

ST. MATTHEW'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

August 4, 2024

11th 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 (Ephesians 4:2, 4-6)**

(L) Come, let us worship our God, for there is one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Parent of all, who is above all and through all and in all.

(ALL) We come with humility, gentleness and patience, bearing with one another in love.

***OPENING HYMN Blessed Assurance**

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine! O what a foretaste of glory divine!

Heir of salvation, purchase of God, Born of His Spirit, washed in His blood.

This is my story, this is my song, Praising my Savior all the day long;

This is my story, this is my song, Praising my Savior all the day long.

Perfect submission, all is at rest, I in my Savior am happy and blest;

Watching and waiting, looking above, Filled with his goodness, lost in His love.

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CALL TO CONFESSION (Romans 3:23)

Let us confess our sin together, for we have all fallen short of the glory of God.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Confessing our sins to God through prayer)

God, you have called us to live lives worthy of the calling to which we have been called. Forgive us and by your grace, help us to grow in every way into Him who is our head, Jesus Christ. Amen (Ephesians 4:1, 15)

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

Sisters and brothers in Christ, the promise of our faith is that whoever turns to Jesus Christ will never hunger for forgiveness and that which gives life to the world. That is a promise of joy and of peace, and I invite you to share that peace with one another. **(Ephesians 3:16-19, John 6:35)**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Staci Gower

"THE PASSING OF THE PEACE"

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

INVITATION (Ephesians 4:7)

Each of us has been given grace according to the measure of Christ's gift. Let us give a measure of what has already been given to us.

OFFERTORY I Surrender All

All to Jesus I surrender, All to Him I freely give;

I will ever love and trust Him, In His presence daily live.

I surrender all, I surrender all.

All to Thee, my blessed Savior, I surrender all.

All to Jesus I surrender, Lord, I give myself to Thee;

Fill me with Thy love and power, Let Thy blessing fall on me.

I surrender all, I surrender all.

All to Thee, my blessed Savior, I surrender all.

I surrender all, I surrender all.

All to Thee, my blessed Savior, I surrender all.

All to Thee, my blessed Savior, I surrender all. I surrender all.

READING OF THE SCRIPTURES

Marie Christman

Responsive Reading – Psalm 51:1-12

(L) Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin.

(ALL) For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me. Against you, you alone, have I sinned, and done what is evil in your sight, so that you are justified in your sentence and blameless when you pass judgment.

(L) Indeed, I was born guilty, a sinner when my mother conceived me. You desire truth in the inward being; therefore teach me wisdom in my secret heart.

(ALL)Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow. Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones that you have crushed rejoice.

(L)Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities. Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me.

(ALL)Do not cast me away from your presence, and do not take your holy spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and sustain in me a willing spirit.

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

New Testament Reading - John 6: 24-35 **Pew Bible page 867 and 868**

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

SERMON **Pastor John Smith**

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION – SEE INSERT

***THE LORD’S PRAYER – ALL** **Pastor John**

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** ***’Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus

*’Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus, Just to take Him at His Word,
Just to rest upon His promise, Just to know: “Thus saith the Lord.”
Jesus, Jesus, how I trust Him! How I’ve proved Him o’er and o’er!
Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus! O for grace to trust Him more!*

*O how sweet to trust in Jesus, Just to trust His cleansing blood,
Just in simple faith to plunge me ‘Neath the healing, cleansing flood!
Jesus, Jesus, how I trust Him! How I’ve proved Him o’er and o’er!
Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus! O for grace to trust Him more!*

*I’m so glad I learned to trust Thee, Precious Jesus, Savior Friend;
And I know that Thou art with me, Wilt be with me to the end.
Jesus, Jesus, how I trust Him! How I’ve proved Him o’er and o’er!*

*Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus! O for grace to trust Him more!
Jesus, Jesus, how I trust Him! How I’ve proved Him o’er and o’er!
Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus! O for grace to trust Him more!*

***CLOSING PRAYER** **Pastor John**

God of the sunrise, ground me and root me in love today. As I move through all the different roles I play – parent, child, student, worker, church member, supervisor, volunteer – be my companion and strengthen my inner being where I live with you. Amen.

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, August 4
Monday, August 5

Wednesday, August 7
Thursday, August 8
Sunday, August 11

The Week Ahead

11th Sunday after Pentecost	-Sanctuary, 9am -Office Open 10am – 2pm -Gathering Room, 10:30am
Exercise Group	-Office Open 10am - 2pm
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12th Sunday after Pentecost	-Sanctuary, 9am
Guest Preacher – Paul VanOsten	

August Lead Usher – Devoe Breinich

Altar Flowers

Vase #1 – In memory of Clara Brotzman by her family.

Vase #2 – In memory of Ella Stout by her family.

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- Thank you to Pastor John Smith for leading our service today.
- The Men's Group will meet on August 10th at 9am.
- Laymen's will meet for craft days on August 28th at 10am.

West End Fair Preparation Schedule:

Saturday, August 10, 9am **Move into Fair Stand – Start at grove**

Sunday, August 18 – August 24 **Fair Week**

Please come and help if you can. Also, see Dora to sign up for a shift.

**S'MORE FUN
CAMPFIRE FELLOWSHIP
At St. Matthew's Kunkletown Church Grove
Friday, September 20th at 7pm (rain date Sept. 21)
FREE COMMUNITY EVENT
GAMES – MUSIC – HOT DOGS – FUN!!!**

COMING SOON!

**OCTOBER 6TH WE WILL
CELEBRATE ST. MATTHEW'S HISTORY!!**

**SHARE YOUR PICTURES AND MEMORIES BY DROPPING THEM OFF IN
THE MARKED BOXES IN THE NARTHEX OR ON THE ROUND TABLE
IN THE COMMON ROOM.
PLEASE MARK YOUR PICTURES WITH YOUR NAME OR
LEAVE COPIES FOR US.
THE DEADLINE IS SEPTEMBER 8TH.**

Prayer Concerns

Tina Martin (Pat's daughter), Todd Kresge, Alysha Katz, Wendy Peddigree, Rhonda Cramer (Randy and Ray's sister), Frank Rapa, Leon Barlieb, 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 Joyful Noise for August is Operation Touch of Home which began in 2004 by Dean and Sharon Green in preparation of their son's deployment to Fallujah, Iraq. They had many questions for other seasoned Marines and in reaching out, they discovered the immense impact receiving items from friends and families at home had on their morale. This effort has since touched the lives of over 1,270 heroes with an excess of 133,595 pounds of essential items shipped in more than 5,422 large boxes. These individuals typically share these items with their whole unit, so not only hundreds, but literally thousands of US Troops have been touched by Operation: Touch of Home.

Bible Studies:

- Wednesdays at 1:00pm – led by Pastor Mike at People's EC Church (216 Wagner Street, Leighton)
- Wednesdays at 6:00pm – led by Dan Smale on the book of Luke. CIA classroom at St. Matthew's.
- Thursdays 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.