

OUR CHURCH FAMILY AT WORSHIP

11<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

August 21, 2022

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....

**Please sign the red pads and pass it onto the next person in your pew.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE *Andante Religioso* F. Thome arr. Sam Ellson

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Liturgist: We belong to God.

**People: He has chosen us and set us aside for his purposes.**

Liturgist: We come seeking a genuine spiritual connection.

**People: The church makes us a part of something bigger than ourselves.**

**All: Let us worship the God who loves us and guides us day by day.**

\*HYMN *Christ for the World We Sing* No. 568

OPENING PRAYER

**Loving God, we want to be a community with a message of hope for people who seek to belong. Help us to erase barriers and build bridges. We seek to show your love to those around us. Lead us to be a church that teaches and upholds the foundation of our faith and has an outward focus to the seekers around us. Amen.**

SCRIPTURE LESSON *Acts 2:42-47*

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

**People: Thanks be to God.**

\*DOXOLOGY *Breathe on Me, Breath of God* No. 420, 2<sup>nd</sup> verse

Breathe on me, Breath of God, until my heart is pure,  
until with thee I will one will, to do and to endure.

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *The Apostles' Creed, Ecumenical Version* No. 882

GOSPEL READING

*Matthew 28:19-20*

MESSAGE

*"I Belong"*

*Pastor Lisa Flory*

\*HYMN *Jesus, Lord, We Look to Thee* No. 562

AN INVITATION TO PRAY

+Prayer of Confession (unison)

**Welcoming God, you have created us to be in community, to want to belong, to love one another - Koinonia. You have also made each of us different; different in so many aspects. Instead of celebrating and embracing those differences, we allow them to separate us. We ask your forgiveness when we exclude those of another race, political persuasion, social status, even those whose worship or theology is not the same as ours. And give us the understanding that this separation is as hurtful to us as it is to those we see as not worthy of "belonging."**

+Pastoral Prayer

+Lord's Prayer (trespasses)

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

**Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.**

**Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.**

**Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.**

**Spirit of the living god, Fall afresh on me.**

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory *Sweet Hour of Prayer* W. Bradbury arr. Patricia Lou Harris

\*Congregational Response: Tune: LASST UNS ERFREUEN

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;**

**Praise God, all creatures here below**

**Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**Praise God, the source of all our gifts!**

**Praise Jesus Christ, whose power up-lifts**

**Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!**

**Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

\*HYMN *Lord, You Give the Great Commission* No. 584

**\*BENEDICTION**

Leader: Friends, be the church. Invite, welcome, include all wherever you may be.

Then we can say with confidence:

**People: I belong, you belong, we belong.**

**All: Amen and Amen.**

**\*ORGAN RESPONSE**

**\*POSTLUDE**

*Sortie*

Chester Nordman

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

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

Liturgist: Rowena Fink

We thank Kathleen Herb for serving as the organist for the service today.

**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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**TRADITIONAL WORSHIP**  
*Celebration of Faith* **f**



**FAITH COMMUNITY-  
ALL ARE WELCOME**

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“I Belong”

1 Peter 2: 9;

Acts 2: 42-47;

Matthew 28:19-20;

1 Peter 4:7-11

Belonging is a deeply felt human need, and people try to meet this need in different ways. The Church has a message of hope for isolated individuals seeking a spiritual connection with God and others. The Church is meant to be a different kind of community. (1 Peter 2:9)

We find a beautiful description of Christian community in Acts 2:42-47, where we see these characteristics:

- An outward focus
- Built on a foundation of the teachings of the apostles
- A shared sense of mission (Matthew 28:19-20)
- Engaged in the practices of the faith, including fellowship, the breaking of bread, prayer, worship, sharing stories of God’s miracles, and stewardship

The one ingredient that binds these all together is LOVE, as expressed in HOSPITALITY (1 Peter 4:8-11). Hospitality is a concrete expression of God’s love, and we are called to be intentional in our hospitality towards one another and to the world. Let us be a church that invites and welcomes ALL into genuine community!

**SUNDAY**

8:30 / 9:45 - Contemporary [Worship Center]

9:45 - Sunday School

11:00 - Traditional Worship [Sanctuary]

11:00 - Parenting SS Class [Lounge]

11:00 - Pageant listening

**MONDAY**

10am—Staff Meeting

6:00 - CR Praise band rehearsal [WC]

**TUESDAY**

7am - private [gathering area]

7 pm - Who Will Be a Witness? Study [Lounge]

**WEDNESDAY**

7:00 - Celebrate Recovery

**THURSDAY**

5:00—Contemporary Design Team

5:30—Traditional Design Team

6:00 - CR Step Study [rm 21]

**FRIDAY**

**SATURDAY**

9:00 - Contemporary Worship Rehearsal

6:00 - 5th graders move-up party

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11:00 - Sunday School Festival [pavilion/Hall]