

**February 17, 2019 8:30 & 10:45**

**6th Sunday after Epiphany**

*Taming Your Tongue*

The Letter of James says that the tongue cannot be tamed - that it's full of deadly poison.  Is that true?  Are we condemned by what we say?  While taming our tongues can be difficult, we must always remember that *"with God, all things are possible."*

**WE GATHER IN GOD’S NAME …**

**Gathering Music** 8:30 **Hymnal 453 More love to thee, O Christ** (seated) *More love to thee*10:45 Concerto in B-flat: Allegro; Largo; Allegro Moderato *Antonio Vivaldi*

 Stephen McGough and Adam Leasure, trumpet

**Greeting**

Leader: O magnify the Lord with me,

**People: and let us exalt God’s name together!** Psalm 34:3

**Announcements**

**Choral Introit**  10:45 Psalm 84 *Hart Morris*

 How lovely is Thy dwelling place, O Lord.

**Call to Worship**

Leader: Come, let us sing for joy to the LORD

**People: Let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation.**

Leader: Let us come before him with thanksgiving and extol him with music and song.

**People: We come here singing, our songs full of joy!**

Leader: Come, let us bow down in worship

 **People: Pour out your spirit on your sons and daughters.**

 **ALL: To God be all praise and glory forevermore!**

**… TO GIVE PRAISE TO GOD …**

**Hymnal 679 O splendor of God’s glory bright** (standing) *Wareham*

**Opening Prayer** (in unison)

**O God, who is greater than the most powerful forces in this world, enable us to be still and know that You are God. O Lord, who answers out of the whirlwind of everyday life, breathe in us Your Holy Spirit to strengthen, comfort, and guide us in the midst of the storm. O Father, who allows us to be present today, awaken us this hour to the glory of Your presence in our midst. O still, small voice, speak to us this hour, that we might become makers of Your peace in our homes, in our communities, and in our world. We pray all this in the name of Your Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

**Hymnal 71 Gloria Patri** (standing) *Greatorex*

**Silent Prayer**

**Worship & Song 3159 Let our earth be peaceful** (stanza 2, standing)*Raymond* **Let our ways be mindful, mending what is hurtful,**

 **doing what is needful for the love of God.**

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

**February Emphasis:** Financial Update & Presence Testimony 8:30/10:45 Rob Spicher

**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.**

 **Silently now we wait for thee**

 **Ready our God your will to see**

 **Open our minds, illumine us**

 **Spirit divine.**

**The Sign of Peace**

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

**Gathering Song**

 **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**  Mr. 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 the Sanctuary near the end of the service, and parents may meet them.

**… TO HEAR GOD’S WORD PROCLAIMED …**

Scripture Reading 8:30 Judi Phelps 10:45 JJ Knabb

**A Lesson from the Old Testament**

 Psalm 141:3-5 The connection between the mouth and the heart

**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:** **Festival Alleluia** (standing) *James Chepponis*

 **Alleluia** (repeat 6 times)

Scripture Reading

**A Lesson from the Gospel**

 Matthew 15:10-12, 15-20 Jesus teaches about true defilement

**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 from Cantata 207a:  *J. S. Bach, edited P. Steele*

 5. Ritornello

 9. Chorus: Praise Him, O praise the Lord most holy; bow before Him all ye people;

 bow before the Lord on high. Worthy art Thou to be praised,

 for Thou art the true and righteous Lord of all on heaven and earth.

 King of kings and God almighty, we do worship at Thy throne.

**Hymnal 219 What child is this** (stanza 3, standing) *Greensleeves*

**So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh, come, peasant, king, to own him;**

**the King of kings salvation brings, let loving hearts enthrone him.**

**This, this is Christ the King, whom shepherds guard and angels sing;**

**haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Mary.**

**Prayer of Dedication**

**Sermon** “Taming the tongue” *Scott Miller*

**… TO GO REJOICING IN GOD’S NAME!**

**Hymnal 463 Lord, speak to me** (stanzas 1-4, standing) *Canonbury*

**Benediction**

**Hymnal 463 Lord, speak to me** (stanza 5, standing) *Canonbury*

**Today’s Services**

**The flowers on the altar** are given in loving memory of Johnathan Heath College by John, Donna, and Shannon College and Lauren.

**The flowers in the chancel** are given by Pete, Beth, and Trevor Santore in loving memory of Marilyn Santore and Linda McKendry.

**Special music for the 10:45 service** is provided by the Chancel Choir conducted by Julia Scott with trumpeters Stephen McGough and Adam Leasure. The presence of the trumpeters is made possible through the many contributors to the Friends of Music Fund. The conductor, Julia Scott, often appears in this church as harpist.

**Our preacher for this morning’s services** is Mr. Scott Miller, Assistant to the Pastor. Scott is a certified candidate for ministry in the United Methodist Church, and has been approved for service as a licensed local pastor in the Pittsburgh District. Our church has requested that our bishop appoint Scott as our new Associate Pastor, on a part-time basis. We look forward to celebrating that achievement with him when it occurs. Welcome, Scott!

**This morning’s trumpeters** are members of the River City Brass Band. Adam Leasure also teaches 4th and 5th grade band in the North Allegheny School District. Stephen McGough is orchestra director for the Peters Township School District.

**Conductor** Julia Ann Scott, a new member of our Chancel Choir, has a Master’s Degree in harp performance with a minor in choral conducting from Indiana University, Bloomington.  She was a Fulbright Scholar to Ecuador, 1986.  Ms. Scott worked as substitute Harp with the Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra for over 20 years. She teaches harp at Grove City College, the Western PA Center for the Arts, and in her home studio in Greentree.

