

Mt. Lebanon United Methodist Church



Sharing the Love of Christ

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February 6, 2022

8:30 & 10:45

Fifth Sunday After the Epiphany Holy Communion

There's only one requirement for discipleship: a willingness to answer God's call. You don't have to be smart, strong, healthy, or even particularly religious. All you need to do is listen when God calls and say: "Here am I, send me."

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME ...

*Asterisk indicates to stand as able

Prelude

Adoration

Florence B. Price (1887-1953)

Announcements

*Call to Worship

Leader: Come now into God's presence.

People: We call upon God.

Leader: Let us lift our voices in song.

People: We listen for God.

Leader: Let us open our hearts to God.

People: We sense God's spirit moving now here with us.

... TO GIVE PRAISE TO GOD ...

*Opening Hymn

"All who love and serve your city"

UMH433

***Opening Prayer (in unison)**

Holy God, weave praise into the fabric of our days so our lives become a blessing to others.
Weave peace into our words and deeds so hatred and anger are disarmed.
Weave love into our work so accomplishments are imbued with humility.
Weave kindness into our actions so the world becomes a joyous place to live.
Weave hope into every encounter so we may testify to God's continuing resurrection.
Weave songs into our worship so our morning might echo in praise to God. Amen.

***Silent Prayer**

Response

"Whom shall I send?"

UMH582

A Lesson for Young Disciples (10:45)

All children are invited to come forward at the invitation of the pastor. After the children's message at the 10:45 service, children ages 3 - 3rd grade may attend Kids Praise. Children will be escorted to and from Kids Praise by teachers. They will return to the sanctuary near the end of the service. The congregation will sing, as the children depart:

*Tell me the stories of Jesus I love to hear; Things I would ask him to tell me if he were here:
Scenes by the wayside, tales of the sea, Stories of Jesus, tell them to me. (UMH#277, stanza 1)*

... TO HEAR GOD'S WORD PROCLAIMED ...

Scripture Reading

A Lesson from the New Testament

1 Corinthians 15:1-11

The Apostle's Message

Response

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

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. 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.

Sermon

"Who You Gonna Call?"

Rev. Thomas Q. Strandburg

... TO OFFER OUR GIFTS AND TO DEDICATE OUR LIVES ...

At the Offertory

8:30

“O master, let me walk with thee”

UMH 430

10:45

“How happy are thy servants, Lord” from *Wesley Songs* Glenn Rudolph
Kirby Dilworth, soloist

*Doxology

“Praise God, from whom all blessings flow”

UMH94

Sacrament of Holy Communion

The Great Thanksgiving

Pastor: God is with us!

People: We are not alone!

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to God.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The Pastor continues in prayer, and concludes: “Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory is yours, almighty God, now and forever.”

People: Amen.

Giving the Bread and Cup

At the direction of the ushers, all may come to the communion rail to receive the sacrament. If you would prefer to remain in your seat, please notify an usher, and the elements will be served to you there.

Prayer Following Communion (in unison)

Pastor: God of hope, in bread and wine, you have restored us to relationship with you. Show us how to be a people that live your reconciling love in the world, so that we may recognize your presence in those we meet, and our hearts like those first disciples may burn within us upon the road.

People: Lord Jesus Christ,

You are the Word for us to speak;

You are the Truth for us to tell;

You are the Light for us to light in the darkness. You are the Bread of Life for us to share.

Pastor: Now all of us must go out into the world and live God's love there. Look for Jesus in the oppressed and burdened. Look for Jesus in those who have lost hope. Look for him among the poor in heart, among the merciful, among the peacemakers, among the persecuted for the sake of right, and along the margins of this world.

ALL: AMEN.

... TO GO REJOICING IN GOD'S NAME!

*Closing Hymn

"The Voice of God is Calling"

UMH436

*Benediction (responsively)

Leader: Remember the Good News that we have received and proclaimed this day—the Good News in which we stand and through which we are being saved.

People: We will remember and hold tightly to the truth we proclaim with joy!

Leader: Christ died for our sins, just as the scriptures said that he would.

People: But the story doesn't end in death. Christ was raised on the third day, just as it was promised!

Leader: We are witnesses to this Good News, and God commands that we do not keep this news to ourselves.

People: We will testify to all that Christ is Lord!

*Postlude *Toccata in F* (BuxWV157)

Dietrich Buxtehude (1637-1707)

Today's Services

The flowers on the altar are given by Holly, Ken, Christian, and Andy Schultz in loving memory of John F. Nigon, Holly's father.

Acolytes Addison and Agnes Alexander

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

Podcasts of Sunday Sermons Catch up on messages from MLUMC. Pastor Tom Strandburg and Pastor Scott Miller contribute podcasts of Sunday sermons on a rotating basis. Sermons can be found at <http://mlumc.buzzsprout.com> or navigate to the site from the link on our webpage, www.mlumc.org. Sermons also will be posted to iTunes. Full recordings of the service are available upon request.

