

OUR CHURCH FAMILY AT WORSHIP

5<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

Communion Sunday

July 2, 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 *Sweet Hour of Prayer* Robert Powell

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Liturgist: God gives us many gifts:

**People: The gift of salvation.**

Liturgist: God gives us many gifts:

**People: The gift of grace.**

Liturgist: Let us use these gifts in God's service:

**People: With God's guidance we will be his disciples.**

**All: Let us worship our Lord, the great gift-giver.**

\*HYMN *I Want a Principle Within* No. 410

OPENING PRAYER (seated)

**Unison: Giving God, we want to be the people you intend for us to be, but there are many difficulties and distractions that hinder us. Help us to follow Wesley's means of grace - not to earn our salvation, but to experience true change in our hearts and lives. Remind us that you have created us in your image and will guide us to be your disciples. In Jesus' name, amen.**

SCRIPTURE LESSON *Romans 8:18-27*

Liturgist: *The Word of God for God's People.*

**People: Thanks be to God.**

SPECIAL MUSIC *Somebody Loves Me* Crumley  
Doreen Weaber, solo

SCRIPTURE READING *1 Corinthians 11:23-29*  
MESSAGE *"Methodism: Means of Grace"* Pastor Janet Saddel

\*HYMN

*Come, Sinners, to the Gospel Feast*

No. 339

PASTORAL PRAYER

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY *You Satisfy the Hungry Heart* Kevin Hildebrand

\*OFFERTORY 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!**

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S SUPPER

All who truly and earnestly repent of your sin and who love your neighbors, who intend to lead a new life and follow God's ways:

God invites you to turn from your old ways to find the right paths;

God waits for us to admit what we have done, and failed to do,

so we might be forgiven and graced with new life.

Let us draw near with faith, and take this Holy Sacrament to our comfort,

And make our humble confession to Almighty God.

CONFESSION and PARDON (unison)

**Almighty God, maker of all things, judge of all people:**

**It is never easy for us to confess our sins,**

**There are the hurts we have caused to our families and friends,  
which we would like to forget.**

**There are those we believe are impossible to love,  
and so we don't try.**

**There are people who live on the edge of our society,  
and we ignore their cries for help.**

**We have sinned against you in thought, word and deed.**

**We do earnestly repent and we are wholly sorry.**

**Have mercy on us and forgive us, God of steadfast love and compassion.**

**Forgive us of all that is past so that we might serve you, love you**

**and enjoy your fellowship, walking in newness of life,  
to the glory of your name, through Jesus Christ, your only Son, our Lord and Savior.**

(All pray in silence.)

Pastor: Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God's love toward us. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

**People: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven! Glory to God. Amen.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING  
THE LORD'S PRAYER

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*The elements are distributed by the ushers so that we might receive communion in the pew.  
Please hold the elements until instructed to receive, that we might commune together as one table.  
(Gluten free wafers are available - please let an usher know if you are in need of one.)*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

**Unison: Eternal Father, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Pour forth your spirit on us, and shape us as your church! Give us vision and strength that together we may shape your world in shalom, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

\*HYMN *How Can We Sinners Know* No. 372

\*BENEDICTION

Pastor: We have been blessed by sharing in this service of bread and cup as one of Wesley's means of grace- communion. Now go forth and follow the other two primary means of grace: prayer and scripture.

**All: Amen!**

\*ORGAN RESPONSE

\*POSTLUDE *God of Our Fathers* J. Wayne Kerr

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\* All Standing...A position of adoration and praise  
+ All Kneeling or Sitting...A position of humility and petition

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

Liturgist: Pastor Lisa Flory

Special Music: Doreen Weaber



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"connecting to broken and hurting people"

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# TRADITIONAL WORSHIP

## *Celebration of Faith*



## Methodism: Means of Grace

July 2, 2023

5<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

11:00 A.M.

1500 Quentin Road / Lebanon, PA 17042  
church: 717-272-7741 - [www.umcogs.org](http://www.umcogs.org)

Sermon Outline

Methodism: Means of Grace

Romans 8:18-27; 1 Corinthians 11:23-29

The “means of grace” are gifts from God that help us to continue the process of our spiritual growth that is to be ongoing throughout our lives.

They help us renew our souls; to become more holy and to be clothed in the righteousness of Christ. Methodism is about having the discipline to use these means of grace so that we can be shaped into the image of Christ.

We have two sacraments in the Methodist church: communion and baptism. God becomes available to us through the ordinary.

Baptism symbolizes God’s redemptive gift and through baptism we initiate persons into the body of Christ. It is the invitation for the Holy Spirit of God to begin working in a person’s life, to begin to awaken them to their eternal life.

Communion is a visible symbol of the spiritual presence of Christ. Through communion we remind ourselves of our constant need for grace, we feed our souls and we invite the inward work of grace. Past, present and future are all wrapped up into the bread and the cup.

Wesley thoroughly believed in the authority of scripture – he believed that this is God’s holy word. Read it, meditate on it – think on these things and pray for understanding as you read.

John Wesley called prayer “the chief means of Grace.” For Wesley, prayer is the primary means of drawing near to God. One of Wesley’s favorite metaphors for prayer was “breath.” God breathes into us his divine word and his will, we in turn answer in prayer by breathing out our responses in both word and deed.

Wesley wrote, "True prayer is the heart ever lifted up to God, at all times and in all places." Don’t let the lack of words keep you from praying. God knows our hearts and knows our every struggle and need. Prayer is talking to and listening to God.

Scriptures: 2 Timothy 3:16-17; John 15:15; Romans 8:26; James 5:16; Psalm 37:7

**SUNDAY**

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

9:45 - Sunday School

11:00 - Traditional Worship [Sanctuary]

11:00 - Parenting SS Class [Lounge]

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

**MONDAY**

10-12 - Staff Meeting

6:00 - CR Praise Team Rehearsal [WC]

7:00—Finance Team meeting

**TUESDAY—July 4th**

*OFFICE CLOSED*



**WEDNESDAY**

6:30 - Celebrate Recovery

**THURSDAY**

5:00 - Contemporary Design Team

5:30 - Traditional Design Team

**FRIDAY**

**SATURDAY**

9:00 - Contemporary Worship Rehearsal

**SUNDAY**

ASP Mission Trip week

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

Youth Group -

see Youth Page in the Announcements