

OUR CHURCH FAMILY AT WORSHIP

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

October 15, 2023

Laity 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

*Arioso* from Cantata 156

Johann Sebastian Bach

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Unison:

**We gather: a community of faith in God's world.**

**We gather to celebrate that no darkness can extinguish light, to remember that love will always be more powerful than death, and to trust that peace will always be stronger than violence.**

**We gather, people of faith in the light of God's world.**

**We gather to worship. Let us worship God!**

\*HYMN

*O Church of God, United*

No. 547

OPENING PRAYER (seated)

Unison: **Heavenly Father, you call us to be your disciples and to make disciples of others. More importantly, you long for us to see them as our brothers and sisters, your family in Christ. So today, we pray for the world and its people. We pray for those parts of the world where divisions run deep between groups focused on differences. Help us Lord, and all our brothers and sisters, to make humanity one family in Christ. We pray for our global communities where different traditions shape divergent outlooks on life and faith. Lord, help us and help all your children to listen well to each other, that we may learn to live together looking past our differences and seeing ourselves as your family in Christ. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

PSALTER

*Psalms* 133 (reading only)

No. 850

\*SUNG RESPONSE

*Awesome God*

**Our God is an awesome God; he reigns from heaven above with wisdom, pow'r, and love. Our God is an awesome God.**

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Unison:

**We believe in God, who is love, and whose love is manifest in all creation, in our lives, and in all people.**

**We follow Christ, who embodied God's love. In his life and ministry, his death and resurrection, and in his granting to us of his Spirit, he filled us with that love as well.**

**We live by the Spirit, the presence of God's love in us. In that love we participate in the Church, the Body of Christ, by loving our neighbors through our prayers, our presence, our gifts and our service.**

**Love is our faith, and it is a gift from God. We thank God, and ask God's blessings, that we may love in the name of Christ and the power of the Spirit, to God's glory. Amen.**

CHOIR ANTHEM

*Walk Worthy*

Joseph M. Martin

SCRIPTURE READING

*Ephesians 4:1-6*

MESSAGE

*"God's Family"*

*Trevor Webster*

\*HYMN

*Lord God, Your Love Has Called Us Here* (vs. 1,2,5)

No. 579

AN INVITATION TO PRAY

+Prayer of Confession

Unison: **O God, whose will it is that all your children should be one in Christ; we pray for the unity of your Church. Pardon all our pride, and our lack of faith, of understanding and of charity, which are the causes of our divisions. Deliver us from narrow-mindedness, from our bitterness, from our prejudices. Save us from considering as normal that which is a scandal to the world and an offense to your love. Teach us to recognize the gifts of grace among all those who call upon you and confess the faith of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

+Pastoral Prayer

+Lord's Prayer (trespasses)

+Sung Response

*Thou Art Worthy*

**Thou art worthy, thou art worthy, thou art worthy, O Lord,  
to receive glory, glory and honor, glory and honor and power.**

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory

*Just a Closer Walk with Thee*

Traditional

\*Congregational Response

*Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation (vs 4)*

*Laud and honor to the Father, Laud and honor to the Son,  
Laud and honor to the Spirit, Ever Three and ever One.  
One in might, and One in glory, While unending ages run.*

\*HYMN

*Blest Be the Tie That Binds*

No. 557

\*BENEDICTION

**Pastor:** We are together the family of God, his favorite creation. He calls us to minister to one another. He calls us to retrieve the rejected, to house the houseless, to turn the sinners to salvation, and to come home to Him. Whatever we do for the least of these, so too we do for our Father, His Son, and His Holy Spirit.

**People:** **God is waiting for us because, he doesn't have subjects - God's got Family.**

**All: Amen.**

\*ORGAN RESPONSE

\*POSTLUDE

*Toccata Pontificale*

Gordon Young

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

*The Altar Flowers this morning are in Honor  
of the staff and congregation of Church of the Good Shepherd.*

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

Liturgist: Terry Woodnorth

Bulletin: The last bulletin Alice will make! God bless you all.



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

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**TRADITIONAL WORSHIP**   
*Celebration of Faith*



**God's Family**

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11:00 A.M.

1500 Quentin Road / Lebanon, PA 17042

church: 717-272-7741 / www.umcogs.org

Sermon Outline:

Laity Sunday

Lay ministry is at the core of every church. There is plenty of work to do

Every job is important and every job is a personal ministry.

From teaching Sunday school, singing in the choir, helping in the nursery and preparing food for church receptions, to serving as liturgists, on committees, (doing) evangelism, leading Bible studies, ushering, caring for church property, handling the church's money and the hundred other jobs that we do, the laity serve God in big and small ways.

We welcome Trevor Webster this morning as our Lay Speaker.

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 10/15/2023

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 [WC]

11:00 - Reckless Love [rm 23]

Youth Grades 6-12 please see Youth Page

MONDAY

10-12 - Staff Meeting [Lounge]

5:00 - CR Praise Team Rehearsal [WC]

5:00 - Private [Sanctuary]

7:00 - Board of Trustees [Lounge]

TUESDAY

6:30 - Disciple study [Hall]

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

WEDNESDAY

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

6:00 - Celebrate Recovery

7:00 - Traditional Choir [Sanctuary]

THURSDAY

5:00 - Contemporary Design Team [Lounge]

5:30 - Traditional Design Team [Choir Room]

6:00 - Young Adult Group [Hall]

FRIDAY

2:30-5:30 - Private [Lounge]

5:00 - ReCOGSnected Family Camp [GG]

SATURDAY

9:00 - Contemporary Worship Rehearsal

2:30-8:30 - CR Fall BBQ/Worship Pavilion/H

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2-4 - Movie: Letter to the Earth [WC]

4-6 - Step Study [Lounge]