

Luke’s gospel presents us with what might be an unfamiliar version of the Lord’s Prayer and several short stories – waking a friend a midnight, and a child asking her father for a fish or an egg. In each story, the friend or father gives what is requested, and sometimes more. We see both the generosity of the giver and persistence of the asker in each story. “How much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask” (Luke 11:13).

**July 28, 2019 8:30 & 10:45**

**WE GATHER IN GOD’S NAME …**

\*Asterisk indicates to stand as able

8:30 **Gathering Music** **Hymnal 405 Seek ye first** *Seek ye*

**Greeting**

 **Leader: We come to this place to find the One who has been looking for us.
 People: We come knocking in this place of openness.**
 **All: Let us ask and seek and knock together!**

**Announcements**

**\*Call to Worship**

Leader: We are here,

**People: in the name of Christ Jesus.**

Leader: So ask right now,

**People**: **and it shall be given to you.**

Leader: Seek right now,

**People: and you will find.**

Leader: Knock right now,

**People: and the door will be opened.**

 **… TO GIVE PRAISE TO GOD …**

\***Hymnal 680 Father, we praise thee**  *Christe sanctorum*

**\*Opening Prayer** (in unison)

**Holy God,**

 **we come asking for more of your Spirit in our lives,**

 **we come seeking a clearer understanding of your will,**

 **we come knocking for doors of opportunity to open,**

 **we come, knowing that you are always more ready to give than we are to receive;**

**Through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.**

**\*Silent Prayer**

**\*Hymnal 543 O Breath of Life** (stanza 3)  *Bishop Powell*

**O Breath of Love, come, breathe within us,**

 **renewing thought and will and heart.**

 **Come, love of Christ, afresh to win us;**

 **revive your church in every part.**

 **TO CELEBRATE THE FAMILY OF FAITH …**

**\*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**

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 near the end of the service.

**Hymnal 390 Forgive our sins as we forgive** *Detroit*

**… TO HEAR GOD’S WORD PROCLAIMED …**

Scripture Reading 8:30 Betsy Harkins 10:45 Chuck Vogel

**A Lesson from the New Testament**

 Colossians 2:6-15

**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.**

\***Celtic Alleluia** (standing) *Fintan O’Carroll*

**Alleluia.** (sing 4 times)

\*Scripture Reading

**\*A Lesson from the Gospel**

 Luke 11:1-13

**\*Response**

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God**.

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

10:45 **Offertory Anthem** *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….

\***Hymnal** **94 Praise God, from whom all blessings flow** (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!**

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**Prayer of Dedication**

**Sermon** “Knocking on Doors” Rev. Kimberly Greway

 **… TO GO REJOICING IN GOD’S NAME!**

\***Hymnal 399 Take my life, and let it be** (stanzas 1-2) *Messiah*

\***Benediction**

\***Hymnal 399 Take my life, and let it be** (stanza 3) *Messiah*

**Today’s Services**

**The flower arrangement provided for worship today** is given in loving memory of Bill Ward.

**Greeters 8:30** Marsha Manke **10:45** Bob and Chris James

**Special music for the 10:45 service** is provided by the Chancel Choir, conducted by Julia Scott, a member of the choir and a professional harpist who teaches in the area and at Grove City College. Playing drums is church member Richard Minnotte who is Director of Percussion Studies at the Mt. Lebanon High School.

**Rev. Kimberly Greway**, formerly our Associate Pastor from 2006-2010, is the Director of Chaplaincy Services at the Allegheny County Jail and Chief Operating Officer of the Foundation of HOPE which serves inmates and ex-offenders in Allegheny County.

**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.

**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 $33 for the altar, narthex, or columbarium arrangements, and $66 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.

**Today’s Scriptures**

**Colossians 2:6-15**

6As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, continue to live your lives in him, 7rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving. 8See to it that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the universe, and not according to Christ. 9For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, 10and you have come to fullness in him, who is the head of every ruler and authority. 11In him also you were circumcised with a spiritual circumcision, by putting off the body of the flesh in the circumcision of Christ; 12when you were buried with him in baptism, you were also raised with him through faith in the power of God, who raised him from the dead.

