

OUR CHURCH FAMILY AT WORSHIP

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

June 23, 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

*Bist du bei mir*  
(Be Thou with me)

Johann Sebastian Bach

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Liturgist: Your Word is a lamp for my feet,

**People: and a light for my path.**

Liturgist: Open my eyes to see

**People: the wonderful truths in Your law.**

Liturgist: Give me understanding,

**People: that I may keep your law,**

**All: and put it into practice with all my heart.**

\*HYMN

*Jesus! the name High over All*

No. 193

OPENING PRAYER (seated)

Unison: **God of our fathers and mothers - of all the generations who have come before us - holy is your name. We gather in your presence with praise and thanksgiving for the faithful love you have shown toward your people, and for the many blessings you have given to us. Your promises are eternal, and they are backed by the honor of your name. Thank you for your faithful presence among us, even when we are not fully aware of it. Continue to reveal yourself to us. Open our eyes to see you here among us; open our ears to hear your Word. Surely, you are with us in this place. In the name of Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.**

SCRIPTURE LESSON

*John 1:1-4, 14*

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.**

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH from 1 Timothy

No. 889

SPECIAL MUSIC

*The Gift of Love*

Hopson/Larson

Elizabeth Breneman and Mike Stauffer, vocal duet

EPISTLE READING

*2 Timothy 3:16-17*

MESSAGE

*"Methodism: Tuned to God's Word"*

*Pastor Janet Sattel*

\*HYMN

*Thy Word Is a Lamp*

No. 601

AN INVITATION TO PRAY

+Litany on Scripture

Pastor: Know this: no prophecy found in Scripture is a matter of the prophet's own interpretation. For prophecy has never been a product of human initiative, but it comes when men and women are moved to speak on behalf of God by the Holy Spirit.

**People: For all Scripture is God-breathed; in its inspired voice, we hear useful teaching, rebuke, correction, instruction and training for a life that is right. This allows us to be up to the task ahead and have all we need to accomplish every good work.**

Pastor: Everything written in the days of old was recorded to give us instructions for living. We find encouragement through the Scriptures and a call to perseverance that will produce hopeful living.

**People: For the Word of God is alive and moving; sharper than a double-edged sword; piercing the divide between soul and spirit, joints and marrow; able to judge the thoughts and will of the heart.**

+Pastoral Prayer

+Lord's Prayer (trespasses)

+Sung Response

*Lead Me, Lord*

No. 473

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory

*Siciliano*

John Alcock

\*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

*Wonderful Words of Life*

No. 600

\*BENEDICTION

[from "Blest Be the Dear Uniting Love" by Charles Wesley]

Pastor: Joined in one spirit to our Head, where he appoints we go,  
and still in Jesus' footsteps tread, and do his work below.

**People: Amen.**

\*ORGAN RESPONSE

\*POSTLUDE

*Fuge in F Major*

George Frideric Handel

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

*The Altar flowers this morning are presented by Geoff Sowers  
in honor of Joan's birthday and in honor of their family.*

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

Liturgist: Terry Woodnorth

Special thanks to Elizabeth and Michael for their special music this morning.

**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



United Methodist  
**Church of the  
Good Shepherd**  
*"connecting to broken and hurting people"*

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**TRADITIONAL WORSHIP** †  
*Celebration of Faith*



**Methodism:  
Tuned to God's Word**

July 23, 2023

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11:00 A.M.

1500 Quentin Road / Lebanon, PA 17042

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Sermon Outline:

Methodism: Tuned to God's Word

John 1:1-4, 14; 2 Timothy 3:16-17

John Wesley said, "My ground is the Bible ... I follow it in all things both great and small." "I will not, I dare not vary from this book, either in great things or small. I have no power to dispense with one jot or tittle of what is contained therein. I am determined to be a Bible Christian, not almost but altogether."

We need to read scripture within its own context and understand the genre (style).

New Testament scholar N. T. Wright concludes, "Much of what has been written about the Bible in the last two hundred years has either been following through the Enlightenment's program or reacting to it, or negotiating some kind of halfway house in between."

Wesley held that faith and reason do not work against each other. We need reason as we study scripture and look to Christian tradition, but it cannot explain the mysteries of God. Experience is that inward presence of God.

Wesley stressed that it is important that our experience lines up with Scripture. The purpose of experience is to reinforce the truth of scripture. Wesley said, that "Genuine religious experience [is] disciplined by scripture, tradition, and reason."

Book of Discipline: "The message of the Bible is the message of salvation." The Scriptures contain all things necessary to salvation, and this contains all the books of the Old and New testaments, "of whose authority was never any doubt in the church." Scripture is the authoritative Word of God.

Scripture was written by authors who were illumined or inspired by the Holy Spirit. This is the "authentic testimony" of God revealing himself to us through creation, through the people of Israel, through Jesus' life death and resurrection and through the Holy Spirit continuing to work in our lives.

Dr. William F. Albright said, "There can be no doubt that archaeology has confirmed the substantial historicity of Old Testament tradition."

We can trust the Word of God for our daily living, for our faith and for our salvation.

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Calendar for Week of 7/23/2023

### **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

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

### **MONDAY**

10-12 - Staff Meeting

4:00-7:00 - Memorial Service [Bob Hanle]

6:00 - CR Praise Team Rehearsal [WC]

6:30 - Church and Society [Rm 32]

7:00—Staff Parish [Lounge]

### **TUESDAY**

### **WEDNESDAY**

6:30 - Celebrate Recovery

### **THURSDAY**

5:00 - Contemporary Design Team

5:30 - Traditional Design Team

### **FRIDAY**

### **SATURDAY**

9:00 - Contemporary Worship Rehearsal

6:00 - Open Art Night [Hall]

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