

**June 5, 2016 8:30 & 10:45**

3rd Sunday After Pentecost

Graduation Sunday

Yale University routinely offers a course through its religious studies department entitled “Life Worth Living.” The course examines the questions of meaning, purpose, and fulfillment that are embedded in particular faith traditions around the world. Which prompts us to consider the question: “What really makes life worth living?”

**WE GATHER IN GOD’S NAME …**

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

**Hymn 369** Blessed assurance Assurance

***Worship & Song*** God of great and God of small (Stanzas 1 and 2) God of great

**Greeting**

Leader: Let God grant us grace and bless us; let God’s face shine upon us, so that

God’s way becomes known on earth, and God’s salvation among all the nations.

**People: Let the people thank you, O God! Let all the people thank you!**

*Psalm 67:1-2*

**Announcements**

**Introit** 10:45

Open to me the gates of righteousness John Beck Ness

I will praise Thee: for Thou hast heard me,

And become my salvation

**Call to Worship**

Pastor: Call on the name of God,

**People: For God has called us by name.**

Pastor**:** Lift your eyes and see,

**People: For Christ is in this place.**

Pastor: Know that God is near,

**People: For the Spirit lives in each of us gathered here.**

**… TO GIVE PRAISE TO GOD …**

\***Hymnal** **617** I come with joy Dove of Peace

**\*Opening Prayer (in unison)**

**God of help and hope, your miracles are a constant presence in our lives. Though we look for the jar of grain that doesn’t empty and the jug of oil that doesn’t fail, you surprise us with everyday miracles – justice for the poor and oppressed, care of the orphan and the widow, the downfall of the haughty and the proud. Lift us up and dry our tears, when breath leaves the body of those we love. Train our eyes to see hope and new life all around us, that we may walk in faith as followers of your son. Amen.**

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

**Recognition of Graduates**

**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 *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: James Ritchie MUSIC: James Ritchie ©1999 Abingdon Press

*\*please rise in body or spirit*

**Message for Young Disciples** Rev. Thomas Q. Strandburg

All children are invited. Please sing as children come forward. 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 the Sanctuary near the end of the service.

**… TO HEAR GOD’S WORD PROCLAIMED …**

**\*Worship & Song 3033** God of great and God of small God of great

Scripture Reading 8:30 Chris Murray

10:45 Jacob Dale

A Lesson from the New Testament

Galatians 1:11-24 Paul’s leadership in the church

**Hymn 619** Now the silence Now

**Pastoral Prayer**

**The Lord’s Prayer**

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**

Scripture Reading

\*A Lesson from the Gospels

Luke 7:11-17 Jesus raises a widow’s son

**Response**

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God**.

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

**Offertory**

Offertory Solo 8:30 I love to tell the story arranged by Dale Wood

Offertory Anthem 10:45 In the Land of the Living (Psalm 116) Philip W.J. Stopford

I love the Lord, for he has heard the voice of my supplication,

because he inclined his ear to me on the day I called to him. The snares of death encompassed me;

the pains of hell took hold of me; by grief and sorrow was I held.

I will walk before the Lord in the land of the living.

Then I called upon the name of the Lord: 'O Lord, I beg you, deliver my soul!' Gracious is the Lord,

and righteous; our God is full of compassion. The Lord watches over the simple; I was brought very low and he saved me. Turn again to your rest, O my soul, for the Lord has been gracious to you.

I will walk before the Lord in the land of the living.

For you have delivered my soul from death, my eyes from tears, and my feet from falling,

in the land of the living.

**\*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**

**Sermon** “A Life Worth Living” Rev. Thomas Q. Strandburg

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

The Great Thanksgiving

Leader: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you**

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

**People: We lift them up to the Lord.**

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God..

**People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Leader: *(The pastor continues in prayer, and concludes with the following words. . . )*

Therefore, with all your faithful people from every time and place we join the whole creation to lift our hearts in joyful praise.

(Musical Setting E, U.M. Hymnal, p. 25)

**People:** **Holy, holy, holy, Lord, God of power and might,**

**Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.**

Leader: *(The pastor continues in prayer, and concludes with the following words . . .)*

As we affirm the mystery of faith.

**People: Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.**

Leader: *(The pastor continues in prayer, and concludes with the following words . . .)* Through Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior, who lives in unity with you and the Holy Spirit, One God, to all eternity.