13And when you were dead in trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive together with him, when he forgave us all our trespasses, 14erasing the record that stood against us with its legal demands. He set this aside, nailing it to the cross. 15He disarmed the rulers and authorities and made a public example of them, triumphing over them in it.

**Luke 11:1-13**

11He was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, “Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples.” 2He said to them, “When you pray, say: Father, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come. 3Give us each day our daily bread. 4And forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us. And do not bring us to the time of trial.” 5And he said to them, “Suppose one of you has a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say to him, ‘Friend, lend me three loaves of bread; 6for a friend of mine has arrived, and I have nothing to set before him.’ 7And he answers from within, ‘Do not bother me; the door has already been locked, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything.’ 8I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, at least because of his persistence he will get up and give him whatever he needs. 9“So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. 10For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. 11Is there anyone among you who, if your child asks for a fish, will give a snake instead of a fish? 12Or if the child asks for an egg, will give a scorpion? 13If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!”



**SUMMER SERMON SERIES**

 **August 4th Galatians 1 “No Other Gospel”**

 **August 11th Galatians 2 “It is No Longer I”**

 **August 18th Galatians 3 “Out of Many, One”**

 **August 25th Galatians 4 “Born of the Spirit”**

 **Sept. 1st Galatians 5 “The Only Thing That Counts”**

 **Sept. 8th Galatians 6 “Everything!”**

***Join us in worship or through the online podcast each week!***



MLUMC is hosting Family Promise from August 4 through 11. We need evening hosts for Sun. 8/4, Mon. 8/5 and Sat. 8/10. Volunteers need to be at the church from about 6:30 pm until the overnight host comes in between 8 and 9 pm. Also we need an overnight host for Sun. 8/4 and a dinner prep person(s) for Sat. 8/10.

Family Promise, our church's ministry to help temporarily homeless families, is dependent on volunteer help. Evening Host, in particular, is usually just a very pleasant few hours spent with some nice people. Funds are available to cover the cost of providing dinner for our guests. To volunteer, or for more information, call Mike Naragon at 412-563-1499 or Kathy Tremblay, 412-302-2812. Thank you.

**Looking for a 3 Bedroom Rental House for a Family Promise Family**

Shawnna and her 2 children are with us at Family Promise because of an irresponsible landlord (no hot water most of the winter, mold in the house that he wouldn't address, a rat infestation, just to site a few things).

Shawnna works full time and the kids are honor roll, sports playing teenagers.  This is a really nice family, headed by a mom who is working hard to make sure her kids have a better life. Since the kids have earned scholarships to private schools, there are no specific geographic restrictions; however, somewhere in the city or the nearby suburbs would be preferred. Shawnna can afford a monthly rent of $1,000 plus utilities.

Please pass this email on to anyone who may be able to help, and respond to me with info to pass on to Shawnna. Thanks so much for your help!

 Laura Vincenti, Executive Director

 Family Promise Southwestern PA

 admin@familypromiseswpa.org



Since 1952, Light of Life Rescue Mission has been a safe refuge for homeless and hurting people in the Pittsburgh area.  The organization currently has several job positions available.

Light of Life offers excellent benefits for full-time staff.  Interested applicants are invited to view the openings and apply at: <https://lightoflife.isolvedhire.com/jobs/>

**Keep in Prayer**

**Convalescing in Care Facilities**

Bonnie Amos, Providence Point

Ed Clarke, Asbury Heights

Isabella (Langston) Field, St. Alphonsus Medical Center, Boise

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, Carol Van Sickle,

Jinny Sheppard, Ruth Seip, Arlene Stewart

**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

**CALENDAR – SUNDAY, JULY 28 THRU SATURDAY, AUGUST 3**

**VBS MONDAY, JULY 29 – FRIDAY, AUGUST 2**

**SUNDAY 7/28**

 8:30 am Worship Sanner Chapel

 9:30 am Faith for Today Asbury Center

 10:45 am Worship Asbury Center

 10:45 am Kids Praise Welcome Center

 7 pm Troop 23 Leadership Meeting Wesley

**TUESDAY 7/23**

7 pm Boy Scout Meeting Wesley

**THURSDAY 8/1**

 8:30 am Northside Lunch Prep Asbury Kitchen

 9 am Hearts and Hands Epworth

 12 pm TNT Asbury Heights