

OUR CHURCH FAMILY AT WORSHIP
after Pentecost

September 17, 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 *Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring* Schopp/arr. Lau

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Liturgist: We come to worship the God who demands sacrifice.

People: We come with hesitation and fear.

Liturgist: God sees us and knows our fears.

People: We can trust this God.

Liturgist: He has a plan for us.

People: He knows our needs.

All: Let us worship Yahweh, the God who provides.

*HYMN *God of Love and God of Power* No. 578

OPENING PRAYER (seated)

Unison: **Providing God: We learn today that we must sacrifice anything that takes priority over you. We have many idols, but too often we hesitate to put you first, before them. Help us to trust you and your plans for us. Calm our fears and enable us to see the world as you see it. Provide for us, that we might have what we need in order to be true disciples, following Jesus our Lord. Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON *Genesis 22:1-8a* CEB

Liturgist: This is the Word of God for God's people.

People: Thanks be to God.

*RESPONSE *His Name Is Wonderful* No. 174

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Unison:

**We praise you, God, and exalt your name,
for we know that you are Alpha,
the beginning of all things,
and Omega, the end,
and all that is between.**

We have known your healing.

We have known your provision,

We have known your victory.

**Our sorrow has turned into dancing
and our tears to songs of joy.**

We shall praise you ever more. Amen.

CHOIR ANTHEM *O God Beyond All Praising* Perry/Holst

SCRIPTURE READING *Genesis 22:11-14*

MESSAGE "Names of God: Yahweh Yireh, The God Who Sees" Pastor Janet Saddel

*HYMN *God, Whose Love Is Reigning o'er Us* No. 100

AN INVITATION TO PRAY

+Prayer of Confession

PEOPLE: We hear the call to trust in God, but some days our stresses and doubts are more real to us than God, and trust is elusive. Faith that always trusts is hard to come by. We are often inclined to think, "God helps those who help themselves," instead of daring to rely on the word of our Creator.

Pastor: With God's help, we confront our fears and struggles, and we call upon a power greater than our own to resist their pull.

All: Hear us, Holy One, as we confess our frailty and failings.

+Pastoral Prayer

+Lord's Prayer (trespasses)

+Sung Response *There's Something About That Name* No. 171

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory

Song

Claudin de Sermisy

*Congregational Response Tune: "ITALIAN HYMN"

(No. 61 vs.4)

*To thee, great One in Three, eternal praises be,
Hence, evermore. Thy sovereign majesty may we in glory see,
And to eternity love and adore!*

*HYMN

Standing on the Promises

No. 374

*BENEDICTION

Pastor: "Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see." *We* cannot see what lies ahead, but we can put our trust in the God who Sees and who provides. The Lord will indeed provide. We can stake our lives on this.

People: **And we know this because he gave his life for us. Jesus is God's great provision! Amen.**

*ORGAN RESPONSE

*POSTLUDE

Rigadon

André Campra

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

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

Liturgist: Bruce Conrad

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



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Church of the Good Shepherd

"connecting to broken and hurting people"

Reverend Janet Sadel, Lead Pastor

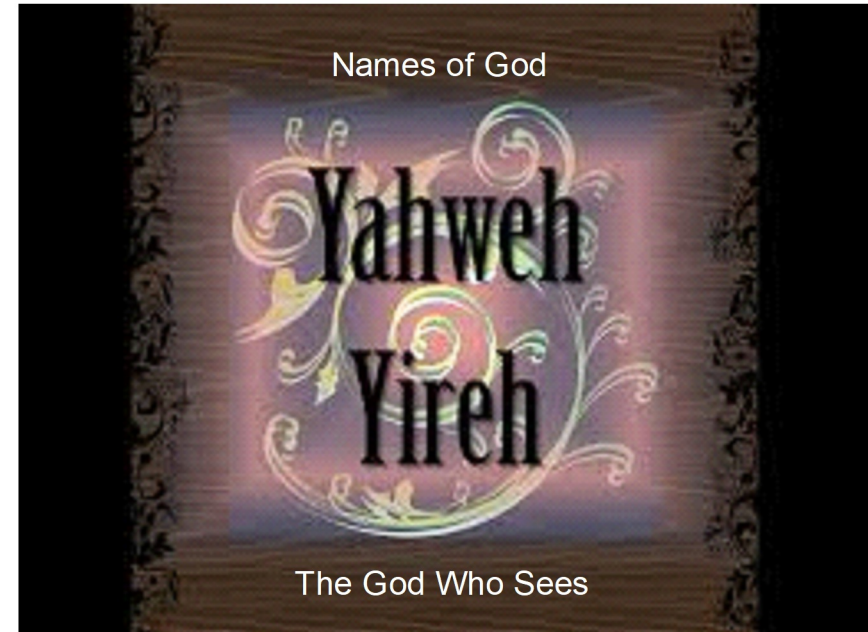
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TRADITIONAL WORSHIP

Celebration of Faith



September 17, 2023

16th Sunday after Pentecost

11:00 A.M.

1500 Quentin Road / Lebanon, PA 17042

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Sermon Outline:

"The Names of God: Yahweh Yireh, The God Who Sees"

Genesis 22:1-8a, 11-14

Reverend Janet Sattel

A ram has been caught in the thicket - with great relief, Abraham names the place: "the Lord will provide" - which speaks to the character of God. In Hebrew this is Yehovah Yireh or Yahweh Yireh

Yireh is RA-ah, which means "to see" or "to see to it." God sees - God sees our situation and God sees to it - or God provides.

Knowing the character of God, gave Abraham the faith that he needed to trust in God. Abraham had faith in the God who sees, who provides and who fulfills his all his promises.

Faith in God opens our eyes, enabling us to see God and his character. Abraham's faith allowed him to see farther ahead, because he knew he could trust in the God who sees.

The God who sees is the God who provides. God would provide the ram in the place of Isaac, and God would provide the Lamb of God in our place - for all of Abraham's promised descendants. God provided his one and only son so that we might live. The God who sees is the God who provides.

Why put Abraham to the test at all? Because God knows that we must die to those things that would replace God in our hearts.

It is only when we are willing to give God all that we love and all that we are, it is only then that we find the freedom to truly worship God. When we fully trust in God, then we can experience his loving provision for our lives.

The God who is in all time at once, Yahweh Yireh, is here with us now - in the present.

We cannot see what lies ahead, but we can put our trust in Yahweh Yireh - the God who Sees and who provides.

Additional Scriptures: Hebrews 11:1, 7-19; 1 Corinthians 13:12; Jeremiah 29:11;

Calendar for Week of 9/17/2023

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]

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 - Board of Trustees [Lounge]

7:00 - Mission Team [Rm 21]

TUESDAY

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

5:30 - Traditional Design Team

6:00—Young Adult Group [Hall]

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

9:00 - Contemporary Worship Rehearsal

10:00—Safe Sanctuary Training [Hall]

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11:00 - Reckless Love study [rm 23]

11:00 - Safe Sanctuary [Hall]

12:15 - Golf Outing

5:00—Fire Extinguisher Training [Hall]