**November 19, 2017 8:30 & 10:45**

**ALL IN: God’s Call to Live Generously**

*Commitment Sunday*

What do you treasure? Jesus says, *“Where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.” (Matthew 6:21)* Thanksgiving is a time for making sure that our treasure and our hearts are in proper alignment. May our total commitment to God be displayed in our giving!

**WE GATHER IN GOD’S NAME …**

**Gathering Music**

 8:30 **Hymn 463 Lord, speak to me** (stanzas 1, 2 and 5) *Canonbury* **Worship & Song 3130 Come, Emmanuel** (stanzas 2 and 3)*Come Emmanuel*

 10:45Holy God, we praise your name 10:45 *arranged by Janet Linker and Jane McFadden*

 Promise Bells

**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 *Richard C. Baker*

 O come let us sing unto the Lord;

 let us make a joyful noise unto the rock of our salvation.

**Call to Worship**

Leader: Come to God’s house with your songs and prayers.

**People: We lift our voices to God.**

Leader: Come to God’s house with your hopes and joys.

**People: We bring our thanks and praise.**

Leader: Come to God’s house with your needs and fears.

**People: We lay down our burdens before Christ.**

Leader: Come to God’s house with your gifts and treasures.

**People: We offer our lives to Christ.**

Leader: Come to God’s house with all that you have and with all that you are.

**People: Let us worship together this day.**

*The Abingdon Worship Annual*

**… TO GIVE PRAISE TO GOD …**

**Hymn 559 Christ is made the sure foundation** (standing) *Westminster Abbey*

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

**God of abundant love, pour your love and your Spirit upon us, that we may recognize our abundance and give our love and our lives completely and freely to you. Help us to follow the example of the widow, whose offering in the Temple was noticed by Jesus. She offered her best gift, and in doing so she displayed her total commitment to you. In a similar manner, enable us to respond to your call with resolute hearts and committed lives. In Christ’s holy name, we pray. Amen.**

**Silent Prayer**

**Worship & Song 3129** *Aihu*

**God of all living, God of all loving, God of the seedling, the snow, and the sun,**

 **teach us, deflect us, Christ, reconnect us, using us gently and making us one.**

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

**Third Grade Bible Presentation**

 Lily Ball, Faith Carvender, Liam DeLuca,

Wesley Palmer, Abigail Purtill, Vivienne Volek, Tyler Walters

**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 through 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, and parents may meet them.

**Handbell Anthem** 10:45 Jesus, we want to meet *arranged by Charles E. Peery*

 Chapel Bells

**Demonstration of Online Giving** 8:30 Nate Jara

 10:45 Virginia Katinsky

**… TO HEAR GOD’S WORD PROCLAIMED …**

Scripture Reading 8:30 Marcy Picardi

 10:45 Clark Remington

 A Lesson from the Hebrew Scripture

 Deuteronomy 26:5-11 Act of thanksgiving upon entering the land

**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.**

**Celtic Alleluia** **Alleluia** (sing 4 times, standing) *O’Carroll and Walker*

Scripture Reading

 A Lesson from the Gospel

 Matthew 6:19-24 Jesus teaches about earthly and heavenly treasures

**Response**

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God**.

**Sermon** “The Treasure Principle” Rev. Thomas Q. Strandburg

**Hymn 87 What gift can we bring** (stanza 1, seated) *Anniversary Song*

**What gift can we bring, what present, what token?**

**What words can convey it, the joy of this day!**

 **When grateful we come, remembering, rejoicing,**

 **What song can we offer in honor and praise?**

**Invitation to Christian Discipleship** *Our Pledge of Support*

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

**Offertory** 8:30

**Offertory Anthem** 10:45 *Spiritual, arranged by David and Allen Pote*

I’m gonna live so God can use me, anywhere, Lord, anytime.

I’m gonna work so God can use me, anywhere, Lord, anytime.

I’m gonna pray so God can use me, anywhere, Lord, anytime.

