

OUR CHURCH FAMILY AT WORSHIP

18th Sunday after Pentecost

October 1, 2023

World Communion Sunday

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 Christ There Is No East or West

Michael Burkhardt

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Liturgist: Around the world people gather to break bread and pour wine.

People: We gather with them in heart and mind.

Liturgist: Around the world the broken body is made whole.

People: As part of that body we join in its unity.

Liturgist: Around the world the banquet of God is prepared for the table.

People: We, who share in the banquet, come eagerly to be fed.

Liturgist: Let us worship together, let us share God's bounty.

*HYMN

In Christ There Is No East or West

No. 548

OPENING PRAYER (seated)

Unison: **God of all nations, we give you thanks that we are made in your image, with such rich diversity. On this day we are in solidarity with the faithful around the world. As we break bread together, we remember that we are still one body in you, even though we have different languages, cultures and traditions, different ways of worship, praying and praising. In solidarity we drink the cup together of hope, of new life, knowing that your will is for your people to be one body. We are one body, but we are not the same; it is through the gift of your Holy Spirit that we are brought together as one. We thank you and praise you for making us all who we are, individually and collectively. We each celebrate our own ancestry, culture and ethnicity, even as we pray together in Jesus' name. Amen.**

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Exodus 15:22-26

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

People: Thanks be to God.

CHOIR ANTHEM

Come Receive God's Blessing

Besig/Price

MESSAGE "Names of God: Yahweh-Rophe - The God Who Heals" Pastor Janet Saddel

+PASTORAL PRAYER

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory

O Lord I Am Not Worthy

Charles Callahan

*Congregational Response

Tune: Old 100th

No. 621

Be present at our table, Lord; be here and everywhere adored; thy creatures bless, and grant that we may feast in paradise with thee.

*HYMN

One Bread, One Body

No. 620

HOLY COMMUNION

+INVITATION TO THE LORD'S SUPPER

Pastor: We gather around the table in places far and near.

People: Eating sourdough, rye, tortillas, crackers, wafers and Wonderbread:

All: The body of Christ.

Pastor: Drinking the wine or the juice

People: from handmade chalices and silver goblets, golden spoons and little mini cups:

All: The blood of Christ.

Pastor: The bread and the cup unite us with all who would follow Jesus.

People: This meal reaches back through the centuries. This table reaches around the world.

All: Let us eat and drink with joy.

+CONFESSION AND PARDON

Unison: **O God, we yearn to be a community of believers, united in your Spirit.**

And yet we are fraught with divisions: denominational, political and theological. We are weighed down by tensions and the things that break us apart. Forgive us, holy God, for this great sin and heal our brokenness. Help us to learn to live in community together, loving one another, in spite of our differences, and respecting one another in everything that we say and do. Help us to one in heart and mind. Only through the grace of your son, Jesus Christ, can we achieve this. Amen.

(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

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: **Yahweh Rophe, we thank you that you have provided healing for our broken world. You have sent your son Jesus, the Great Physician, who has borne our infirmities and carried our diseases, who was wounded for our transgressions and crushed for our iniquities. Jesus, the bread of life, has brought healing to the nations, and to each of us. We thank you for the gift of Jesus and this table, which unites each of us with all believers around the world and throughout time. We celebrate today, knowing this is but a foretaste of the great feast to come. We praise your name today, and forever, Holy God of love. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*HYMN *There Is a Balm in Gilead* No. 375

*BENEDICTION

Pastor: In Christ, we are one.

People: The bread we share makes us one.

Pastor: The cup we pour makes us one.

People: Even as we scatter from this place to so many diverse pursuits throughout this city, this state, this globe, we are one.

Pastor: With gratitude we have shared the table and we depart in peace.

People: Amen.

*ORGAN RESPONSE

*POSTLUDE *Sent Forth By God's Blessing* Wilbur Held

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



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TRADITIONAL WORSHIP

Celebration of Faith



THE NAMES OF GOD:
YAHWEH-ROPHE - THE GOD WHO HEALS

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11:00 A.M.

1500 Quentin Road / Lebanon, PA 17042

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

Liturgist: Joan Sowers

Sermon Outline:

"The Names of God: Yahweh-Rophe - The God Who Heals"

Genesis 22:1-8a, 11-14

"I am the Lord who heals you." This Hebrew word Rophe comes from the root word for 'doctor.' It means: to heal, cure, restore or make whole.

Yahweh wants to heal our mind and soul, as well as the body. And God heals our sin.

Yahweh Rophe heals the water, and in so doing, heals his people.

Jesus is the water of life for all who will drink salvation from him. Jesus has set us free from our bondage to sin.

This world is fallen and we are sin-sick. Yahweh Rophe longs to heal us of all our diseases, of all our illnesses, of all our sin. Jesus is the Great Physician who heals not only the body but the soul.

We are terminal - we have been infected with the virus called sin. Yahweh Rophe who extends the cure to us; he longs to heal us and restore us.

God has sent Jesus to suffer in our place, and by his wounds we are healed. The great I Am has gone to every length to heal us, to restore us, and to make us whole so that we might have a relationship with him.

God told Moses to throw a tree into the waters to turn the bitter water to sweet. Our Savior died on a tree so that the bitterness of our sin might be healed and our lives become sweet. God redeemed the people of Israel and set them free from the bondage to Egypt. Jesus has set us free from our bondage to sin.

Jesus, the Great Physician, Yahweh Rophe, who longs to heal us, who longs to heal this sin-sick world and restore each and every one of us to wholeness. Come to him then, drink of the sweet living water of new life that Jesus offers to all who call on his name.

Other scripture: John 4:14; Isaiah 53:4-5

Calendar for Week of 10/1/2023

SUNDAY

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

9:45 - Sunday School

9:45 - Christianity, Cults...[Lounge]

11:00 - Traditional Worship [Sanctuary]

11:00 - Parenting SS Class [Lounge]

11:00 - COGS Kids pageant practice [Hall]

11:00 - Reckless Love [rm 23]

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

MONDAY

10-12 - Staff Meeting

5:00 - CR Praise Team Rehearsal [WC]

5:00 - Private [Sanctuary]

7:00 - Finance Team [Hall]

TUESDAY

11:00 - Free Noon Meal {LCCM}

6:30 - Disciple study [Hall]

6:30 - Flourishing study [gather area/lounge]

WEDNESDAY

9:00am - MOMS Group [rms 200 & 202]

5:00 - Celebrate Recovery

7:00 - Traditional Choir [Sanctuary]

THURSDAY

5:00 - Contemporary Design Team

5-8 - Private [Hall]

5:30 - Traditional Design Team

6:00—Young Adult Group [Hall]

FRIDAY

5-11—Private [Hall/Sanctuary]

SATURDAY

7am-8pm - Private [Hall]

9:00 - Contemporary Worship Rehearsal

SUNDAY Celebration For Alice

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