

OUR CHURCH FAMILY AT WORSHIP

4th Sunday after Pentecost

June 25, 2023

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 *In Faith and Hope my Peace Abides* Johann Sebastian Bach

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Liturgist: For freedom Christ has set us free.

People: We cherish that freedom.

Liturgist: We are commanded to love others.

People: God's holy love transforms and enables us.

Liturgist: We are justified by faith,

People: And thus have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.

All: Let us worship the God who uplifts us and guides us.

*HYMN *All Praise to Our Redeeming Lord* No. 554

OPENING PRAYER (seated)

Unison: **Sanctifying God: You have set our goal to become more like Christ. We strive towards that goal through repentance of our sins, embracing the gift of forgiveness, and moving toward harmony with God in our hearts and in the way we live our lives. That may seem like a tremendous task, but we trust that Jesus' holy love will transform us and guide us. As we struggle onward, we sense that it is God who is at work in us. Through him, we may achieve the fruits of the Spirit and use them in our lives with others. Thank you, Lord for your challenge and your supporting love. Amen.**

SCRIPTURE LESSON *Galatians 5:1, 13-17, 22-26*

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

People: Thanks be to God.

*RESPONSE *We Believe in One True God* No. 85 vs. 1

We believe in one true God, Father, Son and Holy Ghost, ever present help in need, praised by all the heavenly host; by whose mighty power alone all is made and wrought and done.

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Liturgist: Let us declare our faith in the resurrection and reign of Christ:

People: By his mighty power God raised from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ and seated him at his right hand in heaven; far above all rule and authority, power and dominion, and every title that can be given, not only in the present age but also in the age to come. God placed all things under his feet and appointed him to be head over everything for the Church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills everything everywhere and always. Amen.

SPECIAL MUSIC *Holy, Holy, Holy* arr. Mark Hayes
Phyllis Conrad, piano solo

EPISTLE READING *Romans 5:1-9*
MESSAGE *"Methodism: Freedom and Peace"* Pastor Janet Saddel

*HYMN *Spirit of God, Descent upon My Heart* No. 500

AN INVITATION TO PRAY

+Prayer of Confession

Unison: **Merciful God, the apostle Paul proclaims peace, hope and grace are your gifts to us. And yet there are times when grief overwhelms us, anxiety holds us captive, and suffering leaves us numb with despair. We wonder how, even if you are at work in our lives, and we long for you to show us another way. Show us another way, O God. Amen.**

+Pastoral Prayer

+Lord's Prayer (trespasses)

+Sung Response *Surely the Presence of the Lord* No. 328

Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place; I can feel his mighty power and his grace. I can hear the brush of angels' wings, I see glory on each face; surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory *Whate're My God Ordains is Right* Johann Pachelbel

*Congregational Response Tune: *OLD 100TH* No. 95

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. Amen.

*HYMN *Freely, Freely* No. 389

*BENEDICTION [Wesley's instructions: "Let the People depart with this Blessing:"]

Pastor: May the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you, and remain with you always.

People: Amen.

*ORGAN RESPONSE

*POSTLUDE *Come Let Us Sing Unto the Lord* Robert Lau

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

The altar flowers this morning are in honor of David and Penny Harris' 41st Wedding Anniversary.

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



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"connecting to broken and hurting people"

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TRADITIONAL WORSHIP 
Celebration of Faith



**Methodism:
 Freedom and Peace**

June 25, 2023

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11:00 A.M.

1500 Quentin Road / Lebanon, PA 17042

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Sermon Outline:

“Methodism: Freedom and Peace”

Galatians 5:1, 13-17, 22-26; Romans 5:1-9

John Wesley taught that we are to go onto sanctification - we are to continue to become more holy.

Wesley: having the right beliefs is crucial in winning the battle over sin. He was "Orthodox" - which means "right thinking" - a pathway of beliefs to help us in our spiritual formation with the end goal of becoming more like Christ.

Wesley said everything we need to do this is found in scripture, and our doctrine is based on the scriptures.

He gave three essentials of a life that becomes like Christ:

Repentance is: _____

Faith is: _____

Holiness is: _____

Wesley believed we need to have both orthodoxy [right knowing] and orthopraxy [right doing]. He called this "scriptural Christianity" - a balance between faith and works and balance. Head and Heart.

Our faith in Christ not only brings us forgiveness, but also peace. If salvation were simply the forgiveness of sin, that would only be half the gospel. Through Jesus we now are at peace with God.

The gospel is about liberation - sin is about bondage. On May 25th Wesley was set free from the bondage of sin and the law. He was set free from the guilt of sin and the power of sin. And he found peace with God. He found true freedom.

Freedom is being free from sin and the bondage that comes from sin. When Christ has set us free, it doesn't mean we are free to do what we want, but we have been set free to do what is right.

Wesley wrote of the way of salvation as something that is not once and done, but that every day we are working out our salvation - we are being transformed more and more into the image of Christ.

Scriptures: Ephesians 4:14-15; James 2:17; John 15; Romans 5:1; 2 Corinthians 3:17-18

Calendar for Week of 6/25/2023

SUNDAY

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

9:45 - Sunday School

11:00 - Traditional Worship [Sanctuary]

11:00 - Parenting SS Class [Lounge]

4:00 - CR Step Study [Lounge/Choir rm]

Youth Grades 6-12 please see Youth Page in the Announcements

MONDAY

10-12 - Staff Meeting

6:00 - CR Praise Team Rehearsal [WC]

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

7:00 - Celebrate Recovery

THURSDAY

5:00 - Contemporary Design Team

5:30 - Traditional Design Team

FRIDAY June 30th

9:00 AM - Youth: Donuts & Devotions

See Youth Announcements

SATURDAY July 1st

9:00 - Contemporary Worship Rehearsal

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Youth Group -

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