

WELCOME TO
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Pastor

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Organist

July 24, 2022

9:30 a.m.

**those who are able may stand*

“Compassion”

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Lighting of the Altar Candles

Call to Worship

One: We gather to rejoice in the Holy One.

All: Revive us, O God, make us alive in Christ!

One: We assemble as people called to community by and with the Redeemer.

All: Restore us, O God, make us alive in Christ!

One: We come open to the possibilities made new by the Creator.

All: Revive us, O God, make us alive in Christ!

Prayer of Invocation (unison)

Compassionate One, your love sustains us, molds us, and empowers us. May we dwell in that love as you dwell in us—faithfully, joyfully, and abundantly. Renew us as your people grounded in you and flourishing with you. Amen.

*Opening Hymn: “Revive Us Again” (all verses)

p.434

Prayer Transformation and New Life

One: Just God, we sense your anger at the injustice that thrives in the world. We share your grief at the discord that rages among your children, the rejection of those who bear your image, and the oppression of those you know by name.

All: We turn toward you for strength and guidance to turn away from the norms of this world, the lure of self-righteousness, and the appeal of comfort over justice. Embolden us to believe that another world is possible and empower us to participate in its creation. Amen.

Words of Grace

The One who is holy and righteous makes us holy and righteous. We are participants, heirs, and co-creators of new life found in the redemptive love of Jesus Christ and in the realm of the Holy One which has no end. In this, grace abounds and liberates us to new mornings, new mercies, and new life.

*Hymn: "Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart" (vs. 1, 2, 5) p.169

Scripture Reading: Colossians 2:6-19

6 As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, continue to walk in him, **7** rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving. **8** Watch out that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental principles of the world, and not according to Christ. **9** For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, **10** and you have come to fullness in him, who is the head of every ruler and authority. **11** In him also you were circumcised with a spiritual circumcision, by the removal of the body of the flesh in the circumcision of Christ; **12** when 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. **13** And 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, **14** erasing the record that stood against us with its legal demands. He set this aside, nailing it to the cross. **15** He disarmed the rulers and authorities and made a public example of them, triumphing over them in it. **16** Therefore, do not let anyone condemn you in matters of food or drink or of observing festivals, new moons, or Sabbaths. **17** These are only a shadow of what is to come, but the body belongs to Christ. **18** Do not let anyone disqualify you, insisting on self-abasement and worship of angels, initiatory visions, puffed up without cause by a human way of thinking, **19** and not holding fast to the head, from whom the whole body, nourished and held together by its ligaments and tendons, grows with a growth that is from God.

Luke 11:1-13

11 He 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."
2 So he said to them, "When you pray, say: Father, may your name be revered as holy. May your kingdom come. **3** Give us each day our daily bread. **4** And forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us. And do not bring us to the time of trial."

Perseverance in Prayer - 5 And 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, **6** for a friend of mine has arrived, and I have nothing to set before him.' **7** And 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.’ **8** I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him anything out of friendship, 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 to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. **10** For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. **11** Is there anyone among you who, if your child asked for a fish, would give a snake instead of a fish? **12** Or if the child asked for an egg, would give a scorpion? **13** If 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!”

Reflection – The Rev. Denise Dorman Fry

Special Music

*The 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.

*Invitation to Generosity

Compassion stirs us to generous action and hopeful giving. We share the abundance of our resources and spread the gifts we have received for the good of the world and the work of the kingdom.

*Presentation of the Offerings...The Doxology

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

*Prayer of Dedication and Thanksgiving (unison)

God our Companion, receive these gifts as seeds to be nurtured and grown into new abundance, more possibilities, and magnifying gifts for your kingdom on earth.

*Closing Hymn: “God Be with You” (both verses) p.232

*Benediction

Let us go, revived, as ambassadors of compassion in the world, showing the glory of God, embodying the peace of God, and living the hope of God. Amen.

*Extinguishing of the Candles

*Postlude

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TODAY'S BULLETINS are in memory of loved ones given by Bob and Annie Souder.
TODAY'S LITURGIST is Jane Bedell.
TODAY'S GREETER is Ruth Stansfield.

RESTROOMS ARE AVAILABLE on the main floor of the Church and downstairs.
Bulletin MAGNIFIER SHEETS can be found on the sound system.

Mask Wearing - Consistory has agreed that individuals can make their own decision as to the wearing of masks during church services. If you find yourself testing positive for COVID, **please contact the church office** so we can alert others who may have been in contact with you during time spent at church. Thank you.

We thank Rev. Denise Fry for leading worship with us today. Peace be with you!

Pastor Lori will be on vacation from Sunday, July 24, 2022 till Friday, August 5, 2022. If you need Pastoral Care during this time, please call the office at 610-966-3601 (if urgent, do not leave messages after 3:00 p.m. Monday through Thursday, or anytime Friday, Saturday and Sunday, this phone will not be monitored from Thursday afternoon through Monday morning). If you have an urgent need during those times please call Kathy Latshaw at 610-754-7701. Thank you for giving me this time away. – Pastor Lori

"The Sunday Brunchers" will meet after Worship today at The Mercantile Club, 427 Railroad Street, Emmaus.

