

**October 28, 2018 8:30 & 10:45**

**2018 Fall Worship Series** *Be Opened!*

Mark 7:35 tells the story of Christ’s healing of a man born deaf. As he placed his hands upon the man, Jesus exclaimed, “Be opened!” Throughout our fall worship series, we will hear the command of Jesus to open our lives to God’s transforming power thru our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service, and our witness, as a concrete expression of our thanksgiving to God.

**WE GATHER IN GOD’S NAME …**

**Gathering Music**

**Hymnal 436 The voice of God is calling** (seated) *Meirionydd*

**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**

**Call to Worship** (standing)

Pastor: Ascribe to the Lord, O heavenly beings,

**People: ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.**

Pastor: Ascribe to the Lord the glory of God's name,

**People: worship the Lord in holy array.**

Pastor: The voice of the Lord is upon the water.

**People: The God of glory thunders, the Lord upon many waters.**

Pastor: The voice of the Lord is powerful.

**People: The voice of God is full of majesty.**

**Let us praise the name of the Lord!** *Psalm 29*

**Introit** 10:45 *Uyai Mose* (Come, all you people) *Alexander Gondo, arr. Holland*

*Uyai mose, tina mate Mwari, utai mose zvino.*

Translation from Shona: Come all you people, come praise your Maker,

Come now and worship the Lord.

**… TO GIVE PRAISE TO GOD …**

**Hymnal 432 Jesu, Jesu** (standing) *Chereponi*

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

**O God, our Guide and Guardian,  
you have led us apart from the busy world into the quiet of your house.**

**Grant us grace to worship you in Spirit and in truth,  
to the comfort of our souls**

**and the upbuilding of every good purpose and holy desire.**

**Enable us to do more perfectly the work to which you have called us,  
that we may not fear the coming of night,  
when we shall resign into your hands  
 the tasks which you have committed to us.**

**So may we worship you not only with our lips at this hour,  
but in word and deed all the days of our lives;**

**through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.** *Karl Ludvig Reichelt*

**Silent Prayer**

**Worship & Prayer 3131 Hear my prayer, O God** (stanza 1, standing)*Hymn Chant*

**Hear my prayer, O God, and listen to my plea;**

**faithful, righteous One, give ear and answer me.**

**Judge me not, I pray; no merit dare I claim;**

**knowing my own faults, I trust in your just Name.**

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

**Anthem** 10:45 God is here with me *Christopher D. Hogan*

God is in my voice when I am singing, right here in my song.

God is here with me, Alleluia!

God is in my mind when I am praying, right here in my prayer.

God is here with me, Alleluia!

God is in my heart when I am sleeping, right here in my sleep.

God is here with me, Alleluia!

**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** 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 …**

Scripture Reading 8:30 Judi Phelps 10:45 Barbara Watson

A Lesson from the New Testament

1 Peter 2:4-10 Our identity as Christians

**Response**

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

**People: Thanks be to God**.

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

**Gospel Acclamation: Celtic Alleluia** (standing) *James Chepponis* **Alleluia** (repeat 6 times)

Scripture Reading

A Lesson from the Gospel

John 13:1-9 Christ sets the example of service

**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 Psalms, Hymns and Spiritual Songs *Susan Naylor Callaway*

Let your voice sound forth His praise, singing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs.

Let your anthems now be raised. With gratitude our praise we bring.

Teaching, preaching, touching, reaching. In faith defending the Good News unending.

Out of love for the Lord and in one accord, singing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs.

Sing a new song to the Lord! Every breath new praise affords!

Christ has caused the melody. The Spirit has given us harmony.

Now join us in singing joyfully, singing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs.

