**October 9, 2016 8:30 & 10:45**

**21st Sunday after Pentecost**

He was of another race, region and religion. But of a group of 10 lepers who were healed by Jesus, the last one was the only one who really knew how to live, and gratitude was the key. In a sense, he was the only one who was completely healed.

**WE GATHER IN GOD’S NAME …**

**Gathering Music**

 **Hymn 191 Jesus loves me!** (seated) *Jesus loves me*

 **Worship & Song 3048**

 **View the present through the promise** (stanzas 1 and 2) *Ar Hyd Nos*

**Greeting**

Leader: Sing praises to the Lord, O you God’s faithful ones,

**People: and give thanks to God’s holy name.** *Psalm 30:4*

**Announcements**

**Choral Introit** 10:45 Psalm 103:1 *Richard C. Baker*

 Bless the Lord O my soul and all that is within me bless His Holy Name.

**Call to Worship**

Leader: Come to Christ, that living stone, rejected by the world, but in God’s sight chosen and precious.

**People: We have responded to Christ’s call, and seek to be built into a spiritual house, a living reminder of God’s presence on earth.**

Leader: Once we were no people, but now we are God’s people, called out of darkness into God’s marvelous light. Therefore we sing with the Church in all ages:

**People: Blessed be your name, O God, our redeemer. By your mercy we have been born anew to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.** *Ruth Duck, Book of Worship*

 **… TO GIVE PRAISE TO GOD …**

**Hymn of Praise 60 I'll praise my Maker while I've breath** (standing) *Old 113th*

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

**Wondrous God, our hearts are full of praise for all of the glorious things you have given to us. When we look upon your creation, we realize that it reflects your glory. When we experience the gift of a parent’s love, we are reminded of your tender love for us. When we worship in the great congregation of all who name you as Lord, we are blessed to be counted among your children. Hear our prayer of joy and thanksgiving this day, and sustain in us grateful hearts, that we might praise you eternally. Through Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

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

**Reception of New Members** 10:45UMH pg. 38

 Beverly Festor Anne Stokes

 Joseph Festor Timothy Stokes

 Robert Festor

 **Congregational Response**

Pastor: Do you, as Christ's body, the Church, reaffirm both your rejection of sin and your commitment to Christ?

 **People: We do.**

 Pastor: Will you nurture one another in the Christian faith and life and include these persons now before you in your care?

 **People: With God's help we will proclaim the good news and live according to the example of Christ.**

 **We will surround these persons with a community of love and forgiveness, that they may grow in their trust of God, and be found faithful in their service to others. We will pray for them, that they may be true discipleswho walk in the way that leads to life.**

 Pastor: Let us join together in professing the Christian faith as contained in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments.

 Pastor: Do you believe in God the Father?

 **People: I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

 Pastor: Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

 **People: I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
 born of the Virgin Mary,
 suffered under Pontius Pilate,
 was crucified, died, and was buried;
 he descended to the dead.**

 **On the third day he rose again;
 he ascended into heaven,
 is seated at the right hand of the Father,
 and will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

 Pastor: Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

 **People: I believe in the Holy Spirit,**

 **the holy catholic church,**

 **the communion of saints,**

 **the forgiveness of sins,
 the resurrection of the body,
 and the life everlasting.**

**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 AND 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 the Sanctuary near the end of the service.

**… TO HEAR GOD’S WORD PROCLAIMED …**

**Gospel Hymn 263**

 **When Jesus the healer passed through Galilee** (stanzas 1, 4, 5, 7 seated) *Healer*

Scripture Reading 8:30 Judi Phelps

 10:45 Scott Ullman

A Lesson from the New Testament

 2 Timothy 2:8-15 Victory in the midst of suffering

**Worship & Song 3048** (stanzas 1 and 2, seated)

 **View the present through the promise, Christ will come again.**

 **Trust despite the deepening darkness, Christ will come again.**

 **Lift the world above its grieving through your watching and believing**

 **in the hope past hope's conceiving: Christ will come again.**

**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 17: 11-19 Jesus heals ten lepers

 **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 Where are you when I need you, Lord? *John Carter*

**Anthem** 10:45 *J. Wayne Kerr*

 Lord Jesus, I love you, I know you are mine;

 for you all the follies of sin I resign;

 my gracious Redeemer, in homage I bow;

 if ever I loved you, Lord Jesus, ‘tis now.

 I love you because you first loved me,

 and purchased my pardon on Calvary’s tree;

 I love you for wearing the thorns on your brow;

 if ever I loved you, Lord Jesus, ‘tis now.

 In mansions of glory and endless delight,

 I’ll ever adore you in heaven so bright;

 I’ll sing with the glittering crown on my brow;

 if ever I loved you, Lord Jesus, ‘tis now.

