**June 12, 2016 8:30 & 10:45**

**4th Sunday after Pentecost**

“The goal of mature Christian life is essentially a life of communion with God. The maturing process in terms of consciousness involves an awareness of God’s presence which grows from loving communication to intimate communion. It is an ever-deepening relationship with God and agape (self-giving love) relationship with others, leading to an activated faith which embraces the world.” *Prayer in Action* by Miriam Murphy

**WE GATHER IN GOD’S NAME …**

**Gathering Music** 10:45For a copy of *Worship & Song at 10:45*, see an usher.

 **Hymn 361** Rock of Ages, cleft for me (stanzas 1 and 2)*Toplady*

 **Worship & Song 3146** O Breath of life (stanzas 1 and 2)*Adieu*

**Announcements**

**Call to Worship**

Leader**:** God’s faithful love toward us is strong.

**People: The Lord’s faithfulness lasts forever!**

 **Hymn 140** Great is thy faithfulness (stanzas 1 and 3) *Faithfulness*

**Our Life Together**

 **… TO GIVE PRAISE TO GOD …**

\***Hymnal** **88** Maker, in whom we live *Diademata*

**\*Confession of Faith** The Apostles’ Creed UMH No. 882

**\*Response** Alleluia, Alleluia UMH No. 162

*\*please rise in body or spirit*

**\*Prayer of Confession (in unison)**

 **Our prayers are faint, O God because our faith is weak. Strengthen us, lest our religion be in word and form and not in power. Give us insight to see our sins, the grace to confess them, the will to forsake them, and the wisdom to learn from them, so that we may grow into the likeness of Christ, and more faithfully do Your will. Amen**

**Assurance of Pardon (sung)**

 **Hymn 77** How great thou art (stanza 3) *How Great Thou Art*

**And when I think that God, His Son, not sparing**

**Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in;**

**That on the cross, my burden gladly bearing,**

**He bled and died to take away my sin;**

 **Then sings my soul, my Savior God to Thee;**

**How great thou art, how great thou art!**

**Then sings my soul, my Savior God to Thee;**

**How great thou art, how great thou art!**

**… TO CELEBRATE THE FAMILY OF FAITH …**

**The Sign of Peace** *Please pass the peace to your neighbors as a sign of reconciliation and love.*

 Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.
 People: And also with you.

Gathering Song All children are invited. Please sing as children come forward. *James Ritchie*

 This, this is where children belong,

 welcomed as part of the worshiping throng.

 Water, God’s Word, bread and cup, prayer and song:

 This is where children belong.

 WORDS AND MUSIC: James Ritchie ©1999 Abingdon Press

**Message for Young Disciples** Kim Rhoton, Director of Christian Education

After the children’s message at the 10:45 service, children ages 3 - 3rd grade may attend **Kids Praise** in the Welcome Center. Children will be escorted to and from Kids Praise by teachers. They will return to Asbury Center near the end of the service.

**… TO HEAR GOD’S WORD PROCLAIMED …**

**\*Hymn 707** Hymn of promise*Promise*

**God’s Word from the Old Testament** 8:30 Bob Murray

 10:45 Linda Minnotte

 Exodus 3:1-15 God calls Moses from a burning bush

**Hymn 448** (seated) Go down, Moses (stanza 1) *Tubman*

**Pastoral Prayer**

**Worship & Song 3068** The Lord’s Prayer*Malotte*

\***God’s Word from the New Testament**

 Revelation 21:1-6 Death will be no more

 John 14:15, 16 God beside you forever!

 **Response**

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God**.

**… TO OFFER OUR GIFTS AND TO DEDICATE OUR LIVES …**

**Offertory Solo** 8:30 I want Jesus to walk with me *arranged by John Carter*

**Offertory Anthem** 10:45 With all I am *text by John Thornburg, music by Taylor Davis*

Though I may master all things known, though I may forfeit all I own

And do not love, I search in vain to find the God who knows my name.

Love does not hide or run away, it does not threaten or delay.

Alive in hope, it braves our schemes, it bears our pain, believes our dreams.

With all I am, in all I do, I pledge my faith, I honor you.

I give you, Lord, my solemn vow; my life, my love, I offer now.

My life, my love, I offer now.

**\*Doxology #94**

 Praise God from whom all blessings flow;

 Praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!

 Praise God the source of all our gifts!

 Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!

 Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

**\*Prayer of Dedication**

\*10:45 *The congregation is invited to remain standing and sing with the choir.*

**Response** Messiah: "Hallelujah" Chorus *G. F. Handel*

**Sermon** How Do I Handle Death? Bishop George W. Bashore

**… TO GO REJOICING IN GOD’S NAME!**

**\*Hymn 327** Crown him with many crowns*Diademata*

**Benediction**

**Today’s Services**

**The flowers for worship** are given by Judy and Bill Moeller, in loving memory of Judy’s son, Jimmy Dunbar.

**Special music at 10:45** is provided by the Chancel Choir, with cellist Rachel Smith, whose presence is made possible through donations to the Friends of Music Fund. To contribute to the Fund make a check out to: Mt. Lebanon UMC Friends of Music Fund.

**Our hymnal** and the new hymnal supplement are rich resources. As we explore newer texts and tunes we will repeat them during the month so that we are more comfortable singing them.

**Greeters 8:30** Bradley, Laura, Emily and Evan Shoff **10:45**  Jane Casey

**Worship options for children** We encourage children to participate in the **Children’s Sermon** at both services, and in **Kids Praise** during the 10:45 service. **Nursery services** are offered in Room 204 of the Education Building. Ask ushers or greeters and follow signs for direction.