I’m gonna sing so God can use me, anywhere, Lord, anytime.

 Use me, Lord, use me, Lord, I’m gonna live so God can use me….

**Doxology Hymn 87** **What gift can we bring** (stanza 4, standing) *Anniversary Song*

**This gift we now bring, this present, this token,**

**These words can convey it, the joy of this day!**

 **When grateful we come, remembering, rejoicing,**

 **This song we now offer in honor and praise!**

**Prayer of Dedication**

**… TO GO REJOICING IN GOD’S NAME!**

**Hymn 399 Take my life** (standing)*Messiah*

**Benediction**

**Today’s Services**

**The flowers in the Chancel** are given in loving memory of Joseph Utzig by Priscilla and the family.

**Special music at 10:45** is provided by the Promise Bells and the Chapel Bells, directed by Nancy R. Lutz; with percussionist Richard Minnotte; and the Chancel Choir with pianist Mary Paine.

**Greeters 8:30** Cynthia Jelic **10:45**  Marda Katshir

**Acolytes** Anastasia Sunder and Xavier Sanchez

**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.

**Online Pledge and Giving**

If you have not completed your pledge during this service, you can do so by submitting your pledge via our website. Visit: <https://www.mlumc.org/giving/pledge>. You can get to this page by clicking "Pledge" from the Giving dropdown in the top navigation menu.

In addition to our direct debit giving option that allows you to make contributions directly from your bank account, Mount Lebanon UMC is happy to also provide online giving. This option allows you to give without the need of writing checks or worrying about cash donations. You can make a donation using your mobile device by texting “**MLUMC”** to phone number **73256** or use our online donation website.\* Our online donation website allows you to make one-time donations, designate your gift for a particular cause and also set up automatic contributions with an account.

To make a donation using our website, visit [www.mlumc.org/giving](http://www.mlumc.org/giving) on your home computer or mobile device where you’ll find more information and a link to get started!

\* Standard text messaging rates may apply.

**Questions about service to others? Email** **ministries@mlumc.org**

As you pray and reflect on how God has called you to serve others, you may have questions or need more information about the ministries of Mt. Lebanon United Methodist Church. Email your questions and concerns to ministries@mlumc.org. Your queries will be answered or forwarded to a contact ministry person.

**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 can be found at http:// mlumc.buzzsprout.com or navigate to the site from the link on our webpage, [www.mlumc.org](http://www.mlumc.org). Sermons also will be posted to iTunes. Full recordings of the service are available upon request.

**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**

**Deuteronomy 26:5-11**

5You shall make this response before the Lord your God: “A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous. 6When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labor on us, 7we cried to the Lord, the God of our ancestors; the Lord heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. 8The Lord brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; 9and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. 10So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O Lord, have given me.” You shall set it down before the Lord your God and bow down before the Lord your God. 11Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the Lord your God has given to you and to your house.

**Matthew 6:19-24**

19“Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust consume and where thieves break in and steal; 20but store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consumes and where thieves do not break in and steal. 21For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. 22“The eye is the lamp of the body. So, if your eye is healthy, your whole body will be full of light; 23but if your eye is unhealthy, your whole body will be full of darkness. If then the light in you is darkness, how great is the darkness! 24“No one can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth.

**Keep in Prayer**

**Hospitalized**

Earl Killian, Montefiore

**Convalescing in Care Facilities**

Shirley Baker, Kane Regional Center, Scott

Leila Berkey, Asbury Heights

Ed Clarke, Asbury Place

Charles Hohing, Canonsburg Hosp. Rehab.

