

OUR CHURCH FAMILY AT WORSHIP

7th Sunday after Pentecost

July 16, 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

Voluntary in D

William Boyce

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Liturgist: O God, you called us by name to come and we respond with delight and gladness.

People: In joyful obedience, we come to worship our God.

Liturgist: Rising out of the depths of despair, we gratefully gather for worship.

People: In joyful hope, we come to worship our loving God.

Liturgist: Our God has given us a new song of praise to sing to our Awesome God!

People: In joyful trust, we come to worship our God. Amen.

*HYMN

O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing
stanzas: 1-5, 7

No. 57

OPENING PRAYER (seated)

Unison: **You are the God who makes extravagant promises. We treasure your great promises of fidelity and presence and solidarity. We ask for your strength, for we often discover that your promise comes in the midst of a difficult, deep call to obedience. You are the God who calls people like us, and the long list of those who have before us, who trusted the promise enough to answer the call. We give you thanks that you are a calling God, who calls us to new places and sometimes dangerous places as well. We pray for enough of your grace and mercy that we may be empowered to believe your promises, so that we will have the courage to respond to your call, through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

SCRIPTURE LESSON

1 John 3:13-24

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

People: Thanks be to God.

*SUNG RESPONSE

Charles Wesley to the tune No. 92 (For the Beauty of the Earth)

**Come, divine Interpreter, bring me eyes Thy book to read,
ears the mystic words to hear, words which did from thee proceed,
words that endless bliss impart, kept in an obedient heart.**

*THE WORLD METHODIST SOCIAL AFFIRMATION

No. 886

SPECIAL MUSIC

Surely the Presence setting by John Carter
Mary Smith and Phyllis Conrad, piano duet

GOSPEL READING

Mark 12:28b-34b

MESSAGE

"Methodism: Love Lived Out"

Pastor Janet Sattel

*HYMN

Christ, from Whom All Blessings Flow

No. 550

AN INVITATION TO PRAY

+Prayer of Confession

Pastor: The world teaches us many ways to love, but all are based on selfish desires and needs. God teaches us how to love: completely, uniquely, unconditionally.

Let us confess our difficulty in loving as God teaches us, as we pray, saying,

All: We are hesitant to confess, Holy God, how difficult it is to love as you wish. It is easy to love you with all that we are, except when you ask us to love our neighbor with all that we have. We find it hard to love our neighbor, when it is linked to the way we love ourselves. And it is difficult to love anyone - even You - more than we love ourselves. Forgive us, Love Eternal. As you took a risk in creating us, help us to take risks to love others compassionately, to love ourselves genuinely, and to love you as completely as you love us in Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.

+Pastoral Prayer

+Lord's Prayer (trespasses)

+Sung Response

Lead Me, Lord

No. 473

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory

Air

George Frideric Handel

*Congregational Response:

Tune: *ST. PETER*

"To God the Father, God the Son, and Spirit we adore;

All praise and honor, glory, power be now and evermore!"

*HYMN *Blow Ye the Trumpet, Blow* (stanzas 1-4) No. 379

*BENEDICTION

Pastor: Lord, sanctify us. Holy Spirit, breathe into us your Spirit and grant your peace.
Jesus, live within us and through us, that all that we do will be of love.

People: In love we go forth. Amen.

*ORGAN RESPONSE

*POSTLUDE *Voluntary in D Minor* William Boyce

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

*The Altar flowers this morning are presented by Ed and Linda Levensgood
in memory of Harold and Jean Demmy.*

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

Liturgist: Patti Olson

Special Music: piano duet with Mary Smith and Phyllis Conrad - Thank you Ladies.

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

2023 Mission Support

International

Heifer Int., Congo Partners in Mission, Africa University

Lebanon County

COGS in Motion, Gretna Glen Support, Habitat for Humanity, Celebrate Recovery,
Iglesia Nuevo Nacimiento, Lebanon County Christian Ministries (LCCM),
Jubilee Ministries, Lebanon Rescue Mission, COGS Care and Compassion Fund.



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TRADITIONAL WORSHIP
Celebration of Faith



Methodism: Love Lived Out

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1500 Quentin Road / Lebanon, PA 17042

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Sermon Outline:

"Methodism: Love Lived Out"
1 John 3:13-24; Mark 12:28b-34b

John Wesley defined the essence of Christianity as nothing more than love: "loving God with all our heart and soul and strength, as having first loved us, as the fountain of all the good we have received, and of all we ever hope to enjoy; and the loving of every soul which God hath made, every [person] on earth, as our own soul. This love we believe to be the medicine of life, the never-failing remedy for all the evils of a disordered world, for all the miseries and vices of the human race."

Our faith must be lived out in day-to-day living, which results in service. Wesley spoke of "vital religion" being faith working through love. Our Christian responsibility is to serve the kingdom of God in the arena in which we live.

The Methodists were taught to live out their faith in love.

The Wesley brothers believed that it was not enough to save people's souls, we must also redeem society.

Wesley saw Methodism as a way to reform the nation by spreading scriptural holiness throughout the land.

Wesley published "Thoughts upon Slavery" and often preached against slavery. William Wilberforce, a brilliant parliamentarian, and John Newton were also forces against slavery in Britain.

God has broken our chains, not for our own benefit alone, but that we might free the chains of others. We are saved so that we might continue to live love in this world and make a difference.

As Methodists, we continue to live out our faith in various ways.

We live out our faith in love, love for God and love for others. And we do all this, because God first loved us and sent his Jesus into the world to die for us. This is love, love lived out.

Calendar for Week of 7/16/2023

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 - New Members Class

11:00 - CHURCH PICNIC

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

MONDAY

10-12 - Staff Meeting

6:00 - CR Praise Team Rehearsal [WC]

TUESDAY

8:30-4:00—Private [Lounge]

WEDNESDAY

6:30 - Celebrate Recovery

THURSDAY

5:00 - Contemporary Design Team

5:30 - Traditional Design Team

FRIDAY

6:00 pm - Youth see Forge Page

SATURDAY

9:00 - Contemporary Worship Rehearsal

11AM - Memorial for Bob Hanle

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