

OUR CHURCH FAMILY AT WORSHIP

16th Sunday after Pentecost

September 25, 2022

Bridging the Chasm

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 *Aria* Wayne L. Wold

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Liturgist: Our God is a loving God.

People: He gives us life, love and peace.

Liturgist: We thank our God for his generous gifts.

People: We are rich in the things that are important.

All: Let us worship our God and share the gifts he gives us.

*HYMN *The Voice of God Is Calling* No. 436

OPENING PRAYER (seated)

Unison: **Lord Jesus, you know that we are hungry for many things: love, acceptance and recognition, meaning and purpose, and a sign that we are valuable. It is too easy to fill ourselves with other things: to pursue the love of money, to follow vain desires. In a world of great inequality, where Lazarus still begs at the rich man's gate, help us to be grateful for the gift of life, and grant us recognition of the common wealth of sharing. Teach us the meaning of contentment, while granting us a purpose to fulfill not only our own needs, but the needs of others as well. You have given us such worth; fill us with your love and show us what truly satisfies, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

SCRIPTURE LESSON 1 Timothy 6:6-12, 17-19

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

People: Thanks be to God.

*DOXOLOGY *Holy Spirit, Come, Confirm Us*
Holy Spirit, come, confirm us in the truth that Christ makes known; We have faith and understanding through your helping gifts alone.

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH from Romans 8:35, 37-39 No. 887

CHOIR ANTHEM *For the Beauty of the Earth* John Rutter

GOSPEL READING *Luke 16:19-31*
MESSAGE *"Bridging the Chasm"* Pastor Janet Saddle

*HYMN *What Does the Lord Require* No. 441

AN INVITATION TO PRAY

+Prayer of Confession (unison)

God, we may not clothe ourselves in purple and fine linen, and feast luxuriously every day, but we are comfortable. We may not have destitute persons sitting or begging at our own doorsteps, but how often do we ignore people in need? We pretend they aren't there or we don't even notice them. Forgive us loving Father, when our ignorance, carelessness, and disregard cause chasms, and separation between ourselves and others - not just those in need of life's basic necessities, but also those searching for love, understanding, acceptance and compassion. Show us how to love as Jesus loves. Amen.

+Pastoral Prayer

+Lord's Prayer (trespasses)

+Sung Response *Seek Ye First* No. 405

Seek ye first the kingdom of God and his righteousness and all these things shall be added unto you. Allelu, alleluia!

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory *Gazioso* Georg Philipp Telemann

*Congregational Response TUNE: TALLIS' CANON

Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow
Praise Him, all creatures here below
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

*HYMN *The Church of Christ, in Every Age* (alternate tune "TRURO") No. 589

*BENEDICTION

Pastor: Go forth now, be willing to step out, to take the leap of faith across the chasm, and in so doing, build a bridge of love as Jesus has done and continues to do.

People: Amen

*ORGAN RESPONSE

*POSTLUDE *Trumpet Tune* Robert Lau

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

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

Liturgist: Tom McKennett

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



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Sermon Outline:

“Bridging the Chasm”

Luke 16:19-31

There was a common misperception in the first century that if you were blind, you sinned or perhaps your parents had sinned. On this basis, the rich man convinced himself that the fact that Lazarus was poor and in terrible health had nothing to do with the rich man himself.

The rich man, had in essence, *created* a gulf between himself and Lazarus. And each day that he passed him by, the gulf grew larger and larger until there was a great chasm between the two men.

After the two men have died and gone on to eternal life, we see a great chasm between the rich man who is now suffering, and Lazarus, who is with Father Abraham.

Jesus is telling us that what we do now will be fixed in the future. How we live our lives now will determine what our eternal life will be.

God doesn't want *anyone* to have to be separated from him. He doesn't like Hell any more than we do. That's why Jesus was sent to provide a way back to God. When he laid down his life for us, Jesus became the bridge across the great chasm.

Jesus has bridged the chasm for us by laying down his life. The only way to get across the great chasm is by the cross - the cross of Christ.

There is a chasm that separates many of us from other people. Jesus calls us to be a bridge for them.

The only way to bridge the chasm is through self-sacrifice. Jesus has demonstrated that for us on the cross

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Calendar for Week of 9/25/2022

SUNDAY

8:30 / 9:45 - Contemporary [Worship Center]
9:00 - Safe Sanctuary Training [Hall]
9:45 - Sunday School
11:00 - Traditional Worship [Sanctuary]
11:00 - Parenting SS Class [Lounge]
11:00 - Pageant Practice [Hall]
12:15 - Golf Outing @ Pine Meadows Golf
4:00 - Step Study
4-7 - Youth Group

MONDAY

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

TUESDAY

7:00—Who Will Be a Witness? Study [Lounge]

WEDNESDAY

8:30-11:30am - MLLC (rm 200/202)
7:00 - Celebrate Recovery
7:00—Traditional Choir (sanctuary)

THURSDAY

5:00—Contemporary Design Team
5:30—Traditional Design Team
6:00 - CR Step Study [rm 21]
6:30 - Private meeting [Lounge]

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

9:00 - Contemporary Worship Rehearsal

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