Today's Scriptures

1 Corinthians 15:1-11

15Now I would remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, ²through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you—unless you have come to believe in vain. ³For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, ⁴and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, ⁵and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. ⁶Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. ⁷Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. ⁸Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. ⁹For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. ¹⁰But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me has not been in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them—though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. ¹¹Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe.

COVID-19 Precautions at MLUMC

Based on CDC recommendations and Allegheny County reaching substantial community transmission levels, we encourage everyone, regardless of vaccination status to wear a mask when gathering inside the church building.

We are grateful for the ability to worship together both in person on Sunday morning and online. We encourage you to continue to participate in worship in whatever way you feel comfortable. You are a part of the MLUMC community regardless of where or how you attend. Stay connected via the web site, www.mlumc.org for the most up to date information

Pastor Tom Strandburg

Keep in Prayer

Convalescing in Care Facilities

Carolyn Dagg, Baptist Home
May Frederick, Baptist Home
Anne Hoffman, Friendship Village
Dorothy King
George Lindow, Friendship Village
Ed Reichard, Providence Point

Convalescing at Home

Shirley Baker, Bishop George Bashore,
Jean Boyer, Susan Lichtenfels,
Carol Van Sickle

In the Military

Jason Boyer, SPC Natalie Brown,
PFC William Dilla III
Maj. Zachary Allen Finch, USMC,
James Iantelli, 1st Lt. Jaskiewicz
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James Iantelli, 1st Lt. Jaskiewicz,
S. Sgt. Keith Kimmell, Sgt. Brendan
Lamport, Matt Lewis, USMC,
Sgt. Matthew McConahan, Thomas Orda,
David Poncel, Sgt. Steven Reitz,
LTC Scott B. Rushe,
Pvt. Max Siergert, USMC
Pastor Rick Townes, Maj. Azizi Wesmiller,
Maj. Matthew C. Wesmiller,
Sgt. Keith Scott Winkowski,
Sgt Michael Zimmerman



Youth Mission Trip Fundraiser The youth are having their annual "Souper Bowl" lunch to support their summer mission trip. Instead of our usual luncheon, we will be serving the soup to-go. Available flavors are chili, roasted butternut squash soup, and chicken noodle soup. The soup is sold by the quart and comes with a choice of oyster crackers or corn bread muffins.

Free-will donations are accepted for each quart. The soup will be available from 8:30 am until 12 noon on Sunday, February 13th at the church. Preorders are required and accepted until Friday, February 11th. Order by contacting Stephanie Lowe at youth@mlumc.org or 412-584-5446.

A Presentation and Discussion on Diversity, Equity & Inclusion

Building the Beloved Community: How Everyone Can Play Their Part will be presented by educator, writer, and facilitator for equity and racial justice, Dr. Ali Michael. The Mt. Lebanon community-sponsored discussion is on Sunday, February 20, at 6:30 pm in the auditorium of Mt. Lebanon High School. The entire community is invited and encouraged to participate.

UMW cookie sale was a big success – thanks to all of you!



Thank you to everyone who baked, boxed, and bought Christmas cookies at the annual UMW cookie sale!

Your generosity resulted in a profit of over \$1,000, which will be given to the local and global organizations that help women, children, and youth, including places like Family Promise, the Ruth M. Smith Center in Sheffield, Pa., Red Bird Mission and the Henderson Settlement in Kentucky, and our district UMW.

We encourage you to learn more about these organizations by visiting their websites where you'll see all the good work they're doing in these challenging times. Stay tuned for more opportunities to help support the UMW's mission of giving this spring and beyond!

Note to Our Livestreaming Viewers

If you are reading this bulletin and announcements while or after viewing the 10:45 service online, please consider sending the church an email telling us what you think of our livestreaming service. For you, how does it compare to attending a service in-person? Were you satisfied with what you saw and heard? What improvements would you like to see?

Send your comments to info@mlumc.org. Thank You!

CALENDAR – SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 6 THRU SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 12

SUNDAY 2/6

8:30 am	Worship	Sanner Chapel
8:30 am	The Gathering	Asbury
9:30 am	Sunday School	Various
10:45 am	Worship	Sanctuary
6:00 pm	Youth	Wesley

MONDAY 2/7

7:00 pm	Church Council Meeting	Zoom
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TUESDAY 2/8

10:00 am	WDM Chapel	Sanner Chapel
7:00 pm	Troop 23 Meeting	Wesley
7:00 pm	Troop 9023 Meeting	Network

WEDNESDAY 2/9

2:00 pm	Women's Bible Study	Zoom
7:00 pm	Finance Meeting	Zoom
7:00 pm	Bear, Lion, Tiger, & Wolf Meetings	Various

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