

ST. MATTHEW'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

July 28, 2024

10th 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**

(L) Your creation gives thanks to you, O God.

(ALL) And we, your faithful, bless you.

(L) We shall speak of the glory of your realm and tell of your power.

(ALL) We shall let all people know your mighty deeds and glorious splendor.

***OPENING HYMN**

You're the Word of God the Father (Across the Lands)

You're the Word of God the Father From before the world began;

Ev'ry star and ev'ry planet Has been fashioned by Your hand.

All creation holds together By the power of Your voice.

Let the skies declare Your glory; Let the land and seas rejoice!

CHORUS *You're the Author of creation; You're the Lord of ev'ryone;
And Your cry of love rings out across the lands.*

*Yet You left the gaze of angels, Came to seek and save the lost,
And exchanged the joy of heaven For the anguish of a cross.*

With a prayer You fed the hungry; With a word You calmed the sea;

*Yet how silently You suffered That the guilty may go free! **CHORUS***

*With a shout You rose victorious, Wrestling vict'ry from the grave,
And ascended into heaven, Leading captives in Your way.*

Now You stand before the Father, Interceding for Your own;

*From each tribe and tongue and nation, You are leading sinners home! **CHORUS 2x***

CALL TO CONFESSION

Let us confess to our God, for the Lord is just in all his ways and kind in all His doings. The Lord is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Confessing our sins to God through prayer) Psalm 40

Almighty God, I know I am not in any position to demand anything from You. But even when I know this, I still fail to become patient. I begin to question You, Lord. Even worse, I feel entitled to Your forgiveness and grace. Help me to become more patient, Lord. Guide me to trust that You are thinking of me always. Help me listen to my heart as it listens to You. Silence my fears and anxieties. Lord, help me return to You without hesitation. In Jesus' Name. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON (Receive these words of comfort from God) Psalm 103

The river of God's mercy runs deeper and wider than our sin. God removes our sins as far as the heavens are above the earth. Beloved in the risen Christ, we are forgiven. **Amen**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Gabby Bentley

"THE PASSING OF THE PEACE"

OFFERING – Basket located on table by the Food Stand.

INVITATION (Isaiah 55:10)

As God provides seed for the sower and bread for the eater, so has God provided enough for us to share as we give thanks and praise through our Lord, Jesus Christ. Let us present tithes and offerings.

OFFERTORY

With A Prayer (Love Incarnate)

With a prayer You fed the hungry, With a cry You stilled the storm;

With a look You had compassion On the desperate and forlorn.

With a touch You healed the leper, With a shout You raised the dead;

With a word expelled the demons, With a blessing broke the bread.

CHORUS: *Love Incarnate, Love Divine,*

Captivate this heart of mine, Till all I do Speaks of You.

As a sheep before the shearer You were silent in Your pain;

You endured humiliation At the hands of those You'd made.

And as hell unleashed its fury You were lifted on a tree,

*Crying 'Father God, forgive them, Place their punishment on me.' **CHORUS***

I will feed the poor and hungry, I will stand up for the truth;

I will take my cross and follow To the corners of the earth.

And I ask that You so fill me With Your peace, Your power, Your breath,

*That I never love my life so much To shrink from facing death. **CHORUS***

***DOXOLOGY (Sing this praise to God)**

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

READING OF THE SCRIPTURES

RJ Cramer

Responsive Reading – Psalm 145: 10-18

(L) All your works shall give thanks to you, O Lord, and all your faithful shall bless you.

(ALL) They shall speak of the glory of your kingdom, and tell of your power, to make known to all people your mighty deeds, and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.

(L)Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and your dominion endures throughout all generations. The Lord is faithful in all his words, and gracious in all his deeds.

(ALL) The Lord upholds all who are falling, and raises up all who are bowed down.

(L)The eyes of all look to you, and you give them their food in due season.

(ALL) You open your hand, satisfying the desire of every living thing.

(L) The Lord is just in all his ways, and kind in all his doings.

(ALL) The Lord is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth.

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

New Testament Reading – Luke 5: 12-16

Pew Bible pg. 836

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

SERMON “Spend Time with God” Luke 5:16

Bruce Hill

***THE LORD’S PRAYER – ALL**

Bruce

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**

Press On

Where two or three are gathered In the name of the Lord, He is here, He is here in our midst.

And we will sing together, Be renewed by the Word. When we part, may we go in His peace.

(CHORUS) *Press on, all you saints, Press on till the end. Christ with us, ever with us Until He comes again.*

Press on, all you saints, Run and run to win! Christ with us, ever with us Until He comes again.

Now let the Word be scattered like the seed on the soil; Day by day, Watch it grow in His care.

And may you be a shelter as you reach to the lost, Glad in hope, calm in pain, true in prayer. CHORUS

And may He find us waiting with our lamps burning still; Keeping watch through the night Til He comes.

For soon it will be morning and the sun will appear; Christ who brought us this far brings us home. CHORUS

***CLOSING PRAYER**

Bruce

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**



The Week Ahead

Sunday, July 28
Monday, July 29

10th Sunday after Pentecost

-Sanctuary, 9am
-Office Open 10am – 2pm
-Gathering Room, 10:30am

Exercise Group

-Office Open 10am - 2pm

Wednesday, July 31

Exercise Group

-Office Open 10am – 2pm

Thursday, August 1

11th Sunday after Pentecost

-Sanctuary, 9am

Sunday, August 4

Guest Preacher – John Smith

July Lead Usher – Dan Wunder

Altar Flowers

Vase #1 – In loving memory of Elmer Frantz from his family.

Vase #2 – available for purchase \$15

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**THE EYES
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PSALM 145:15

- Thank you to Bishop Emeritus Bruce Hill 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 1st and August 28th at 10am.

West End Fair Preparation Schedule:

Saturday, August 3, 9am	Fry Chicken for Steak Sandwiches – Grove
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 July is Phoebe Home - Phoebe Ministries is guided by its mission to provide compassionate care to residents of its communities, regardless of their ability to pay. Over fifty-six percent of our skilled nursing population, and a smaller percentage in other living situations, rely on Phoebe's charitable care program. Phoebe provides millions of dollars in charitable care to our residents each year. The elderly and the poor – often forgotten in our society – are at the heart of our mission and ministry.

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.