out their mission.

Likewise, God was calling the people of Nazareth through Jesus, but they didn't hear God's call because they didn't like the message. How many times we miss the Good News? We often tune out and pretend we didn't hear what God told us to do. The sad thing is, if we start to do that, it becomes a habit. And then in time we don't hear God's voice at all.

All of us have a choice. We can say "yes" or "no" to God. We can choose to listen or we can turn a deaf ear. But we must know this: if we say "no" or if we turn a deaf ear, we are the ones who are truly losing out. God will find another messenger; God will bless someone else instead. And in turning God down and tuning God out, we shut ourselves off from God.

God is at work - and always has been at work - telling the good news of his love. God still speaks, but now God speaks through us. God is still offering his Good News to the world, and he calls each and every one of us to bring his message of love to those outside these walls.

Our objections are often reasonable and understandable. But to every one of these objections God says, "Don't be afraid, I am with you." God invites every one of us to participate in the gospel in whatever role God offers to us. Any task that God calls us to can shine the light of Christ.

God speaks to us today and now God wants us to partner with him to take the Good News to the world. Will we say "yes" to God's invitation as Jeremiah did?

To all our objections, God says to us, as he said to Jeremiah, "I will be with you." The Great I Am - the Creator of the Universe says to us, "I will be with you."

## Calendar for Week of 1/30/2022

### SUNDAY

8:30 - Contemporary [Worship Center]  
9:45 - Contemporary [Worship Center]  
9:45 - Sunday School  
11:00 - Confirmation Class [Forge Rm]  
11:00 - Traditional Worship [Sanctuary]  
11:00 - Parenting SS Class [Lounge]  
12-3 - CR Training  
4:00 - CR step study

### MONDAY

10am—Staff Meeting  
4-8—Private [sanctuary]  
6:00 - CR Praise band rehearsal [WC]

### TUESDAY February 1

11-1:30—Free Noon Meal  
7:00—Disciple [Lounge]  
7:00—Trustee Meeting [Hall]

### WEDNESDAY

*Ground Hog Day (more winter?!)*

5:30-8:00 - High School Yth [Hall/Forge]  
7:00 - Celebrate Recovery  
7:00—Traditional Choir [choir rm/sanctuary]

### THURSDAY

5:00—"A Night of Music" w/ Andy Roberts  
5:00—Contemporary Design Team  
5:30—Traditional Design Team

### FRIDAY

### SATURDAY

9:00 - Contemporary Worship Rehearsal

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