**August 19, 2018 8:30 & 10:45**

"Our worship and our work must be closely allied or neither will have meaning. We gather in worship to celebrate the Gospel, and we disperse in work and service to enact the Gospel in the world. Our worship and our work remind us that we are creatures of two worlds, both created by one God, who is the Lord of all life. We are creatures of time and space, but also we are spiritual beings, whose destiny lies in eternity. We have a higher calling than our jobs – it is the redemptive work of Christ, to which our worship sends us."

 Dr. HenryAndersen

**WE GATHER IN GOD’S NAME …**

**Gathering Music**

 **Hymnal 73 O Worship the King** (seated) *Lyons*

**Hymnal 127 Guide me, 0 thou great Jehovah** *CM Rhondda*

**The Church Enacting the Gospel (Announcements)**

**Call to Worship**

 Pastor: 0 come, let us worship and bow down before the Lord,

 our Sovereign!

**People: In worship we behold the goodness of God and become**

 **partakes of that goodness**.

Pastor: In worship we see the patience of God and become possessed

 by that patience

**People:** In worship we glimpse the purpose of God and enlist in that purpose

**All: In worship we meet the power of God and stand in its strengthening.**

 **… TO GIVE PRAISE TO GOD …**

**Hymnal 158 Come, Christians, join to sing** (standing) *Spanish Hymn*

**Prayer of Confession** (in unison, standing)

 **Most loving and compassionate God, we have gathered together again after being scattered in the world. We know that during the week we should have been recognizing You in the face of others and serving You by serving them.**

**Yet times of testing have come, and we were not strong enough. When circumstances called for a full measure of Christlike love, our love was not equal to the situation. Forgive us!**

 **We have come for help! Open our eyes! Open our ears! Open our hearts!**

**Open our minds! Guide each of us to find something in this hour of worship, that we can use this coming week in our relations with others. We trust that You can lead us into a higher way, a nobler life, and a deeper caring, in the name of the One who is the Way, the Truth, and the Life, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**Assurance of Pardon**

**Hymnal 365** ( stanza 1, in unison**)**

 **Marvelous grace of our loving Lord, grace that exceeds our sin and our guilt!**

 **Yonder on Calvary's mount outpoured, there where the blood of the Lamb**

 **was spilt**

 **Grace, grace, God's grace, grace that will pardon and cleanse within,**

 **grace, grace, God's grace, grace that is greater than all our sin!**

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

**Message for Young Disciples** Scott Miller

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.

**Pastoral Prayer**

**Silent 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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**

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

**Offertory Solo** 10:45 *Jay Althouse*

**Hymnal 94 Doxology** (standing)*Lasst uns erfreuen*

 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**

**… TO HEAR GOD’S WORD PROCLAIMED …**

Scripture Reading 8:30 Liz DiPietro

 10:45 Bob Mallery

A Lesson from the Old Testament

 Psalm 107:1-15 God Delivers

 A Lesson from the Gospels

 Matthew 16:21-25 Setting our minds on God's purposes

 **Response**

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God**.

**Sermon** “Living in Conformity with the Heart of God”

 Bishop George W. Bashore

 **… TO GO REJOICING IN GOD’S NAME!**

**Hymnal 159 Lift high the cross** (standing) *Crucifer*

**Benediction**

**Today’s Services**

**The flower arrangement provided for worship** today is given by Jean Boyer in loving memory of her husband Dale and in honor of what would have been their 65th wedding anniversary on August 15.

**The rose on the altar** is given by Ruth Ann and John Esaias in honor of the baptism of their great-niece, Audrey Ruth Rankins. The baptism is taking place today in the Larchmont Avenue Presbyterian Church, Larchmont, New York.

**The flower centerpiece** for the Faith for Today refreshment table is given by the family of Cleon and Vera Jane Cornes, in honor of their 60th wedding anniversary on August 23rd. The refreshments have been supplied by the Homebuilders, the adult Sunday school to which Cleon and Vera Jane belong.

**Guest pianist** this morning is Mary Paine, an active member of our handbell ministry, a piano teacher in the area, and director of the Threshold Choir, which ministers to hospice patients.

**Special music for the 10:45 service** is provided by Robert Richards, an active member of our adult choir.

**Greeters 8:30** Judi Phelps **10:45**  Betty Lou Albright

**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**

**Psalm 107:1-15**

1O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever.