**Today’s Scriptures**

**Exodus 3:1-15**

1Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law Jethro, the priest of Midian; he led his flock beyond the wilderness, and came to Horeb, the mountain of God.

 2There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a flame of fire out of a bush; he looked, and the bush was blazing, yet it was not consumed.

 3Then Moses said, “I must turn aside and look at this great sight, and see why the bush is not burned up.”

4When the Lord saw that he had turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, “Moses, Moses!” And he said, “Here I am.”

 5Then he said, “Come no closer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground.”

6He said further, “I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob.” And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God.

7Then the Lord said, “I have observed the misery of my people who are in Egypt; I have heard their cry on account of their taskmasters. Indeed, I know their sufferings,

 8and I have come down to deliver them from the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey, to the country of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites.

9The cry of the Israelites has now come to me; I have also seen how the Egyptians oppress them.

 10So come, I will send you to Pharaoh to bring my people, the Israelites, out of Egypt.”

11But Moses said to God, “Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh, and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?”

 12He said, “I will be with you; and this shall be the sign for you that it is I who sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall worship God on this mountain.”

 13But Moses said to God, “If I come to the Israelites and say to them, ‘The God of your ancestors has sent me to you,’ and they ask me, ‘What is his name?’ what shall I say to them?”

 14God said to Moses, “I AM WHO I AM.” He said further, “Thus you shall say to the Israelites, ‘I AM has sent me to you.’“

 15God also said to Moses, “Thus you shall say to the Israelites, ‘The Lord, the God of your ancestors, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you’: This is my name forever, and this my title for all generations.

**Revelation 21:1-6**

 1Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more.

 2And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.

3And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, “See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them as their God; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them;

4he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away.”

5And the one who was seated on the throne said, “See, I am making all things new.” Also he said, “Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.”

6Then he said to me, “It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life.

**John 14:15, 16**

15”If you love me, you will keep my commandments.

16And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever.

**Keep in Prayer**

**Hospitalized**

Earl Killian, Harmarville Rehab.

**Convalescing in Care Facilities**

Leila Berkey, Asbury Heights

Jean Bouvy, McMurray Hills Manor

Kay McDade, Paramount, Bethel Park

Pat Seitz, Concordia

Andy Smith, Concordia

**Convalescing at Home**

Joyce Feldman, Ann Hoyer, Ray M. Jackson

**In the Military**

Jason Boyer, SPC Natalie Brown

**Capt. Zachary Allen Finch, USMC**James Iantelli, 1st Lt. Jaskiewicz
S. Sgt. Keith Kimmell, Adam Kmick
PFC Brendan Lamport
Sgt. Matthew McConahan, Thomas Orda
Lt. Col. Mark Patterson

Lt. Com. Scott Patterson

Lt. Col. Sean Patterson
David Poncel, Sgt. Steven Reitz
Capt. Scott B. Rushe, Pastor Rick Townes
Capt. Azizi Wesmiller

Capt. Matthew C. Wesmiller
Sgt. Keith Scott Winkowski

Sgt. Michael Zimmerman

**Looking to send a card? Here are some helpful addresses.**

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Pittsburgh, PA 15243 Pittsburgh, PA 15243

Asbury Heights McMurray Hills Manor

700 Bower Hill Road 249 W McMurray Road

Pittsburgh, PA 15243 McMurray, PA 15317

Manor Care, Whitehall Harmarville Rehab. Healthsouth

505 Weyman Rd 320 Guys Run Rd

Pittsburgh, PA 15236 Pittsburgh, PA 15238

**Podcasts of Sunday Sermons** Would you like to share this morning’s sermon with a friend or did you miss a Sunday? Catch up on the messages from MLUMC with a podcast of Pastor Tom’s and others’ Sunday sermons. Sermons from the past three months are at

http:// mlumc.buzzsprout.com. You can navigate to the site from the link on our webpage, www.mlumc.org, through the app, Stitcher or through iTunes.

**Become a Greeter: Extend a Welcome Hand**

The Sunday morning greeter is often the first person a visitor or member contacts on entering the church. A greeter’s smile, handshake and cheerful words may set the tone for not only a church goer’s worship experience, but also an entire day. MLUMC is in need of Sunday morning greeters. Consider serving at one of the two worship services. You’ll become a vital part of the church’s ministry of hospitality and make new friends. If you can offer this service once or twice a year, fill out the form below and drop it in the collection basket or deliver it to the office.

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**Greeter Volunteer Name \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Worship service choice \_\_\_\_\_\_\_8:30 \_\_\_\_\_\_10:45**

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**CALENDAR – SUNDAY, JUNE 12 THRU SATURDAY, JUNE 18**

**SUNDAY 6/12**

 8:30 am Worship Sanner Chapel

 9:30 Faith for Today: Rev. Jim Ritchie Asbury Center

 10:45 am Worship Asbury Center

 Kids Praise Welcome Center

**TUESDAY 6/14**

 6 pm UMW Meeting Asbury Center

**WEDNESDAY 6/15**

6 pm Homebuilders Picnic Wesley Hall

**THURSDAY 6/16**

 9:30 am UMW Faith Circle Wesley Hall

**FRIDAY 6/17**

 1:30 pm Memoirs Group Welcome Center

**SATURDAY 6/18**

 **10** am Food Distribution Food Pantry