Pat Seitz, Concordia

Tim Watters, Baptist Home

**Convalescing at Home**

Mary Birks, Jean Boyer,

Mary Caldwell, David Lewis,

Susan Lichtenfels,

Robert Murray, Betty Trout

**In the Military**

Jason Boyer, SPC Natalie Brown

**Maj. Zachary Allen Finch, USMC**James Iantelli, 1st Lt. Jaskiewicz
S. Sgt. Keith Kimmell, Adam Kmick
PFC Brendan Lamport
Sgt. Matthew McConahan, Thomas Orda
David Poncel, Sgt. Steven Reitz
Capt. Scott B. Rushe, Pastor Rick Townes
Maj. Azizi Wesmiller

Maj. Matthew C. Wesmiller
Sgt. Keith Scott Winkowski

Sgt. Michael Zimmerman

**Expressions of Gratitude**

From Erma Henry:

*Dear Friends,*

 *A big THANK YOU for all the support and prayers I have received from the MLUMC family and friends - from visits to the rehab facilities, rides provided, flowers delivered, an adorable prayer quilt and pastoral visits. The encouragement and caring have gotten me through a most distressing time. Therapy has strengthened my back muscles to hold the vertebrae in place and no longer pinch the sciatic nerve. With some hesitancy, I’m getting around on my own with no pain.*

 *May God Bless All of You.*

*Love,*

*Erma Henry*

From Francie Robb:

*To the Members of Mt Lebanon United Methodist Church,*

 *Thank you! For the past 7 ½ years you have allowed me to serve as your church receptionist. It has been a humbling experience as I learned new ways to serve others, making plenty of mistakes along the way.*

 *I have learned a new appreciation for the simple, but critical, things that happen behind the scenes. In my naivety, I had never thought much about how much goes on hidden from sight at a church. I will never again attend worship without appreciating the time spent by so many putting together the service, from the bulletin and sermon to the music.*

*I will never again take for granted basic items in a church, like lights on, heat in the building and working plumbing, along with flowers on the altar, communion prepared and candles lit for worship. All of these oft forgotten tasks are critical to the work and worship of Mt Lebanon United Methodist Church. I will forever appreciate the people working and volunteering quietly in their special area and I say, thank you to everyone involved.*

*To the people who came through the church office, thank you for sharing your stories and your mission with me. I learned so much from your acts of Christian faith. Watching you in action has been remarkable and awe-inspiring. As I have said, I am not leaving MLUMC, only the office. You will continue to see me around, and putting some of the lessons you have taught me in action.*

 *You have been so gracious and helpful to me these past years, and I hope you will be as helpful to my successor.*

 *Francie Robb*

**Sympathy**

Condolences are offered to the family of church member Ron Dagg who died Friday, November 3, 2017. The congregation will remember Ron with gratitude for his many years of volunteer work with the church’s audio and electronic systems. A memorial will be held in Sanner Chapel this Saturday ( see calendar.) Words of sympathy may be sent to his wife Carolyn and family:

 Carolyn Dagg

 1501 Rose Ave.

 South Park, PA 15219-9623

**CALENDAR – SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19 THRU SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 25**

**SUNDAY 11/19**

 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

 2 pm Korean Worship Sanner Chapel

 12 pm Dames in Action Wesley Hall

 4:30-5 pm Youth Choir Choir Room

 5 pm Youth Group Asbury Center

 6:30 pm BSA Eagle Brd. of Review Various

**MONDAY 11/20 THANKSGIVING MEAL PREP – Asbury Center/Kitchen**

 7 pm Chapel Bells Rehearsal Bell Room

 7:30 pm Community Events and Outreach Wesley Hall

**TUESDAY 11/21 THANKSGIVING MEAL PREP – Asbury Center/Kitchen**

 7 pm Boy Scout Troop #23 Wesley Hall

**WEDNESDAY 11/22 THANKSGIVING MEAL PREP – Asbury Center/Kitchen**

 7 pm Tiger, Wolf & Bear Den Pack Meetings Various

**THURSDAY 11/23 THANKSGIVING – OFFICE CLOSED**

 10 AM Thanksgiving Meal Prep and Delivery Asbury Center/Kitchen

**FRIDAY 11/24 OFFICE CLOSED**

**SATURDAY 11/25**

11 am Memorial Service for Ron Dagg Sanner Chapel