

ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH
Belleville, PA



Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 20, 2020

PRELUDE

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

***GREETING**

P In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen

***HYMN ~ verses 1, 2 and 5**

Rise Up, O Saints of God!

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1 Rise up, O saints of God! From vain am - bi - tions turn;
2 Speak out, O saints of God! De - spair en - gulfs earth's frame;
3 Rise up, O saints of God! His king - dom's task em - brace;
4 Give heed, O saints of God! Cre - a - tion cries in pain;

Christ rose tri - um - phant that your hearts With no - bler zeal might burn.
As heirs of God's bap - tis - mal grace, His word of hope pro - claim.
Re - dress sin's cru - el con - se - quence; Give jus - tice larg - er place.
Stretch forth your hand of heal - ing now, With love the weak sus - tain.

5 Commit your hearts to seek
The paths which Christ has trod
And quickened by the Spirit's power,
Rise up, O saints of God!

***CONFESSION and FORGIVENESS**

P Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

P Most merciful God,

C **we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen**

P Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen**

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C **And also with you.**

***KYRIE ~ first line only**

A In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **C** Lord, have mer - cy.

***HYMN of PRAISE ~ first line only**

A Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his peo - ple on earth.

***PRAYER OF THE DAY ~ in unison** *Prayers and Lessons are found in Celebrate*

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray...

LESSONS


*First Lesson ~ A reading from Jonah 3:10-4:11

after the reading

R The word of the Lord. **C Thanks be to God.**

*Psalm 145:1-8 ~ *with response*

***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

***GOSPEL READING**

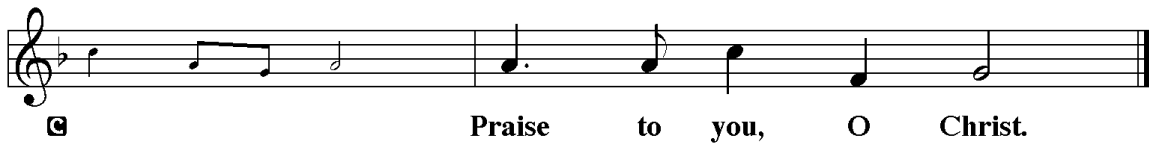
P The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 20th chapter.



Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

After the reading

P The Gospel of the Lord.




Praise to you, O Christ.

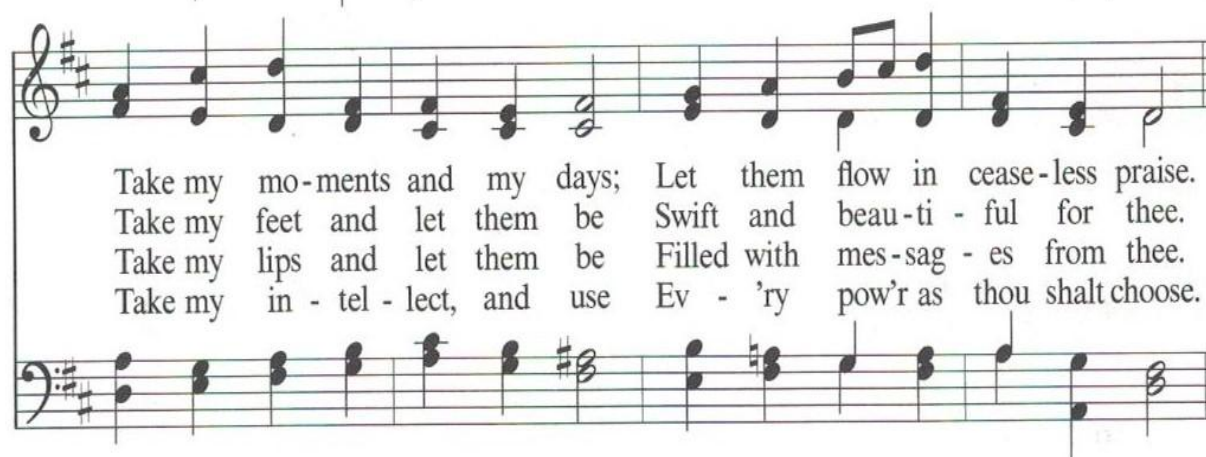
MESSAGE ~ *Jonah and the Shade Tree*

Take My Life, that I May Be

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1 Take my life, that I may be Con - se - crat - ed, Lord, to thee;
2 Take my hands and let them move At the im - pulse of thy love;
3 Take my voice and let me sing Al - ways, on - ly, for my King;
4 Take my sil - ver and my gold, Not a mite would I with-hold;



Take my mo - ments and my days; Let them flow in cease - less praise.
Take my feet and let them be Swift and beau - ti - ful for thee.
Take my lips and let them be Filled with mes - sag - es from thee.
Take my in - tel - lect, and use Ev - 'ry pow'r as thou shalt choose.

5 Take my will and make it thine;
It shall be no longer mine.
Take my heart, it is thine own;
It shall be thy royal throne.

6 Take my love; my Lord, I pour
At thy feet its treasure store;
Take myself, and I will be
Ever, only, all for thee.

Text: Frances R. Havergal, 1836-1879, alt.
Tune: William H. Havergal, 1793-1870

PATMOS
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***APOSTLES' CREED**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

He descended into hell.*

On the third day he rose again.

