

WELCOME TO
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Organist

August 7, 2022

9:30 a.m.

**those who are able may stand*

“Treasures in Heaven”

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Lighting of the Altar Candles

Call to Worship

One: Creator resides in the midst of creation...calling us to this community.

All: Our world waits for the Holy One, our help and shield.

One: God our Righteousness gazes upon the beloved with delight and concern.

All: Our bodies wait for the Holy One, our help and shield.

One: The Spirit of the Living God greets us with fresh winds and new mercies.

All: Our souls wait for the Holy One, our help and shield.

Prayer of Invocation (unison)

Abundant God, we wait for you with longing, hope, and anticipation.

May your kindom be realized in this community. May your people be your ambassadors. May your love be our propeller in the world and our beacon to direct us home. Fill us with the bread of life and nourish our spirits to be your good news in the world. Amen.

*Opening Hymn: “Ye Servants of God” (vs. 1, 2, 4)

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Prayer Transformation and New Life

One: Gracious God, you have created a world of abundance and flourishing.

Every resource, every gift, every product originates from the generosity of your creation and the creativity you have bestowed upon us.

All: Forgive us for misuse and overuse of your gifts. Reveal our miserly attitudes toward the plentiful trove of resources you have entrusted to our care. Sow generosity in us, reveal abundance to us, and enable flourishing through us. Amen.

Words of Grace

Every good and perfect gift comes from above. Grace is such a gift; mercy is another. Transformation and new life descend freely from the Most High to all who would receive it. Receive the assurance of God's grace and compassion as precious treasure made available to all.

*Hymn: "I Will Sing of the Mercies"

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The Sacrament of Baptism (see insert)

Scripture Reading: Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

11 Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. **2** Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. **3** By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible.

8 By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance, and he set out, not knowing where he was going. **9** By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. **10** For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. **11** By faith, with Sarah's involvement, he received power of procreation, even though he was too old, because he considered him faithful who had promised. **12** Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, "as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore." **13** All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, **14** for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. **15** If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. **16** But as it is, they desire a better homeland, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

Reflection

Special Music

The Pastoral Prayer

Service of Holy Communion (pg. 9 in Communion booklet)

*The Lord's Prayer (sung)

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

Luke 12:34 informs us, "For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also." Let our hearts direct the use of our resources, our time, and our talents. May our generosity meet God's abundance in attending to the needs and hopes of our community.

Sharing of our Gifts

*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)

Generous One, receive the gifts we bring as we return a portion of your treasure to the use of your kingdom. May your will be manifested and your creation restored through sharing these offerings. Amen.

*Closing Hymn: "O God, Our Help in Ages Past" (vs. 1, 2, 3, 6) p.686

*Benediction

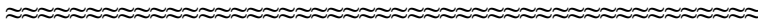
Live in the abundance of God's treasure, spreading the love and peace of Christ in the world to the glory of God. Amen.

*The Sung Benediction

**The Lord Whom we love, Whom we worship and Adore,
We will serve throughout this coming week. He it is who binds us
Together And He it is who sends us apart. To be God's people, be
God's people. Amen.**

*Extinguishing of the Candles

*Postlude



Treasures in Heaven: Service Prayers for the Ninth Sunday after Pentecost were written by Rev. Dr. Cheryl A. Lindsay, Minister for Worship and Theology, United Church of Christ.

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TODAY'S GREETERS are Randy and Sharon Trexler.

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.

Thanks to all who offered food, help, cards, prayers, calls and texts to me during my sick time with Covid. I greatly appreciate the kindness shown. Our congregation is strong in caring for all! Pastor Lori

We are still looking for someone who would like to share a **gift or talent** during worship this summer. 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!

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 to purchase on a First come, first served basis. Prices range from \$300-\$500 and all proceeds will benefit the windows restoration. See Beth or Ruth for more details.

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.

Brunch and Learn Session – Next 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!

Sunday Brunchers next gathering will be on **Sunday, August 28th**, after church once again at The Mercantile Club located at 427 Railroad St, Emmaus, PA 18049 (FYI – they are a cash only facility). Please RSVP back to us no later than Wednesday August 24th. Hope to see even more of you for the fine food and fellowship.

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.

The Lehigh Valley Old Time Jammers meet in the Upper Milford Mennonite Church Sunday School area (1st floor) on the 1st & 3rd Tuesdays 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 August 7-13, 2022:

Boy Scouts – Monday @ 6pm
Property – Monday @ 7pm
Cub Scouts – Tuesday @ 7pm
FUN Group – Tuesday @ 7pm
Finance – Tuesday @ 7pm

Next Sunday – 9:30am Worship, Brunch at 10:30am

Total Offerings from July 31:

General Offerings: \$908.00
Mission: \$70.00
Windows to the Future: \$200.00
Communion: \$25.00
Electric: \$25.00
Parking Lot Maintenance: \$0
Cemetery: \$40.00
Attendance: 25