2Let the redeemed of the Lord say so, those he redeemed from trouble

3and gathered in from the lands, from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south.

4Some wandered in desert wastes, finding no way to an inhabited town;

5hungry and thirsty, their soul fainted within them.

6Then they cried to the Lord in their trouble, and he delivered them from their distress;

7he led them by a straight way, until they reached an inhabited town.

8Let them thank the Lord for his steadfast love, for his wonderful works to humankind.

9For he satisfies the thirsty, and the hungry he fills with good things.

10Some sat in darkness and in gloom, prisoners in misery and in irons,

11for they had rebelled against the words of God, and spurned the counsel of the Most High.

12Their hearts were bowed down with hard labor; they fell down, with no one to help.

13Then they cried to the Lord in their trouble, and he saved them from their distress;

14he brought them out of darkness and gloom, and broke their bonds asunder.

15Let them thank the Lord for his steadfast love, for his wonderful works to humankind.

**Matthew 16:21-15**

21From that time on, Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. 22And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, “God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you.” 23But he turned and said to Peter, “Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.”

24Then Jesus told his disciples, “If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. 25For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it.

**Podcasts of Sunday Sermons**  Catch up on 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.

**Honor or remember a loved one with a flower donation.** The flowers that grace the sanctuary each week are generously donated by our church family members. This is a great way to honor or memorialize a special person, event, or milestone in your personal life or in the life of the church. If you are interested in donating flowers on a particular Sunday, contact Lizzie Diller , 412-860-3614. The cost is $30 for the altar, narthex, or columbarium, and $60 for the chancel.

**Keep in Prayer**

**Hospitalized**

Grace Gullborg, Canonsburg

**Convalescing in Care Facilities**

Bonnie Amos, Providence Point

Leila Berkey, Asbury Heights

Ed Clarke, Asbury Place

John Katshir, Asbury Heights

Pat Seitz, Concordia

Carol Van Sickle, Marian Manor

**Convalescing at Home**

Jean Boyer, Mary Caldwell, Jane Casey
John Dean, Joseph Festor, David Lewis Susan Lichtenfels, George Lindow

Bill Merchant, Diane Shaw, Jinny Sheppard

Jane Spicher, 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

Sgt. 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

**Now Hiring: Church Secretary**

The Church Secretary, as a representative of the Mount Lebanon United Methodist Church, is expected to provide a caring, engaging, and hospitable attitude while providing high quality administrative support to church volunteers and staff. Reports to Business Administrator and Senior Pastor.

Job Qualifications:

* Excellent interpersonal skills
* Proficient in Microsoft Office applications and web apps such as WordPress
* High quality verbal communication skills
* Graphics, copy editing, design/layout a plus
* Ability to maintain confidentiality
* Willingness to foster cooperation and hospitality

Job Responsibilities:

* Answer phone and respond to email messages
* Provide a hospitable reception to all guests, visitors, and church members who contact the church.
* Work collaboratively with church staff and volunteers; provide administrative support to church staff and volunteers such as:
* Sort and distribute mail
o  Prepare bulk mailings
o  Prepare and send email campaigns
* Provide administrative support for church officers and committee chairs
* Serve as recording secretary to Church Council (evening meetings)
* Produce weekly worship bulletin
* Update church-wide calendar and report schedules to appropriate staff – Outlook and website (WordPress)
* Post articles to website as needed
* Participate in church staff meetings, training, etc.
* Maintain and update Church Secretary Handbook, all-church email list, membership role
* Provide cooperation and assistance with other support staff and other duties as assigned.

If you are interested, please send a resume to sprc@mlumc.org.

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

**Hosting Family Promise Sunday, Aug. 19 through Sunday, Aug. 26**

**SUNDAY 8/19**

 8:30 am Worship Sanner Chapel

 9:30 am Faith for Today Asbury Center

 10:45 am Worship Asbury Center

 Kids Praise Welcome Center

**TUESDAY 8/21**

 7 pm Boy Scout Troop #23 Wesley Hall

 7 pm Cub Scouts Parent Meeting Welcome Center

 7:30 pm Worship Team Meeting Asbury Center

**WEDNESDAY 8/22**

6 pm Homebuilders Potluck Asbury Center