**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** “Leper No. 10” Rev. Thomas Q. Strandburg

**… TO GO REJOICING IN GOD’S NAME!**

**Hymn of Commitment 396 O Jesus, I have promised** (standing) *Angel's Story*

**Benediction**

**Today’s Services**

**The chancel flowers** are given by Ed and Martha Clarke in memory of their parents, Mr. and Mrs.

 Edmund Clarke and Mr. and Mrs. James Wilson.

**The flowers on the altar** are given in loving memory of Kathy Caputo and Bitty Floss from the Caputo family.

**Special music at 10:45** is provided by the Chancel Choir with pianist Mary Paine, a member of the church who teaches piano in the area.

**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** Cindy Biery **10:45** Bonnie Amos

**Acolytes** Anastasia Sunder and Max Siegert

**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.

**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

**Flower Donations** Honor or remember a loved one or friend with a Sunday flower arrangement donation. Contact Sharon Slater, 412-343-1137.

**Today’s Scriptures**

**2 Timothy 2:8-15**

8Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, a descendant of David—that is my gospel, 9for which I suffer hardship, even to the point of being chained like a criminal. But the word of God is not chained. 10Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, so that they may also obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus, with eternal glory. 11The saying is sure: If we have died with him, we will also live with him; 12if we endure, we will also reign with him; if we deny him, he will also deny us; 13if we are faithless, he remains faithful— for he cannot deny himself.

14Remind them of this, and warn them before God that they are to avoid wrangling over words, which does no good but only ruins those who are listening. 15Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved by him, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly explaining the word of truth.

**Luke 17:11-19**

11On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. 12As he entered a village, ten lepers approached him. Keeping their distance, 13they called out, saying, “Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!” 14When he saw them, he said to them, “Go and show yourselves to the priests.” And as they went, they were made clean. 15Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. 16He prostrated himself at Jesus’ feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. 17Then Jesus asked, “Were not ten made clean? But the other nine, where are they? 18Was none of them found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?” 19Then he said to him, “Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well.”

**Keep in Prayer**

**Convalescing in Care Facilities**

Leila Berkey, Asbury Heights

Jean Bouvy, McMurray Hills Manor

Ed Clarke, Asbury Place

Pat Seitz, Concordia

Tim Watters, Baptist Home

**Convalescing at Home**

Earl Killian, Andy Smith

Arlene Stewart

**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

**Sympathy**

Condolences are offered to the family of retired United Methodist minister, Rev. Robert Critchlow. Rev. Critchlow died on September 25 at the age of 87. Words of sympathy can be sent to his wife and family:

 Bonnie Critchlow

 971 Pine Ave

 Pittsburgh, PA 15234-2171

**Birthday Greetings**

Esther Davis will be 105 years old on October 20. Birthday wishes can be sent to:

 Esther Davis

 Fair Oaks #403

 2200 W. Liberty Ave.

 Pittsburgh, PA 15226

**Expression of Thanks**

I wanted to say thank you for sending Dr. Watson to visit me in St. Clair Hospital. I had my thyroid removed and I’m doing well, back to work and on a normal schedule. I appreciate the thoughts and prayers from everyone. I don’t know how you knew I was going in for surgery, but I am thankful you did.

 Love,

 Tommilea Giegel

Thank you so much to Chuck Hutchinson for everything he does for our church. Most recently, I am particularly grateful for his help in transporting flowers from the church to my car. His kind actions and attention to detail were helpful and appreciated.

 Marjorie Ehni

**CALENDAR – SUNDAY, OCTOBER 9 THRU SATURDAY, OCTOBER 15**

**SUNDAY 10/9**

 8:30 am Worship Sanner Chapel

 9:30 am Sunday School for All Ages/Coffee Café Various/Brookline Parlor

 10:45 am Worship Sanctuary

 Kids Praise Welcome Center

 3 pm Nyadire Connection Sewing Party Asbury Center

 4:30 pm Youth Group leaves for documentary showing Church Entrance

**MONDAY 10/10**

 7 pm Chapel Bells Rehearsal Asbury

**TUESDAY 10/11**

6 pm Terrific Tuesday Asbury Center

 7 pm Boy Scout Troop #23 Wesley Hall

 7 pm Boy Scout Board of Reviews Room 105

 7 pm Cub Scout Planning Committee Epworth

**WEDNESDAY 10/12**

 6:30 pm Wolf Cub Scouts Epworth

 7:30 pm Finance Committee Wesley Hall

**THURSDAY 10/13**

9:30 am UMW Executive Board Room 105

 11 am UMW Meeting Wesley Hall

 6:30 pm Promise Bells Rehearsal Bell Room

 6:30 pm Webelo I Wesley Hall

 7:30 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal Choir Room

**FRIDAY 10/14**

 9:30 am Women’s Bible Study Room 102

 1:30 pm Memoirs Group Wesley Hall

 6:30 pm Bear Den Cub Scouts Epworth

**SATURDAY 10/15**

10 am Food Distribution Food Pantry