**People: Amen.**

**Giving the Bread and Cup**

**Prayer following Communion**

**Deep, flowing mystery of God, gentle, life-giving grace of God, we have immersed ourselves in you. With Jesus, we trust your Spirit in us, and we hear your calling. By your summons, we rise, we follow, and we serve you, in the living, breathing spirit of Christ. Amen.**

**… TO GO REJOICING IN GOD’S NAME!**

**\*Hymnal 3030** Eternal God transcending timeResignation

**Benediction**

**Today’s Services**

**The flowers in the Chancel** are given by Sam Vance in loving memory of his wife, Lucille.

**The flowers on the altar** are given in honor of Nancy Marshall and the many volunteers who worked hard to make Saturday’s Rummage Sale so successful.

**Special music** at 10:45 is provided by the Chancel Choir.

**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**  Erma Henry **10:45**  Gwen Lammert

**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**

**Galatians 1:11-24**

11 For I want you to know, brothers and sisters, that the gospel that was proclaimed by me is not of human origin; 12for I did not receive it from a human source, nor was I taught it, but I received it through a revelation of Jesus Christ.

13 You have heard, no doubt, of my earlier life in Judaism. I was violently persecuting the church of God and was trying to destroy it. 14I advanced in Judaism beyond many among my people of the same age, for I was far more zealous for the traditions of my ancestors. 15But when God, who had set me apart before I was born and called me through his grace, was pleased 16to reveal his Son to me, so that I might proclaim him among the Gentiles, I did not confer with any human being, 17nor did I go up to Jerusalem to those who were already apostles before me, but I went away at once into Arabia, and afterwards I returned to Damascus.

18 Then after three years I did go up to Jerusalem to visit Cephas and stayed with him for fifteen days; 19but I did not see any other apostle except James the Lord’s brother. 20In what I am writing to you, before God, I do not lie! 21Then I went into the regions of Syria and Cilicia, 22and I was still unknown by sight to the churches of Judea that are in Christ; 23they only heard it said, ‘The one who formerly was persecuting us is now proclaiming the faith he once tried to destroy.’ 24And they glorified God because of me.

**Luke 7:11-17**

11 Soon afterwards he went to a town called Nain, and his disciples and a large crowd went with him. 12As he approached the gate of the town, a man who had died was being carried out. He was his mother’s only son, and she was a widow; and with her was a large crowd from the town.13When the Lord saw her, he had compassion for her and said to her, ‘Do not weep.’ 14Then he came forward and touched the bier, and the bearers stood still. And he said, ‘Young man, I say to you, rise!’ 15The dead man sat up and began to speak, and Jesus gave him to his mother. 16Fear seized all of them; and they glorified God, saying, ‘A great prophet has risen among us!’ and ‘God has looked favorably on his people!’ 17This word about him spread throughout Judea and all the surrounding country.

**Keep in Prayer**

**Hospitalized**

Earl Killian, Hamarville Rehab.

**Convalescing in Care Facilities**

Leila Berkey, Asbury Heights

Jean Bouvy, McMurray Hills Manor

Ray M. Jackson, Manor Care, Whitehall

Kay McDade, Paramount, Bethel Park

Pat Seitz, Concordia

Andy Smith, Concordia

**Convalescing at Home**

Joyce Feldman, Ann Hoyer,

**In Sympathy**

Condolences are offered to the family of Virginia “Ginnie” Smith. Mrs. Smith, an active member of Mt. Lebanon United Methodist Church for over 60 years, passed away on Saturday, May 28. Prayers may be sent to the family:

Cyndy Smith-Finniss

1617 Barker Ave

Morgantown, WV 26508-6237

**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

**Care Facility Addresses**

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Pittsburgh, PA 15243

Manor Care, Whitehall

505 Weyman Rd

Pittsburgh, PA 15236

Hamarville Rehab. Healthsouth

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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.

**CALENDAR – SUNDAY, JUNE 5 THRU SATURDAY, JUNE 11**

**Family Promise Week**

**SUNDAY 6/5**

8:30 am Worship Sanner Chapel

9:30 Faith for Today: Clark Remington & Haiti Mission Team Asbury

10:45 am Worship Sanctuary

Kids Praise Welcome Center

12 pm Charge Conference Sanctuary

**MONDAY 6/6**

**TUESDAY 6/7**

7 pm Boy Scout Troop #23 Wesley Hall

7 pm Coin Collectors Welcome Center

**WEDNESDAY 6/8**

6 pm Homebuilders Picnic Wesley Hall

7:30 pm Finance Committee Welcome Center

**THURSDAY 6/9**

Western PA Annual Conference begins Grove City College

**FRIDAY 6/10**

1:30 pm Memoirs Group Welcome Center

**SATURDAY 6/11**

9 am Volunteer Day