

OUR CHURCH FAMILY AT WORSHIP

21st Sunday after Pentecost

October 30, 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

God of Grace

Paul Manz

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Liturgist: Come, let us worship the God who came to seek and save the lost.

People: Let us worship the God who came to seek and save each of us!

Liturgist: Let us welcome God into our homes and our hearts.

People: Let us give of ourselves in this worship time that we may know God.

All: Let us joyfully and with gratitude worship God!

*HYMN

God of Grace and God of Glory

No. 577

OPENING PRAYER

Unison: **The scriptures tell us that God's love will find us, no matter how far we have strayed from God's Word. Just as Jesus found Zacchaeus in a tree, God will find us and welcome us home. When others misjudge us, when we judge ourselves, no matter what, we still belong to God and we have the assurance that God loves us. This is the good news of the Gospel of Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Psalm 119:137-144

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

Here I Am, Lord

arr. Mary McDonald

GOSPEL READING

Luke 19:1-10

MESSAGE

"Lost in a Tree"

Pastor Janet Saddel

*HYMN

Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy

No. 340

AN INVITATION TO PRAY

+Prayer of Confession

Unison: **You were accused, Good Teacher, of eating with sinners and touching the unclean. In so doing, you offended common decency. We thought you came to bless us, but you go to those we do not understand, those we do not trust, those we fear. We want you to confirm our prejudices, but you shatter them. Samaritans, children, lepers, women, tax collectors, a sick friend, a dead daughter: all of these you blessed and healed. Those we distance ourselves from, you actually touch. Forgive us Jesus, turn our grumbling into acts of courage. Turn our codes of conduct into the conduct of compassion. Turn our condemnation of the failures of others into the awareness of our failure to love others with your grace and compassion. Forgive us Jesus and make us new, until we become one with the lost ones, until we become lost in your love. 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

Psalm 56

Heinrich Schütz

*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

Grace Greater than Our Sin

No. 365

*BENEDICTION

Pastor: Seek Jesus as you go into this world of turmoil and prejudice, and refrain from judging others. Come down from your sycamore tree and invite your Lord into your home and life.

People: We go with thankful hearts.

All: Amen.

*ORGAN RESPONSE

*POSTLUDE

Ein feste Burg ist unser Gott
(Mighty Fortress Is Our God)

Johann Pachelbel

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

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

Liturgist: Rowena Fink



United Methodist

**Church of the
Good Shepherd**

"connecting to broken and hurting people"

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TRADITIONAL WORSHIP

Celebration of Faith



Lost in a Tree

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church: 717-272-7741 / www.umcogs.org

Sermon Outline:

Lost in a Tree
Luke 19:1-10
Pastor Janet Sattel

We all have our preconceived ideas of how certain people live their lives, and we so easily slap labels on them. This is what had happened to Zacchaeus.

Zacchaeus was lost right in his own community, in his own faith. His own people had pushed him aside, literally, so that he found himself lost in a tree.

Jesus restored Zacchaeus to his community when he said, “I must stay at your home today.” Jesus fulfills God’s will, by seeking hospitality with one spurned as an outcast, mistreated at the hands of Israel’s leaders and people.

We are called to follow Jesus by rescuing the lost and including them in our fellowship. A simple invitation to church or to a meal can be the way of calling someone who is lost, down from the tree.

Zacchaeus' name means “innocent.” Isn’t that God's intention for us, to free us of the charges brought against us? God’s grace always does for us what we cannot do for ourselves. It saves us. Jesus saves us.

We are all the same before the throne of God. No labels, no prejudging, no discrimination. Isn’t that beautiful? Shocking, but beautiful. Perhaps you are lost in a tree. If you’re in that tree today, or you know someone who is lost in that tree, remember, Jesus comes to us and says, “come down from that tree. I'm coming to YOUR house today.”

Just as Jesus invited Zacchaeus to come back down to the ground and welcome Jesus into his house and into his life he offers us that same thing. Jesus invited Zacchaeus to come down out of the tree all the while Jesus had a plan to go up onto a tree for Zacchaeus and for you and for me. Jesus is still in the business of seeking and saving the lost.

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Calendar for Week of 10/30/2022

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 [Hall]
2-3 - CR Leadership Training [lounge]
4-6—CR Step Study [Lounge & Choir rm]

MONDAY

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

TUESDAY: All Saints’ Day

11-1:30 - Free Noon Meal @LCCM
7:00 - Board of Trustees

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
10-2 - QPR suicide prevention [Lounge]

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Forge Hershey Bears Game grade 6-12
meet at COGS