Want to share a **gift or talent** during worship this summer while our choir gets a break? Please speak with Pastor Lori 610-393-3522 or Carolyn Rhoads 610-737-0904. Sing, play an instrument, dance, read poetry, tell a story...Know a child who might like to share their talent in front of our congregation? - anything that gives thanks to God!

Membership and Evangelism Upcoming Fellowship Events: **"Tootsie"** at State Theatre in Easton on Thursday, November 3, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. **"At the Stroke of Midnight"** (Christmas Show) at Pines Dinner Theatre in Allentown on Saturday, December 17, 2022 at 6:30 p.m. A La Carte dinner available at menu cost (not included in ticket price). **"Rhythm of the Dance"** (Irish Dance and Music) at State Theatre in Easton on Friday, March 10, 2023 at 8:00 p.m. Please contact Linda or Mark Weaver by July 31st for more information and to RSVP. Linda, 215-679-7599, catofpa@ptd.net or Mark, 267-374-4623, weavermj@ptd.net.

There will be an **Auction** at Upper Milford Fire House on July 27, beginning around 4 p.m. and will include some of the contents of Darlene and Bob Schmeltzle's house. The house has been sold to one of their grandsons.

The Windows Committee is planning another Matching Gift Challenge in the fall to benefit Phase 3 of the restoration. Anonymous "challengers" are needed to make this a success. Please see or call Beth Massa (610-554-6368) or Ruth Stansfield (267-313-4348) to participate or for more information. Also, have you seen the three beautiful **hand-made quilts** that are on display in the upper social hall? They are available for purchase on a first come, first served basis. Prices range from \$300 to \$500 and all proceeds will benefit the windows restoration. See Beth or Ruth for more details.

We are looking for **Mentors for the Confirmation Program** which will begin in September 2022. Mentors need to be members of the church who are willing to give their time to a student one Sunday a month after worship until 2 p.m. October 2022 to September 2023. Dates will be provided and negotiated. This includes lunch. The mentor may NOT be a family member of the student. This is a very rewarding experience as you deepen your faith and share with a student who is shaping their own faith. All materials provided. No experience necessary. You bring yourself to this program and the Lord provides the rest. Speak with Pastor Lori if you are interested. Thanks!

Would any of our members care to help with revisions for the "**Facilities Use Guidelines**". If this is something you would be interested in helping with, please contact Pastor Lori or a consistory member. Thank you in advance.

FUN Group is collecting back-to-school supplies. Please bring your contribution to Church by **Sunday, August 7**. The supplies will be distributed through the Angel Network of East Penn School District to elementary through high school students and the Zionsville Area Food Pantry. **Look for the collection bin outside Pastor's Office.** For a list of supplies needed, please check your July Newsletter.

Brunch and Learn Session - Sunday, August 14 join us in the lower level social hall after Worship for a Brunch and Learn session with a Missionary to the Philippines! She is home on furlough and will be sharing with us her work abroad. We will start around **10:30 a.m.** with food - we'll have brunch items for you and then Jess Noll will speak to us while we are nibbling. Bring your questions for her. This is a great time for us to fellowship and learn in our air conditioned lower social hall.

Sunday August 21 we will have a stand at the **Vera Cruz Homecoming!** Can anyone lend a hand by giving an hour to hang out at our booth and oversee the coin toss game? We will be providing the coins and those whose coin lands in a dish, gets to keep the dish! 12 noon to 8 p.m. at Mystic Chain Park. Food, vendors, activities, music, cake walk, family fun!

The Lehigh Valley Old Time Jammers will meet in the Upper Milford Mennonite Church Sunday School area (1st floor) on the 1st & 3rd Tuesdays of each month. This group of musicians love old time music and play the fiddle, banjo, guitar, and other acoustic instruments. They do not do a formal performance but just come and 'jam' (make music). If you enjoy this music and want to listen (or have an instrument and want to play), join us!

Week of July 24-30, 2022:

Pastor Lori will be on Vacation until August 3. If you need Pastoral Care during the time of Pastor Lori's absence, please contact the church office during office hours, 610-966-3601 or President of Consistory, Kathy Latshaw at 610-754-7701.

Boy Scouts – Monday @ 6pm
Cub Scouts – Tuesday @ 7pm
Cemetery – Wednesday @ 7pm

Next Sunday – 9:30am Worship; Guest Pastor Jane Matsinger

Total Offerings from July 17:

General Offerings: \$2,743.00
Mission: \$110.00
Windows to the Future: \$100.00
Electric: \$25.00
Zionsville Area Food Pantry: \$50.00
Cemetery: \$0
Parking Lot Maintenance: \$70.00

Attendance: 36