**He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen**

***PRAYERS of the PEOPLE ~ See Celebrate**

***PEACE**

P The peace of the Lord be with you always. **C** **And also with you.**

The peace is shared

OFFERING (please leave your gifts in one of the offering plates **at the end of the front and back pews** (Mechanic St. side) on your way out)

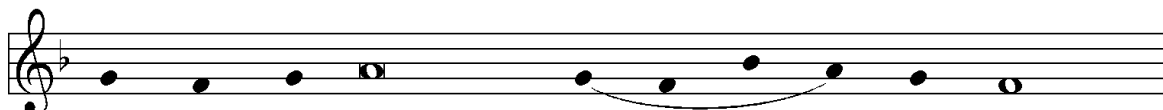
***GREAT THANKSGIVING**



P The Lord be with you. **C** **And al - so with you.**



P Lift up your hearts. **C** **We lift them to the Lord.**



P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



C **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

P The Preface



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:



Heav-en and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho - san - na. Ho - san - na.



Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who



comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

P In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

The Lord's Prayer

P Let us pray as Jesus taught us:

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; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen

P May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C Amen.

***POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

P Let us pray.

P We give you thanks, almighty God, that you refresh us through the healing power of this gift of life; and we pray that in your mercy you would strengthen us, through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen

***DISMISSAL**

P Come forth to take the sacrament. Then go forth in peace and fellowship to serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

***BLESSING**

P Almighty God, Father and + Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

C Amen

***COMMUNION** and sending Christ's gifts and love into the world.

Observing distancing markers, we will come up for communion by the center aisle and depart by the side aisle (Mechanic St. side) or elevator and leave by the front doors downstairs.

POSTLUDE

Pastor: Reverend Ela J. Robertson Phone 740-338-7123

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Our Mission Statement

We, the members of St. John's congregation, promise to share the good news of Jesus Christ, to worship and to love one another in our homes, church, community and the world.

Our Vision Statement

To be people who are welcoming and encourage God's love in our community through our prayer, devotion, benevolence and deeds.

Today

Greeters: John and Denise Chester; **Lay Reader:** Joe Kanagy

Next Sunday, September 13

Greeters: Jami Zook and Mike Boring; **Lay Reader:** Joe Kanagy

The Altar Flowers in St. John's are given to the Glory of God
by Ken and Nancy Wyland in memory of
Mark and Dorothy Smoker.

Please remember in prayer ~ Emma Stevens (sister of Miriam Williamson), Kim Aumiller, Ev Young, Samantha Smith, our members ~ Betty Harmon (Elmcroft), Carol Yoder, Diddy Cleck, Betty Smith; Memory Lane ~ Nancy Aumiller.

Notes from the Pastor:

BRINGING WORSHIP BEYOND THE WALLS OF THE CHURCH

Council has approved and Ed has ordered a transmitter so that we can transmit Sunday services to the parking lot for those who would like to gather at the church for service and hear it live but do not feel comfortable being with (even small) crowds yet. We will update you when its been tested.

WORSHIP OUTREACH

The recording and distribution of CD of our Sundays services seems to be going well. If you or anyone you know would like a CD of the service let a council member know. We will endeavor for a video of the Sunday sermon to be available via a link on Facebook or our church web page as well as often as possible.

PARKING LOT SERVICE Sept 20 at West Kish.

Lisa Griffith will be offering special music for West Kish's service Sept 20. Due to trying to keep the number of those in the sanctuary to around 25 we have been unable to combine the entire two congregations for this service. We are planning to make it possible for people to tune in on your car radio from the parking lot at West Kish so that we can join together in worship that way.

We hope for a good recording that we can link it to Facebook or the Church websites and possibly a CD for you to enjoy from home as well.

A pre-recorded service for the Lewistown First Methodist Church in which she sang earlier this year (without congregation present) may also be available.

NEXT SUNDAY

Sept 27: We welcome Rev. Sarah Sedgewick who has been approved to preach at St. Johns on Sept 27. Pastor Robertson will be taking time off Sept 23 - Oct 1. Pastor Sedgewick will also be available for emergency pastoral care. She may be reached at: 814-771-1891.

Sally Shingler, sister of Lucy Magda and Nancy Aumiller, died last week. Their sister, Donna Snook passed away in June. Please keep Sally's children and families, along with her extended family in your prayers.

On Saturday, September 26, 2020, Allensville Community Church will be hosting a time of prayer in connection with the Prayer March in Washington D.C. led by Franklin Graham. This time of prayer will be generally structured to mirror that of the Graham Prayer March and will focus on specific areas, such as our nation, healing for communities, our families, the Church, and all those in leadership at every level.

Prayer will begin at 9am and close at 11am. To find out more about the Franklin Graham Prayer March in Washington D.C., please visit prayermarch2020.com.

Join the Belleville Mennonite School community as we celebrate 75 years of God's faithfulness to the school at the Faith Promise Banquet on Friday, October 2. The evening will begin with a time of fellowship at 6:00 and feature a walk through 75 years of history, a homemade dinner at 6:30, keynote address, an update on BMS today, a concert choir selection, and the recognition of two special alumni as well as classes that are celebrating milestone reunions. The homemade dinner will be served according to current food safety measures and is free of charge; however an invitation to give to the Faith Promise Annual Fund, which supports the school's operating budget, will be presented. Seating is limited so please reserve your seat soon by calling the office, 717.935.2184.

January thru September 17

Last week's attendance ~ 25
Offering ~ \$1,615.00

St. John's ~ Income \$ 164,325.13 Expense \$ 156,183.54
Net Income \$ 8,141.59

Parking Lot Donations YTD ~ \$ 17,228.72 Boiler Donations ~ \$2,550.00

Daycare ~ YTD Income ~ \$ 144,604.03 YTD Expense ~ \$ 129,753.56
Net Income \$ 14,850.47