

**18th Sunday After Pentecost**

We welcome Pittsburgh District Superintendent Dawn Hand back to our church this morning! She will be preaching at the 10:45 a.m. service, and leading our Unity Conversation afterward. At 8:30 a.m., Pastor Tom will preach on the Parable of the Good Samaritan in Luke 17, which was prompted by the question that was asked of Jesus, “Who is our neighbor?”

**October 13, 2019 8:30 & 10:45**

**WE GATHER IN GOD’S NAME …**

\*Asterisk indicates to rise in body or spirit

**Gathering Music** 8:30 **Hymnal 674 See the morning sun ascending** *Unser Herrscher*

 10:45 **Festive Praise** *Susan E. Geschke*

Promise Bells

**Greeting**

Leader: I was glad when they said unto me,

**People: Let us go into the house of the Lord!**

*Psalm 122:1*

**Announcements**

**\*Call to Worship**

Pastor: You are the salt of the earth.

**People: May we season the world with faithfulness, O God.**

Pastor: You are the light of the world.

**People: May your love shine through us, O Christ our Savior.**

Pastor: You are a city built on a hill.

**People: May your vigor make us bold witnesses, O Spirit of the living God.**

*Worship & Song*

**… TO GIVE PRAISE TO GOD …**

\***Hymnal 66 Praise, my soul, the King of heaven**  *Lauda anima*

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

**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 & Song 3146 O Breath of Life** (stanza 3) *Adieu*

**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:

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**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 to the sanctuary near the end of the service.

8:30 **Hymnal 263 When Jesus the healer** (stanzas 1, 5-7)*Healer*

10:45 **Handbell Anthem: Glorious things of Thee are spoken** Haydn, arr. D. Linda McKechnie

 Chapel Bells

**… TO HEAR GOD’S WORD PROCLAIMED …**

Scripture Reading 8:30 Betsy Harkins 10:45 Linda Minnotte

**A Lesson from the New Testament**

 10:45 Romans 15: 4-7; 13 A Spirit of Unity and Hope

**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: Alleluia.** (sing 4 times) *James J. Chepponis*

**Scripture Reading**

**\*A Lesson from the Gospel**

 Luke 17:11-19 Parable of the Good Samaritan

**Response**

 Leader: The Word of the Lord.

 **People: Thanks be to God**.

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

8:30 **Offertory solo** Elijah: If with all your hearts *Felix Mendelssohn*

10:45 **Offertory anthem**  *Chaz Bowers*

 1. O breathe on me, O Breath of God, fill me with life anew,

 that I may love the things you love and do what you would do.

 2. O breathe on me, O Breath of God, until my heart is pure in you;

 until my will is one with yours, to do and to endure.

 3. O breathe on me, O Breath of God, my will to yours incline,

 until this selfish part of me glows with your fire divine.

 4. O breathe on me, O Breath of God, so I shall never die, but live,

 but live with you the perfect life for all eternity. Amen.

\***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** 8:30 “Who is my Neighbor?” Rev. Thomas Q. Strandburg, Pastor

 10:45 “Have Hope” Rev. Dawn M. Hand, Superintendent

 **TO GO REJOICING IN GOD’S NAME!**

\***Hymnal 265 When Christ, the healer** (stanzas 1-4) *Erhalt Uns Herr*

\***Benediction**

\***Hymnal 265 When Christ, the healer** (stanza 5) *Erhalt Uns Herr*

**Today’s Services**

**The flowers on the altar** are given by Rob and Jane Spicher in celebration of their 5th wedding anniversary.

**The flowers in the chancel** are given in loving memory of Neil Birks.

**The flowers in the narthex** are given by Michael Alexander to his wife Dovey in celebration of their wedding anniversary today.

**Acolytes** Xavier Sanchez and Vivienne Volek

**Greeters** 8:30 Fran Travis 10:45Jane Casey

**Special Music at 8:30** is provided by tenor Robert Richards, a member of the Chancel Choir.

**Special music at 10:45** is provided by the Chancel Choir conducted by Richard Minnotte. Chaz Bowers, the composer of the offertory anthem, is Director of Music at our neighboring St. Bernard’s Church. Handbell music is provided by the Promise Bells and the Chapel Bells, directed by Nancy R. Lutz.

**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.

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

**Today’s Scripture**

**Romans 15: 4-7; 13**

4For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope.

5May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, 6so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

7Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God.

13May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

**Luke 17:11-19**

11On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. 12As he entered a village, ten lepers approached him. Keeping their distance, 13they called out, saying, “Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!” 14When he saw them, he said to them, “Go and show yourselves to the priests.” And as they went, they were made clean. 15Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. 16He prostrated himself at Jesus’ feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. 17Then Jesus asked, “Were not ten made clean? But the other nine, where are they? 18Was none of them found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?” 19Then he said to him, “Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well.”

 **Keep in Prayer**

**Convalescing in Care Facilities**

Bonnie Amos, Providence Point

Ed Clarke, Asbury Heights

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

Steve Howard, Loma Linda University Hospital, Loma Linda, CA

John Katshir, Asbury Heights

Pat Seitz, Concordia

Doris Trimble, Providence Point

Olivia Woods, Baptist Manor

Ezra Gibson, Memorial Sloan-Kettering

 Cancer Center, New York City

**Convalescing at Home**

Bishop George Bashore,

Jean Boyer, Mary Caldwell,

John Dean, Joseph Festor,

Leon Grant, Jr., Dave Lewis,

Susan Lichtenfels, George Lindow,

Bob Mallery, Carol Van Sickle,

Jinny Sheppard, Arlene Stewart

**In the Military**

Matt Lewis, USMC,

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

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**CALENDAR – SUNDAY, OCTOBER 13 THRU SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19**

**SUNDAY 10/13**

 8:30 am Worship Sanner Chapel

 9:30 am Sunday School Various

 10:45 am Worship Sanctuary

 10:45 am Kids Praise Welcome Center

 11:45 am Youth Choir Choir Room

 12 pm Unity Conversation Asbury

 5 pm Youth Group Wesley

**MONDAY 10/14**

 8 am Zwickau Team Wesley

 7 pm Chapel Bells Bell Room

**TUESDAY 10/15**

8 am Zwickau Team Wesley

 6 pm Terrific Tuesday Asbury

 7 pm Boy Scout Meeting Wesley

**WEDNESDAY 10/16**

 7 pm Trustees Meeting Welcome Center

 7 pm Cub Scout Pack Meeting Wesley

**THURSDAY 10/17**

 6:30 pm Promise Bells Bell Room

 7:30 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal Choir Room

**SATURDAY 10/19**

 4 pm Community Fall Festival Upper Lot