**July 31, 2016 8:30 & 10:45**

10th Sunday after Pentecost

Throughout the Bible, idolatry is identified as the greatest enemy of faith. Idolatry means allowing anything to occupy the place of reverence which only God should occupy in our lives. In light of Jesus’ warning, what do you worship?

**WE GATHER IN GOD’S NAME …**

**Gathering Music**

**Hymn 472** Near to the heart of God*McAfee*

**Hymn 473** Lead me, Lord *Lead me, Lord*

**Greeting**

Leader: Break forth together into singing, you ruins of Jerusalem;

**People: for the Lord has comforted his people.**

*Isaiah 52:9*

**Announcements**

**Call to Worship**

Leader: We gather this morning Lord, to hear your Word.

 **People: May your Word take root in our spirits.**

Leader: We gather this morning Lord, seeking your anointing.

 **People: May your Word grow within us possibilities for our future.**

Leader: We gather this morning Lord, seeking direction.

 **People: May your Word create within us a harvest of blessings.**

 **ALL: COME HOLY SPIRIT, COME!**

*Junias Dotson, The Africana Worship Book*

 **… TO GIVE PRAISE TO GOD …**

**Hymn of Praise 73** O worship the King (standing) *Lyons*

**Opening Prayer** (in unison, standing)

**O God, like a baker you bring the leaven which causes our hopes to rise. With your strong and gentle hands, shape our lives. Warm us with your love. Take our common lives and touch them with your grace, that we may nourish hope among humanity. We pray trusting in your name, through Jesus our Christ. Amen.**

*Ruth Duck, U.M. Book of Worship*

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

**Recognition of the Ministry of Ryan Keeling, Director of Choral Music**

**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

**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 Asbury Center near the end of the service.

**… TO HEAR GOD’S WORD PROCLAIMED …**

**Hymn 502** Thy holy wings, O Savior (seated) *Bred dina vida vingar*

Scripture Reading 8:30 Judi Phelps

 10:45 Jessica Langston

A Lesson from the Hebrew Scripture

 Colossians 3:1-11 Your life hidden in Christ

**Worship & Song 3131** Hear my prayer, O God (stanza 4, seated) *Adieu*

**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 (standing)

 Luke 12:13-21 Warning against greed

 **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 Amazing Grace *setting by John Carter*

**Offertory Anthem** 10:45 *Spiritual, arr. Richard Billingham*

 I want Jesus to walk with me; all along my pilgrim journey,

 Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.

 In my trials, Lord, walk with me;

 when the shades of life are falling, Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.

 In my sorrows, Lord, walk with me;

 when my heart within is aching, Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.

**Doxology 94** (standing)

 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** “Idol Worship” Rev. Thomas Q. Strandburg

**… TO GO REJOICING IN GOD’S NAME!**

**Hymn of Commitment 433** All who love and serve your city (standing) *Charlestown*

**Benediction**

*A reception to say goodbye to the Keeling family is being held following the 10:45 service in the Asbury Alcove.*

**Today’s Services**

**One flower arrangement** provided for worship today is given by Andy Seay in honor of Ryan, Jenna and Abby Keeling.

**One flower arrangement** provided for worship today is given by Mary Garber in honor of Grace Killian and her work with our eastern German partner churches in Zwickau and Kemnitz to help immigrants get settled in their new lives.

**Special music at 10:45** is provided by the Chancel Choir, conducted for the last time by Ryan A. Keeling, our well-loved Director of Choral Music.

**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**  John and Marilyn White **10:45**  Jim and Linda Hoover

**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.

**Flower Donations** The church is in need of Sunday flower arrangements for August. Honor or remember a loved one or friend with your donation. Contact Sharon Slater, 412-343-1137.

**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

**Today’s Scriptures**

**Colossians 3:1-11**

So if you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God.

 2Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth,

 3for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God.

4When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

5Put to death, therefore, whatever in you is earthly: fornication, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed (which is idolatry).

 6On account of these the wrath of God is coming on those who are disobedient.

 7These are the ways you also once followed, when you were living that life.

8But now you must get rid of all such things—anger, wrath, malice, slander, and abusive language from your mouth.

 9Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have stripped off the old self with its practices

 10and have clothed yourselves with the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge according to the image of its creator.

 11In that renewal there is no longer Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave and free; but Christ is all and in all!

**Luke 12:13-21**

13Someone in the crowd said to him, “Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me.”

 14But he said to him, “Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?”

 15And he said to them, “Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one’s life does not consist in the abundance of possessions.”

 16Then he told them a parable: “The land of a rich man produced abundantly.

 17And he thought to himself, ‘What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?’

18Then he said, ‘I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods.

 19And I will say to my soul, ‘Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.’

 20But God said to him, ‘You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?’

 21So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God.”

**Keep in Prayer**

**Hospitalized**

Marda Katshir, St. Clair

**Convalescing in Care Facilities**

Leila Berkey, Asbury Heights

Jean Bouvy, McMurray Hills Manor

Pat Seitz, Concordia

**Convalescing at Home**

Joyce Feldman, May Frederick, Ann Hoyer, Earl Killian, Andy Smith

**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**

Asbury Heights

700 Bower Hill Road

Pittsburgh, PA 15243

McMurray Hills Manor

249 W McMurray Road

McMurray, PA 15317

Concordia Health Center

1300 Bower Hill Road

Pittsburgh, PA 15243

**Suffering a Loss: Why and How We All Grieve Differently**

**Washington & Jefferson College, 60 S. Lincoln St. Washington, PA**

**Thursday, August 18th 9 am – 4 pm**

Just as John Gray’s popular book, Men are from Mars, Women are from Venus, focused on the fundamental psychological differences between men and women, this seminar will help you understand why and how we all grieve differently. Cultural, racial, socioeconomic, gender, ethnicity, age, and religion all affect our grieving process. More than an information-only event, the day will include lots of practical “how tos”, “dos, don’ts” and many specific ways in which we can help ourselves and others in the grieving process.

This Seminar is led by Dr. Daniel Stinson, Director of the W & J Thanatology Certificate Program, Certified Bereavement Facilitator, Certified Palliative Care Specialist, and Certified Advance Bereavement Facilitator.

Price: 175.00 –Registration Fee covers cost of seminar and lunch. To register: Contact Emily Butler, Assistant Director of Graduate and Continuing Studies: continuingstudies@washjeff.edu.

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**CALENDAR – SUNDAY, JULY 31 THRU SATURDAY, AUGUST 6**

**SUNDAY 7/31**

 8:30 am Worship Sanner Chapel

 9:30 am Faith for Today Asbury Center

 9:30-10:30 am Kids’ Sunday School Room 204

 9:30-noon Nursery Room 204

 10:45 am Worship Sanctuary

 Kids Praise Welcome Center

12 pm Keeling Farewell Reception Asbury Alcove

**MONDAY, AUGUST 1 – FRIDAY, AUGUST 5**

9:30 am Vacation Bible School Various

**TUESDAY 8/2**

 7 pm Boy Scout Troop #23 Wesley Hall

 7 pm Boy Scout Parents Epworth

 7 pm Coin Collectors Welcome Center

**WEDNESDAY 8/3**

6:30 am Northside Lunch Program Prep Kitchen

6 pm Homebuilders Picnic Wesley Hall

 7 pm Mission Committee Welcome Center

**THURSDAY 8/4**

 8:30 am Northside Lunch Program Prep Kitchen

 12 pm TNT Asbury Heights

**SATURDAY 8/6**

 10 am Food Distribution Food Pantry