

ST. MATTHEW'S CHURCH
October 20, 2024
22nd Sunday after Pentecost
"A faithful family reaching out to serve Christ."

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Renee Keiper

JOYS AND CONCERNS – Please share!

FRIENDSHIP PAD – Please sign and include any contact info updates.

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Psalm 91:9-16

(L)The Lord is our dwelling place,

(ALL) a home of peace and plenty

(L) The Lord is our dwelling place,

(ALL) a refuge when trouble is near.

(L) The Lord is our dwelling place,

(ALL) a temple that will stand forever.

***OPENING HYMN**

By Faith

*By faith we see the hand of God In the light of creation's grand design,
In the lives of those who prove His faithfulness, Who walk by faith and not by sight.
By faith our fathers roamed the earth With the power of His promise in their hearts,
Of a holy city built by God's own hand, A place where peace and justice reign.*

CHORUS: *We will stand as children of the promise;*

We will fix our eyes on Him, our soul's reward.

Till the race is finished and the work is done,

We'll walk by faith and not by sight.

*By faith the prophets saw a day When the longed-for Messiah would appear
With the power to break the chains of sin and death And rise triumphant from the grave.
By faith the church was called to go In the power of the Spirit to the lost
To deliver captives and to preach good news In every corner of the earth. (CHORUS)*

*By faith this mountain shall be moved And the power of the gospel shall prevail,
For we know in Christ all things are possible For all who call upon His name. (CHORUS
2x)*

CALL TO CONFESSION **Isaiah 53:6**

Like sheep we all have gone astray, but like a faithful, loving shepherd, God seeks us out and calls us home. Let us confess our sin.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Mark 10:35-45

Lord Jesus Christ, you know our sin. We want you to do whatever we ask of you, but we are unwilling to do what you ask of us. We want to sit beside you in your glory, but we fail to stand beside you in your suffering. We want to be first in your great kingdom, but we are among the last to serve the least. Forgive us. Pour out your mercy upon us and wash us clean in your saving grace. All this we ask in your holy name. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON (Receive these words of comfort from God)

Hear the promise of the Lord; those who love me, I will deliver. When you call me, I will answer. I will rescue you from danger and show you my salvation. Believe this good news; in Jesus Christ we are forgiven. **Thanks be to God.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Gabby Bentley

"THE PASSING OF THE PEACE"

OFFERING – Basket located on the table as you enter the sanctuary.

INVITATION

God is ever faithful and has blessed us with so much. With grateful hearts, let us offer back to God what we have, with love and thanksgiving.

OFFERTORY

There Is A Redeemer

*There is a Redeemer Jesus God's own Son;
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah, Holy One.*

CHORUS: *Thank You, O my Father, for giving us Your Son,
And leaving Your Spirit Till Your work on earth is done.*

*Jesus, my Redeemer, name above all names;
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah, O for sinners slain. (CHORUS)*

*When I stand in glory, I will see His face;
There I'll serve my King forever In that holy place. (CHORUS 2x)*

SCRIPTURE READING

Responsive Reading: Psalm 104:1-9

(L) Bless the Lord, O my soul. O Lord my God, you are very great. You are clothed with honor and majesty, wrapped in light as with a garment.

(ALL) You stretch out the heavens like a tent, you set the beams of your chambers on the waters, you make the clouds your chariot, you ride on the wings of the wind, you make the winds your messengers, fire and flame your ministers.

(L) You set the earth on its foundations, so that it shall never be shaken.

(ALL) You cover it with the deep as with a garment; the waters stood above the mountains.

(L) At your rebuke they flee; at the sound of your thunder they take to flight.

(ALL) They rose up to the mountains, ran down to the valleys to the place that you appointed for them.

(L) You set a boundary that they may not pass, so that they might not again cover the earth.

***The Gloria Tibi:** *Glory be to thee, O Lord*

Gospel Reading: John 14:1-6

1 "Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me.

2 In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you?

3 And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also.

4 And you know the way to the place where I am going."

5 Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?"

6 Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.

***Laus Tibi:** *Praise be to thee, O Christ*

SERMON

Pastor Rick Rufenacht

The Way, the Truth, The Life

John 14:1-6

Isaiah 59:2 1 Corinthians 15:21 Hebrews 9:14

John 8:58

John 1:1-3

Ephesians 2:1-5

1 John 5:11-13

*THE LORD'S PRAYER – ALL

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, forever. Amen.

