

ST. MATTHEW'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

October 6, 2024

20th 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 Num. 11:16-29**

Upon this gathering of your people, pour out your Spirit, O Lord.
Be near to us and speak to us, and we will proclaim your glory.

OPENING HYMN *How Shall I Sing?

*How shall I sing that majesty That angels do admire?
Their thunderous voices bid me come Sing, sing oh heavenly choir!*

CHORUS: *Thousands and thousands stand before Your throne O God Most High
Sing all you saints and all created things To praise the Lord of life*

*Let planets spin in sheer delight While galaxies conspire
To fill the universe with light Sing, sing oh heavenly choir! (CHORUS)*

*The saints who lived and died in grace Have found their hearts' desire
To gaze upon the Savior's face Sing, sing oh heavenly choir! (CHORUS)*

*So let my voice resound with those Whose praise will never die
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost Sing, sing oh heavenly choir! (CHORUS 2x)*

CALL TO CONFESSION Jas. 5:15-16

In faithful prayer there is power to save the sick; anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven. Therefore, let us confess our sins and pray for one another so that we may be healed.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord, you know my heart, there's nothing I can hide from you.
I have strayed from the path, I have been lured away, please Heavenly Father, restore to me the joy of Your salvation, that wonderful freedom and joy when I first came to know you. Amen

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

Though we wander from the truth, God brings us back and saves our souls from death. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. **Thanks be to God.**

"THE PASSING OF THE PEACE"

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

INVITATION Mark 9:38-41

Through loving deeds and generous acts, we become a blessing to others and give honor to Christ's name. What greater reward could we ask than to share in God's saving work.

ST. MATTHEW'S THROUGH THE YEARS - DORA TARTAR AND BRENDA DORSHIMER

SCRIPTURE READING

Colossians 3:12-17

12 As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience.

13 Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive.

14 Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony.

15 And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful.

16 Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God.

17 And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

Responsive Reading Psalm 100

(L) Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth.

(ALL) Worship the Lord with gladness; come into his presence with singing.

(L) Know that the Lord is God. It is he that made us, and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

(ALL) Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise. Give thanks to him, bless his name.

(L)For the Lord is good; his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations.

All People That On Earth Do Dwell (Psalm 100)

*All people that on earth do dwell, sing to the Lord with cheerful voice.
Him serve with fear, His praise forthtell; Come ye before Him and rejoice.*

*The Lord, ye know, is God indeed; without our aid He did us make.
We are His folk, he doth us feed, and for His sheep He doth us take.*

*O enter then His gates with praise; approach with joy His courts unto.
Praise, laud, and bless His Name always, for it is seemly so to do.*

*For why? The Lord our God is good; His mercy is forever sure;
His truth at all times firmly stood, and shall from age to age endure.*

*To Father, Son and Holy Ghost, the God Whom Heav'n and earth adore,
From men and from the angel host be praise and glory evermore. Amen.*

This Is My Father's World

*This is my Father's world And to my listening ears
All nature sings, and round me rings The music of the spheres
This is my Father's world I rest me in the thought
Of rocks and trees, of skies and seas His hand the wonders wrought*

*This is my Father's world The birds their carols raise
The morning light, the lily white Declare their Maker's praise
This is my Father's world He shines in all that's fair
In the rustling grass I hear Him pass He speaks to me everywhere*

*This is my Father's world O let me ne'er forget
And though the wrong seems oft so strong God is the Ruler yet
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This is my Father's world Why should my heart be sad?
The Lord is King: let the heavens ring! God reigns; let earth be glad!
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I Love To Tell the Story

*I love to tell the story of unseen things above,
Of Jesus and his glory, of Jesus and his love.
I love to tell the story, because I know it's true;
It satisfies my longings as nothing else can do.*

CHORUS: *I love to tell the story, 'twill be my theme in glory,
To tell the old, old story of Jesus and his love.*

*I love to tell the story; 'tis pleasant to repeat
What seems, each time I tell it, more wonderfully sweet.
I love to tell the story, for some have never heard
The message of salvation from God's own holy Word. **(CHORUS)***

*I love to tell the story, for those who know it best
Seem hungering and thirsting to hear it like the rest.
And when, in scenes of glory, I sing a new, new song,
'Twill be the old, old story that I have loved so long. **(CHORUS)***

Promises

*I can always call you father You chose me as your child
And your word is always faithful You will not turn aside
Now I live in full assurance For my savior paid that price
Every promise that you made me Is yes in Jesus Christ*

CHORUS: *You are faithful to your promises We will trust in what the cross has said
Through the ages, hallelujah you are Faithful to your promises*

*Are you with us in the fire? Will you keep us in the storm?
Are you still the light that guides us When the darkness overwhelms?
Through the doubts and through the valleys through the passing years we find
Every promise you have spoken Is yes in Jesus Christ **(Chorus)***

BRIDGE: *You will be our God We will be your people You will be with us Keep us from all
evil
Every promise made Is a promise kept You are faithful to your promises*

*You began this work within us You will bring it to the end You're the one who goes before
us
You will have the last "Amen!" So we set our hope upon this, And on this we build our lives,
All your promises forever, Are yes in Jesus Christ! **(Chorus-Bridge)***

SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION – SEE INSERT
COMMUNION HYMNS – SEE INSERT

***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’ll Fly Away

Some glad morning when this life is o’er, I’ll fly away. To a home on God’s celestial shore, I’ll fly away.

I’ll fly away, oh glory, I’ll fly away. When I die, hallelujah, by and by, I’ll fly away.

When the shadows of this life have gone, I’ll fly away. Like a bird from prison bars has flown, I’ll fly away.

I’ll fly away, oh glory, I’ll fly away. When I die, hallelujah, by and by, I’ll fly away.

Just a few more weary days and then I’ll fly away. To a land where joy shall never end. I’ll fly away.

I’ll fly away, oh glory, I’ll fly away. When I die, hallelujah, by and by, I’ll fly away.

I’ll fly away, oh glory, I’ll fly away. When I die, hallelujah, by and by, I’ll fly away.

When I die, hallelujah, by and by, I’ll fly away, fly away!

***CLOSING PRAYER**

As you go from here let the name of Christ be the word you speak, the grace you show and the love you share. **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**



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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), and the family and friends of Leon Barlieb

Altar Flowers

VASE #1 – IN HONOR OF ROBERT KRATZER'S BIRTHDAY

**VASE #2 – IN HONOR OF LINDA AND HARRY KOEHLER'S
53RD WEDDING ANNIVERSARY BY DIANE**



- ❖ **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

Sunday, October 6	20th Sunday after Pentecost Memories – Music – Breakfast	-Sanctuary, 9am - Breakfast in the Social Hall
Monday, October 7	Exercise Group	-Office Open 10am – 2pm -Common Room - 10:30am
Wednesday, October 9		-Office Open 10am - 2pm
Thursday, October 10	Exercise Group	-Office Open 10am – 2pm -Common Room - 10:30am
Sunday, October 13	21th Sunday after Pentecost Pastor Rick Rufenacht (St. Matthew's Interim Pastor)	-Sanctuary, 9am

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 BY!!

❖ **ST. MATTHEW'S IS TAKING UP A COLLECTION FOR THE
VICTIMS OF HURRICANE HELENE. LOOK FOR THE
SHOE BOX IN THE NARTHEX.**