**October 21, 2018 Laity Sunday 8:30 & 10:45**

**WE GATHER IN GOD’S NAME …**

**Gathering Music**

 **Hymnal 592 When the church of Jesus** (seated) *King’s Weston*

**Greeting**

Leader: This is the day which the Lord has made;

**People: Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

**Announcements**

**Choral Introit** 10:45 Psalm 95:1 *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** (standing)

 Leader: O Lord, open thou our lips.

 **People: And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.**

Leader: Praise ye the Lord.

**People: The Lord’s name be praised.**

 **… TO GIVE PRAISE TO GOD …**

**Hymnal 433 All who love and serve your city** (standing) *Charlestown*

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

 **Teach us, good Lord, to serve you as you deserve;**

 **To give and not to count the cost; to fight and not to heed the wounds;**

 **To toil and not to seek for rest; to labor and not to ask for any reward,**

 **Except that of knowing that we do your will;**

 **Through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.** Prayer of Ignatius of Loyola

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

**Introduction of Ministry Speakers** Jim Young

Rob Spicher - Service; Kathy Karns - Gifts; Shoff Family - Gifts

**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** 8:30 Scott Miller 10:45 Cori DeLuca

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 …**

**Hymnal 583** 8:30  **You are the seed** (seated)*Id y enseñad*

**Anthem** 10:45 Precious Lord *Thomas A. Dorsey*

Precious Lord, take my hand, lead me on, let me stand, I am tired, I am weak, I am worn;

 through the storm, through the night, lead me on to the light:

 *Refrain: Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.*

 When my way grows drear, precious Lord, linger near, when my life is almost gone,

 hear my cry, hear my call, hold my hand lest I fall: *Refrain*

 When the darkness appears and the night draws near, and the day is past and gone,

 at the river I stand, guide my feet, hold my hand: *Refrain*

**Recognition of Lay Readers** Rev. Thomas Q. Strandburg and Sally Munro

Scripture Reading 8:30 Liz DiPietro 10:45 Stacey Rosleck

 A Lesson from the Gospel

 Matthew 25: 31-40 Judgment of the Nations

**Response**

Leader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people.

**People: Thanks be to God**.

**Pastoral Prayer** Bob Mallery

**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.**

Scripture Reading

 A Lesson from the Gospel

 Matthew 28:16-20 The Great Commission

**Response**

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God**.

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

**Offertory Anthem** 10:45 Give me Jesus *Spiritual, arranged by L. L. Fleming*

 O when I am alone, give me Jesus. *Refrain:*  *You may have all the rest, give me Jesus*.

 O when I die, give me Jesus. *Refrain*  And when I want to sing, give me Jesus. *Refrain*

**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**

**Ministry Speakers**

Louanne Bailey - Prayer/Spiritual Growth; David Hughes - Presence

**… TO GO REJOICING IN GOD’S NAME!**

**Open Our Hearts (**standing, sung to the music of “Open My Eyes,” Hymnal 454) *Open My Eyes*

**1. Open our hearts that we might pray,**

**Asking our Lord to show the way.**

**Give us the strength to follow your will**

**Bid us your calling while we’re still.**

 **(Chorus)**

 **Silently now we wait for thee**

 **Ready our God your will to see**

 **Open our *hearts*, illumine us**

 **Spirit divine.**

**2. Open our minds to see your way,**

**Making our presence on this day.**

**And as we worship in this great church**

**Realizing this is where to search.**

 **(Chorus)**

 **Silently now we wait for thee**

 **Ready our God your will to see**

 **Open our *minds*, illumine us**

 **Spirit divine.**

**3. Open our lives and freely give**

**So that your loved ones freely live.**

**And as our gifts spread through all the Earth**

**May the receivers gain new birth.**

 **(Chorus)**

 **Silently now we wait for thee**

 **Ready our God your will to see**

 **Open our *lives*, illumine us**

 **Spirit divine.**

**Benediction** Sally Munro

**Hymnal 665 Go now in peace** (standing, sing as a canon with pulpit side first)  *Go in peace*

**Go now in peace, go now in peace,**

 **may the love of God surround you everywhere, everywhere you may go.**

**Today’s Services**

**The flowers on the altar** are given in loving memory of Andrew Smith by his father and mother, Allen and Becky, and his children, Amanda and Alex.

**The flowers in the chancel** are given by Marsha Roche in loving memory of her parents, Milton and Dorothy Lutes.

**Lay participants in today’s service include:** Louanne Baily, Cleon Cornes, Liz DiPietro, David Hughes, Kathy Karns, Bob Mallery, Scott Miller, Linda Minnotte, Sally Munro, Stacey Rosleck, Brad Laura, Emily and Evan Shoff, Rob Spicher, and Jim Young.

