

OUR CHURCH FAMILY AT WORSHIP

11th Sunday after Pentecost

August 13, 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

O Master Let Me Walk with You

Robert Lau

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Liturgist: Invitation is given to every person by Jesus Christ:

"Come to me! Follow me! Be my disciples!"

People: We come to this place, to this time, at the invitation of Jesus Christ.

Liturgist: In the name of Christ,

People: we accept the invitation to discipleship.

Liturgist: In the name of Christ,

People: as his disciples, we worship and praise God.

All: Come, let us worship together and share our witness of God's living presence in the world.

*HYMN

Praise the Lord Who Reigns Above

No. 96

OPENING PRAYER (seated)

Unison: **God, we come to be fed, be renewed, and seek understanding as we come together in this place. As you challenge us, help us embrace your challenge, trusting that you will grow our faith through testing. Reveal yourself to us this morning, whether through shining glory or tears and struggle. Refresh, renew, and challenge us so that we would see your awesomeness. We pray in Jesus' name, as we strive to walk the path of discipleship. Amen.**

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Hebrews 10:24-25

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

People: Thanks be to God.

*RESPONSE

Seek Ye First

Seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness and all these things shall be added unto you. Allelu, alleluia!

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH of the United Church of Canada

No. 883

SPECIAL MUSIC

Gather Us In

Marty Haugen

Taryn Blydenburgh, vocal solo

SCRIPTURE READING

Acts 2:42-47

MESSAGE *"Because Life is Better Connected: Discipleship"* Pastor Cody Young

*HYMN

O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee

No. 430

AN INVITATION TO PRAY

+Prayer of Confession

Unison: **Almighty God, You have set before us the path. So often we wander on our own. Sometimes we hear Your call and come back. Other times, we ignore Your call until fear finally makes us turn back. And still other times, we are quick to rebel, demanding to be cut loose, not knowing how much we still need Your wisdom and guidance. But most of all, we foolishly believe we have figured it out and know our own way, only to stumble and stray behind. Remind us, Father God, that we have much to learn. Help us to seek You every day, to acknowledge our need for wisdom and guidance, and to humbly remain on Your path. In the name of Christ, we pray. Amen.**

+Pastoral Prayer

+Lord's Prayer (trespasses)

+Sung Response *Breathe on Me, Breath of God*

Breath on me, Breath of God, fill me with life anew that I may love what thou dost love, and do what thou wouldst do.

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory

Allegretto

William Boyce

*Congregational Response Tune: *Hendon*
Take my life, and let it be consecrated, Lord, to Thee.
Take my moments and my days; let them flow in ceaseless praise.
Let them flow in ceaseless praise.

*HYMN *Take Time to Be Holy* No. 395

*BENEDICTION

Pastor: May God be with us as we seek to be a community. May God help us to be real and to find depth in weakness and brokenness. May God help us discover we are needy in our own souls and give attention to our own hearts.

People: **May God grant us the gift of the extraordinary love that flows from the heart of God, which covers a multitude of wrongs.**

All: **Amen.**

*ORGAN RESPONSE

*POSTLUDE *Basse et Dessus de Trumpette* Louis Nicolas Clérambault

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

We thank all those who helped with the service this morning.
Liturgist: Tom McKennett
Thank you, Taryn, for sharing the special music today.



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TRADITIONAL WORSHIP

Celebration of Faith



“Because Life is Better Connected: Discipleship”

August 13, 2023

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1500 Quentin Road / Lebanon, PA 17042
church: 717-272-7741 / www.umcogs.org

Sermon Outline:

Because Life is Better Connected: Discipleship
Hebrews 10:24-25, Acts 2:42-47
Pastor Cody Young

“I get everything I need for my spiritual life from Church on Sunday mornings.” This is one of the most common phrases heard in churches all across America. And yet, if you pressed a little harder, people would often confess they feel that there’s something else that’s missing. They can’t quite put their finger on it, but they know that something isn’t quite right.

What’s missing is people. We all need a lifeline in times of trouble. We need people we can worship with. We need others to join us in prayer. We need brothers and sisters to walk with us in our journeys as followers of Jesus. We need friends who love us enough to hold us accountable and push us to not just survive but thrive.

In order to thrive as disciples, we must be connected to other Christians. Today, we’ll take a deeper look at the practices of the New Testament Church and see exactly why life is better when we’re connected, especially when it comes to our discipleship

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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.

Calendar for Week of 8/13/2023

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

6:00 - CR Praise Team Rehearsal [WC]

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

6:30 - Celebrate Recovery

THURSDAY

5:00 - Contemporary Design Team

5:30 - Traditional Design Team

FRIDAY

6-8pm - Cricut class [Hall]

SATURDAY

9:00 - Contemporary Worship Rehearsal

9-3 - Clothing Swap [Hall]

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Youth Group -

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