*(portions of text sung in Shona, the language of Zimbabwe)*

**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**

**Sermon** “Service with a Smile” Rev. Thomas Q. Strandburg

**… 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.**

**4. Open our hands to serve you, Lord,**

**Serving the church on your accord.**

**And while we work for those so in need,**

**Our faith in Christ will grow indeed.**

**(Chorus)**

**Silently now we wait for thee**

**Ready our God your will to see**

**Open our *hands*, illumine us**

**Spirit divine.**

**Benediction**

**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.**

***Our Fourth Vow – Service*** *Today, we add the fourth verse to the hymn, “Open Our Hearts.” This stanza emphasizes our membership vow to support the church with our service. Mt. Lebanon United Methodist Church offers over 100 ministries that afford our members a wide variety of opportunities to serve God. During this time of stewardship emphasis in the life of our church, are you being called by God to serve in some new way? As we sing this hymn, may we all be challenged to serve our Lord in the best way possible.*

**Today’s Services**

**The flowers on the altar** are given by Anne Hoffman in loving memory of her husband, Paul W. Hoffman.

**The flowers in the chancel** are given by Bernice and Bill Merchant in loving memory of their parents: Mary and Tom and Sally and Bill.

**Special Music at the 10:45 service** is provided by the Children’s Choir, co-directed by Courtney Heath and Kim Rhoton; and the Chancel Choir, with percussionists Richard Minnotte, Sophia Engel and Simon Farbman; and soloists Kathleen Whittaker and Kirby Dilworth.

**Greeters 8:30** Pete and Beth Santore  **10:45** Chuck and Brenda Vogel

**Acolytes** Anastasia Sunder andXavier 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.

**Today’s Scriptures**

**1 Peter 2:4-10**

4Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God’s sight, and 5like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. 6For it stands in scripture: “See, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious; and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.” 7To you then who believe, he is precious; but for those who do not believe, “The stone that the builders rejected has become the very head of the corner,” 8and “A stone that makes them stumble, and a rock that makes them fall.” They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do. 9But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God’s own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. 10Once you were not a people, but now you are God’s people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

**John 13:1-9**

Now before the festival of the Passover, Jesus knew that his hour had come to depart from this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end. 2The devil had already put it into the heart of Judas son of Simon Iscariot to betray him. And during supper 3Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going to God, 4got up from the table, took off his outer robe, and tied a towel around himself. 5Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples’ feet and to wipe them with the towel that was tied around him. 6He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, “Lord, are you going to wash my feet?” 7Jesus answered, “You do not know now what I am doing, but later you will understand.” 8Peter said to him, “You will never wash my feet.” Jesus answered, “Unless I wash you, you have no share with me.” 9Simon Peter said to him, “Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!”

**Keep in Prayer**

**Hospitalized**

Grace Gullborg, St. Clair

**Convalescing in Care Facilities**

Bonnie Amos, Providence Point

Bishop George Bashore, Asbury Heights

Ed Clarke, Asbury Place

John Katshir, Asbury Heights

Pat Seitz, Concordia

Carol Van Sickle, Marian Manor

Olivia Woods, Baptist Manor

**Convalescing at Home**

Jean Boyer, Mary Caldwell,

Mark Cleveland, John Dean, Joseph Festor,

Leon Grant, Jr., Susan Lichtenfels,

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

265 Vee Lynn Dr.

Pittsburgh, PA 15228

**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.

**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.

**CALENDAR – SUNDAY, OCTOBER 28 THRU SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 3**

**SUNDAY 10/28**

8:30 am Worship Sanner Chapel

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

10:45 am Worship Asbury Center

Kids Praise Welcome Center

11:50 am Youth Choir Choir Room

12 pm Youth Lunch & Simmons Farm Trip Asbury Center

**MONDAY 10/29**

7 pmChapel Bells Rehearsal Bell Room

**TUESDAY 10/30**

6 pm Terrific Tuesday Asbury Center

6:30 pm Begin Rummage Sale Set Up Various

**WEDNESDAY 10/31**

7:30 am Northside Lunch Program Prep Asbury Kitchen

9:30 am Rummage Sale Set Up All Day Various

**THURSDAY 11/1**

**8**:30 am Northside Lunch Program Asbury Kitchen

9:30 Rummage Sale Set Up All Day Various

6:30 pm Promise Bells Bells Room

7:30 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal Choir Room

**FRIDAY 11/2**

9:30 am-- Rummage Sale Set Up All Day Various

**SATURDAY 11/3**

8:30 am Rummage Sale Final Prep Various

9:00 am Rummage Sale

2:00 pm Rummage Sale Clean Up Crew Begins