**Special music for the 10:45** service is provided by the Youth Choir and the Chancel Choir.

**Greeters 8:30** Bob Mallery  **10:45**  Andrea and Dick Sherwin

**Acolytes** Anastasia Sunder and Logan Walters

**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**

**Matthew 25: 31-40**

31“When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. 32All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, 33and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. 34Then the king will say to those at his right hand, ‘Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; 35for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, 36I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.’ 37Then the righteous will answer him, ‘Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? 38And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? 39And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?’ 40And the king will answer them, ‘Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.’

**Matthew 28:16-20**

16Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. 17When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. 18And Jesus came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. 19Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

**Keep in Prayer**

**Convalescing in Care Facilities**

Bonnie Amos, Providence Point

Bishop George Bashore, Asbury Heights

Ed Clarke, Asbury Place

Grace Gullborg, Providence Point

John Katshir, Asbury Heights

Pat Seitz, Concordia

Carol Van Sickle, Marian Manor

**Convalescing at Home**

Jean Boyer, Mary Caldwell,

Mark Cleveland, John Dean, Joseph Festor,

Leon Grant, Jr., Susan Lichtenfels,

George Lindow, Bill Merchant, Diane Shaw,

Jinny Sheppard, Betty Trout

**In the Military**

Jason Boyer, SPC Natalie Brown,

**Maj. Zachary Allen Finch, USMC,**James Iantelli, 1st Lt. Jaskiewicz,
S. Sgt. Keith Kimmell,

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

**Condolences**

Sympathy is offered to church members Susan Wesmiller and Sally Touscany at the passing of their father James Watters on October 11, 2018. Mr. Watters was 93 years old and a resident of Indiana, PA. Condolences can be sent to the family:

 Susan Wesmiller

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| There is still time to register for the conference: **Facing the Climate Crisis: Called to Save Our Sacred Home** (sponsored by PA Interfaith Power and Light). The conference is Saturday, October 27, 11 am - 4:45 pm at St. Paul’s Episcopal Church, 1066 Washington Rd. Mt. Lebanon.**The presentations include:****Embracing a Blue-Green Religious Vision**, by Dr. Charles McCollester, looks at Pittsburgh’s history through the voices of immigrants and workers and asks, “How can we build on our history to establish a vision of health and solidarity for generations yet to come?” **Listening for the Voice of the Earth**, by Rev. David Carlisle, in collaboration with Dr. Patty DeMarco, reflects on DeMarco’s Pathways to our Sustainable Future: A Global Perspective from Pittsburgh, with a focus on the Universal Declaration of the Rights of Mother Earth.**Choose From Six Workshops:****1. Asase Ye Duru: The Earth Has Weight**: LaKeisha Wolf & Frankie Harris of the Ujamaa Collective share cultural principles that guided Original (Black/Africana) people before systems of white supremacy. **2. Engaging Your Congregation in Work to Care for Creation**: Rev. John Creasy, with Rev. Noah Evans, will discuss care for the earth as congregational practice.**3. Finding Our Power—Community Conversations**: Kirsi Jansa will present short documentaries on climate change and local sustainability solutions.**4. International Aid, Pennsylvania Action and Witness**: Dr. Paul Nelson will discuss how international development aid programs address climate issues. **5. Petrochemicals, Pipelines, Pollutants, Plastics, and Pennsylvania**: Kari Pohl, CSJ, and Thaddeus Popovich will discuss the petrochemical industry’s presence in our communities. **6. Reconnecting with Our Sacred Landscape**: Dr. Ellesa High (Cherokee) speaks to “How do we ‘walk in beauty‘?”To register, please go to <http://paipl.org> and click on “registration”. The registration fee of $35 includes a vegetarian (non-gluten) lunch. Group registration (2 or more) is $30. Doors open for lunch and registration 11:00.  |

**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. To donate 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.

**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 are also posted to iTunes. Full recordings of the service are available upon request.

**CALENDAR – SUNDAY, OCTOBER 21 THRU SATURDAY, OCTOBER 27**

**SUNDAY 10/21**

 8:30 am Worship Sanner Chapel

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

 9:30 am & 12 pm Mixers’ Pancake Breakfast Asbury Center

 10:45 am Worship w/Kids Praise Sanctuary/ Welcome Center

 11:50 am Youth Choir Choir Room

 5 pm Youth Group Youth Room

 6:30 pm Eagle Board of Review Various

**MONDAY 10/22**

7 pmChapel Bells Rehearsal Bell Room

**TUESDAY 10/23**

 6 pm Terrific Tuesday Asbury Center

 6:30 pm Charge Conference Asbury Center

 7 pm Boy Scout Troop #23 Wesley Hall

 7 pm Boy Scout Board of Reviews Room 105

**WEDNESDAY 10/24**

 7 pm Bear, Tiger and Wolf Den Meetings Various

**THURSDAY 10/25**

 9 am Hearts and Hands Epworth

 6:30 pm Promise Bells Bells Room

 7:30 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal Choir Room