

OUR CHURCH FAMILY AT WORSHIP

20th Sunday after Pentecost

October 23, 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

Voluntary in D

William Boyce

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Liturgist: From the world's judgement, we are called;

People: to God's mercy we come.

Liturgist: From our struggle to be worthy;

People: to God's loving arms we come.

All: Let us worship the God who loves and saves us.

*HYMN

I Sing the Almighty Power of God

No. 152

OPENING PRAYER (seated)

Unison: **Loving God: We are quick to judge those around us, but you teach us to accept each other. Help us to measure ourselves by your love rather than by our accomplishments. We need to accept that our salvation comes through Jesus Christ, not our own efforts. We throw ourselves on your mercy, Lord. Amen.**

SCRIPTURE LESSON

2 Timothy 4:1-8

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

People: Thanks be to God.

*DOXOLOGY

Glory Be to the Father

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 *This We Believe*

We believe in an innovative God, who does not wait for us to find ourselves but comes seeking the lost and calling us into a new way.

We believe in Jesus of Nazareth as God's crucial initiative, that when he calls us to follow, Christ also gives us the power to become, both in creed and deed, the children of the living God.

We believe in the Spirit by whom Jesus still comes to us, calling us to follow him into an obedience which is true liberty and to a humble service which is the fruit of holy friendship.

We believe in the church as the fellowship of Christ's people, called to respect and support one another through joys and tribulations as we travel the road towards the "promised land" of God's future.

Because Christ has called me, in this we truly believe. Amen.

CHOIR ANTHEM

Faith to Carry On

Besig/Price

GOSPEL READING

Luke 18:9-14

MESSAGE

"The Best Prayer"

Pastor Janet Saddel

*HYMN

Just as I Am, Without One Plea

No. 357

AN INVITATION TO PRAY

+Prayer of Confession

Unison: **In a world where many voices trumpet their greatness, boast of beauty, flaunt their power, and squander their wealth, all too many do so in your name, Jesus. We pray for this world broken by foolish arrogance, where people are dehumanized, there is neglect and the poorest are ignored, the sacredness of your creation is denied, people are tempted to think of themselves as better than others - in this broken world may your healing humility break in and challenge us, reminding us of our brokenness and our need for you, and teaching us to serve and love everyone with the grace and humility you show toward us. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

+Pastoral Prayer

+Lord's Prayer (trespasses)

+Sung Response

Hear Our Prayer, O Lord

**Hear our prayer, O Lord, Hear our prayer, O Lord;
Incline Thine ear to us, and grant us Thy peace. Amen.**

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory

Song

Claude de Sermisy

*Congregational Response *Come, Thou Almighty King*

No. 61 vs 4

**To thee, great One in Three, eternal praises be,
Hence, evermore. Thy sovereign majesty may we in glory see,
And to eternity love and adore!**

*HYMN

Love Lifted Me

No. 3101

*BENEDICTION

Pastor: What kind of prayer will you pray this day? Make it the best kind of prayer, the kind that cries out to God with a sincere heart:

People: Lord, give us an open heart and a heart emptied of self, ready to be filled with the power of the Holy Spirit through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

*ORGAN RESPONSE

*POSTLUDE

A Festal Fanfare

Johann Sebastian Bach

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

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

Liturgist: Terry Woodnorth



United Methodist

**Church of the
Good Shepherd**

"connecting to broken and hurting people"

Reverend Janet Sadel, Lead Pastor

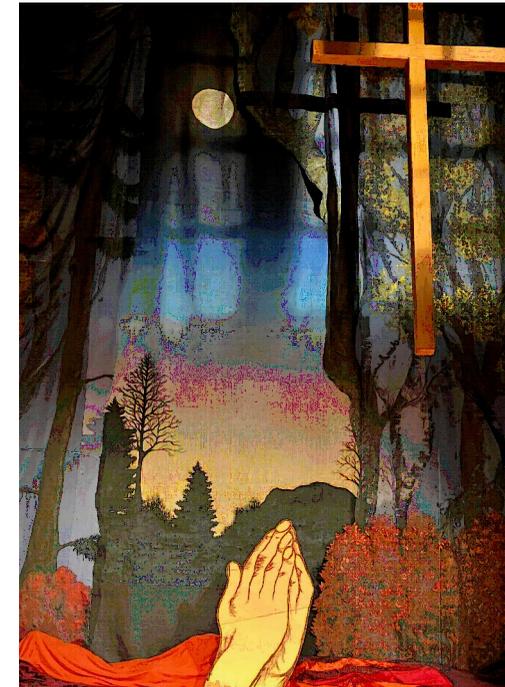
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TRADITIONAL WORSHIP

Celebration of Faith



THE BEST PRAYER

October 23, 2022

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11:00 A.M.

1500 Quentin Road / Lebanon, PA 17042
church: 717-272-7741 / www.umcogs.org

Sermon Outline:

The Best Prayer
Luke 18:9-14
Pastor Janet Sattel

The kingdom of heaven is not based on the values and structures of this world. God does not look at outward appearances; rather God looks at the heart.

The good works of the Pharisee aren't wrong - it's the attitude of his heart. His prayer tells us that he trusts himself for his own righteousness. Romans 3:23, "all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God." There is only one way to be right with God and that is through the gift of Jesus Christ – his work on the cross for us.

The point of this parable is that we need to rely on God. We are completely dependent on God and the prayer that acknowledges this is the best prayer there is.

When we stop trying to earn our way to heaven and simply receive God's mercy and grace, then we are filled with gratitude. And that gratitude will spill over into doing all the things that God wants us to do – and in a prayer life that recognizes we are already accepted because of Jesus.

Do not doubt, do not say, "If I can get into heaven." No 'ifs' about it! Believe it now – said and done. Jesus said, "It is finished."

The best prayer is the one that cries out for God: "God I need you! God I cannot do anything without you. Jesus, wash me clean, make me righteous and help me to live as you want me to live."

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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

Calendar for Week of 10/23/2022

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 Practice [Worship Center]
- 12:14 - UM Update [Hall]
- 4:00 - CR Step Study [Lounge / choir room]
- 4:00 - The Forge Harvest Party @ Risser Marvel Farm

MONDAY

- 10am - Staff Meeting
- 6:00 - CR Praise band rehearsal [WC]
- 7:00 - UM Update [Hall]

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

- 8:30-11:30 - MLLC [rms 200/202]
- 7:00 - Celebrate Recovery
- 7:00 - Traditional Choir Rehearsal [Sanctuary]

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

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- 11:00 - Pageant Practice [Hall]
- 2:00– CR Leadership training [Lounge]
- 4:00 - CR Step Study [Lounge / choir room]