**Acolytes** Abigail and Rachael Nagel

**Greeters 8:30** Joeta D'Este **10:45** Frances Graham

**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 141:3-5**

3 Set a guard over my mouth, Lord; keep watch over the door of my lips.

4 Do not let my heart be drawn to what is evil so that I take part in wicked deeds along with those who are evildoers; do not let me eat their delicacies.

5 Let a righteous man strike me—that is a kindness; let him rebuke me—that is oil on my head. My head will not refuse it, for my prayer will still be against the deeds of evildoers.

**Matthew 15:10-12, 15-20**

**10**Jesus called the crowd to him and said, “Listen and understand.**11**What goes into someone’s mouth does not defile them, but what comes out of their mouth, that is what defiles them.”

**12**Then the disciples came to him and asked, “Do you know that the Pharisees were offended when they heard this?”

**15**Peter said, “Explain the parable to us.”

**16**“Are you still so dull?” Jesus asked them. **17**“Don’t you see that whatever enters the mouth goes into the stomach and then out of the body? **18**But the things that come out of a person’s mouth come from the heart, and these defile them. **19**For out of the heart come evil thoughts—murder, adultery, sexual immorality, theft, false testimony, slander. **20**These are what defile a person; but eating with unwashed hands does not defile them.”

Then Jesus said to Simon, ‘Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching people.’ 11When they had brought their boats to shore, they left everything and followed him.

**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. Beginning Feb. 1, the cost is $40 for the altar, narthex, or columbarium arrangements, and $80 for the chancel flowers.

**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.

**Keep in Prayer**

**Hospitalized**

George Lindow

**Convalescing in Care Facilities**

Bonnie Amos, Providence Point

Ed Clarke, Asbury Place

John Katshir, Asbury Heights

Pat Seitz, Concordia

Olivia Woods, Baptist Manor

**Convalescing at Home**

Bishop George Bashore, Jean Boyer,

Mary Caldwell, John Dean,

Joseph Festor, Leon Grant, Jr.,

Dave Lewis, Susan Lichtenfels,

George Lindow, Sara Mercer,

Diane Shaw, Jinny Sheppard,

Ruth Seip, Carol Van Sickle

**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

It is with sadness, that we would like to inform you that long time church member, Don Saxon, 97, of Mt. Lebanon, died peacefully on Tuesday, January 29, 2019.



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| Dear Pastors,The Northeastern Jurisdiction College of Bishops issued the following pastoral letter today. While I know that many of you and those in your congregations are praying regularly for the upcoming special session of the General Conference either on your own, through the Praying Our Way Forward initiative at [***UMCPrays***](https://wpa-email.brtapp.com/%21EGR3CHwB41O1j8xcLH19uPUTi9mM%2BGobZy6Bd8VovrHHJ3TDGmjNydtHq%2BAcXhqQ0) or through the [***40 Days of Prayer***](https://wpa-email.brtapp.com/%21w-GFrn3GW5ED4FHC2oqaoXXClQDp62o%2BNE6uOLI2q2fbquk3omGQFpUzxrUvICi2w) launched in our Western Pennsylvania Conference, I hope that you will consider this request to lift the special session in prayer during worship this coming Sunday.From the Bishops of the NEJ:We bid you grace and peace from the Lord Jesus Christ.During the Northeastern College of Bishops meeting, January 28th – 30th, we your Bishops prayed for the Church and in particular the clergy and laity of the Northeastern Jurisdiction of The United Methodist Church.As the Special Session of the General Conference in St. Louis, MO, February 23-26, 2019, is just days away, we invite each congregation and every member to join us in even deeper and more fervent prayer. We seek your prayers as the delegates receive and act upon the report from The Commission on a Way Forward and corresponding petitions. Along with the Apostle Paul, we pray that the “God of hope will fill you with all joy and peace in faith so that you overflow with hope in the power of the Holy Spirit.” (Romans 15:13 CEB).Please lift this session of holy conferencing in prayer in each of your churches this Sunday and throughout the week. On Saturday, February 23, the General Conference will dedicate the entire day to prayer. This will be available through live-streaming ([umc.org/live](https://wpa-email.brtapp.com/%21HaRUvAooYbRuiyEHa7KQd6YBjWDO7mMTX3uPnvKKhrUnVgUK4dIkeOO1gqPFbXf%2BM)) and we invite as many as possible to pray along with the Conference delegates, Bishops and attendees.We are confident that God will work all things together for good as God’s people are faithful in prayer and obedient to the leading of the Holy Spirit. As John Wesley said, “Best of all, God is with us.” |
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**CALENDAR – SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 17 THRU SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 23**

**SUNDAY 2/17**

8:30 am Worship Sanner Chapel

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

 10:45 am Worship Sanctuary

 11:50 am Youth Choir Rehearsal Choir Room

 5 pm Youth Group Asbury

 6:30 pm BSA Eagle Board of Reviews Various

**MONDAY 2/18**

 8 am Weekday Ministries Staff Training Wesley

 7 pm Chapel Bells Rehearsal Bell Room

 7:30 pm Community Outreach Meeting Wesley

**TUESDAY 2/19**

11 am Program Staff Meeting Pastor’s Office

6 pm Terrific Tuesday Asbury

 7 pm Boy Scout Meeting Wesley Hall

**WEDNESDAY 2/20**

 7 pm Trustees Meeting Welcome Center

 7 pm Cub Scout Pack Meeting Wesley

**THURSDAY 2/21**

6:30 pm Promise Bells Rehearsal Bell Room

 7:30 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal Choir Room