*CLOSING HYMN *I Know That My Redeemer Lives*

*I know that my Redeemer lives; what hope this sweet assurance gives!
That He who gave His life for me Arose with healing in His wings.
He lives, the tomb is empty still; redemption's promise He fulfilled.
No condemnation now remains; the stone of death is rolled away.*

REFRAIN: *My Redeemer lives, my Redeemer lives
on heaven's throne and in my very soul, I know that my Redeemer lives.*

*I know that my Redeemer lives; and all my life is bound to His.
In realms above, He intercedes; our sinless Savior, perfect Priest.
No fear can follow where He guides; His constant presence is my light.
No power on earth or heaven above can separate us from His love. **REFRAIN***

*I know that my Redeemer lives; in life and death I trust in Him.
My soul secure, my future safe; He'll not forsake me to the grave.
He lives, and He will not delay; my eyes will wake to brightest day*

*And in my flesh I'll see Him stand when Christ in glory comes again,
And every eye will see Him stand when Christ in glory comes again. REFRAIN 2x*

***CLOSING PRAYER**

***CONGREGATIONAL SONG RESPONSE - ALL** *Go Now In Peace*
Go now in peace; never be afraid, God will go with you each hour of every day. Go now in faith, steadfast, strong, and true. Know He will guide you in all you do. Go now in love, and show you believe, reach out to others, so all the world can see. God will be there, watching from above. Go now in peace, in faith and in love. Amen. Amen. Amen.

(CCLI #2810357 Don Besig)

***POSTLUDE**

***INDICATES THAT YOU STAND IF YOU ARE ABLE**



Sunday, October 20	22nd Sunday after Pentecost	-Sanctuary, 9am
Monday, October 21		-Office Open 10am – 2pm
	Exercise Group	-Common Room - 10:30am
Wednesday, October 23		-Office Open 10am - 2pm
Thursday, October 24		-Office Open 10am – 2pm
	Exercise Group	-Common Room - 10:30am
Saturday, October 26	Assessment Weekend	
Sunday, October 27	23rd Sunday after Pentecost	-Sanctuary, 9am

We're thankful for...



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Prayer Concerns

Ralph Wunder (Dan's brother), Brooke Beck, Marlette Palermo, Tina Martin (Pat's daughter), Todd Kresge, Alysha Katz, Wendy Peddigree, Rhonda Cramer (Randy and Ray's sister), Ellen Kresge, Beverly Frantz, John Blundetto, Jessica Speer, Tom and Lee Byrne, Barbara Souders, Debra Kemmerer, Joan Madden, Janet Smith, Marilyn McCloud, Kyle Frable, Diane Bonser, Shirley Smith, Edith George, Doris Neumeyer, Janet Gower, Joyce Gower, Conner Brawley, Gabrielle Collins, Gene Borger, Sharlee Ahner, Ronald Frantz, Sheila Sherer, Margaret and Larry Hahn, Hudson Stewart, Conner Bittenbender, Marlene Long, Roberta Heffley, Mike Heller, and Brian Holderman (Wendy Peddigree's brother), Barry Serfass (Brenda Hawk's brother), Barbara Marks (Pat Martin's sister-in-law), Georgia Smith (friend of Connie Frantz and Dora Tartar), David Zacharias (Dean's brother), Helen Alpaugh, Leni (friend of Helen), Logan Mackes (Rose Fritz's grandson), the family and friends of Robert Long and Dawn Eckhart.



❖ **Howard McCloud turns 90 on November 12th**
The family is requesting cards sent to him at
1433 Old Butler Road, New Castle Pa 16101
The family is throwing a party in New Castle PA
at the United Brethren Church
on 11/9 at 1:30pm and all are welcome.
Thank you
Jody (McCloud) Missmer

❖ **October – Lead Usher – Brenda Sheckler**

❖ **HARVEST HOME COLLECTION**
OCTOBER 20TH AND OCTOBER 27TH

❖ **OCTOBER 26TH AND OCTOBER 27TH**
IF YOU HAVE RECEIVED A SURVEY, IT WILL BE DUE THAT WEEKEND.
FACE TO FACE INTERVIEWS WILL OCCUR BOTH DAYS THAT WEEKEND.
PLEASE HELP US TO MAKE ST. MATTHEW'S THE BEST WE CAN BE!!

❖ **OCTOBER'S JOYFUL NOISE IS THE PEDIATRIC CENTER FOUNDATION OF THE**
LEHIGH VALLEY.

❖ **Bible Studies:**

- Wednesdays at 1:00pm – led by Pastor Mike at People's EC Church (216 Wagner Street, Lehighton)
- Wednesdays at 6:00pm – led by Dan Smale from the book of Luke.
- The 3rd Thursday of the month at 12:30pm – led by Pastor Mike at Papa Al's (Delaware Ave, Palmerton). Contact Pastor Mike to find out what chapter and verse will be discussed while you have lunch.

❖ **Laymen's Fellowship is requesting donations of items for the**
PA Dutch Auction for the Bazaar on November 2nd.

These items should be valued at \$25 or more.

Items will be accepted until October 27th.

Bazaar hours will be 10am – 2pm

Food will be available for dining in or take out

There will be a bake sale, a soup sale, PA Dutch Auction and
North Pole Mercantile (homemade crafts)

❖ **Laymen's Fellowship will also have their annual filling**
sale in November.

Order forms are available on the counter in the Social Hall.
