





## ST. PETER'S CHURCH, WEST PENN

*"...where worship and service don't stop with the final hymn."*

**Rev. Virginia M. Heimer, Pastor**  
**Carol Steigerwalt, Director of Music**

**August 14, 2022 ~ Tenth Sunday after Pentecost**  
**Outdoor Worship Service ~ 9:00 AM Adult Sunday School ~ 10:15 AM**

*(Please turn off your cell phone.)*

*We Gather to Seek God's Presence*

### **Prayer of Preparation**

*O Magnificent Creator, we delight in the world you have given us. Every plant, tree and creature shouts your glory. May we care for this planet the way that you care for us, with undying and steadfast love. We pray for our world in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.*

### **Greeting/Announcements/Joys, Concerns & Prayer Updates**

**Prelude**                    *"Open My Eyes, That I May See"*                    by Charles S. Scott

### **Opening Prayer**

### **Call to Worship**

**L:** God speaks in many ways. God speaks through the bountiful creation all around us.

**P:** **The midnight skies tell of God's glory, the midday sun displays holy handiwork.**

**L:** Each new day speaks God's language and each night knows more than it can tell.

**P:** **But the cross of Christ speaks most profoundly.**

**L:** The talk of the cross sounds absurd to those who worship the ways of the world.

**P:** **But for us who are being saved by it, the cross is the ultimate power of God and because of it, we rejoice!**

### **Hymn**

*"Open Our Eyes, Lord"*  
*(printed on the following page)*

# Open Our Eyes, Lord

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*Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. Matthew 5:8*

O - pen our eyes, Lord, we want to see Je - sus, To  
O - pen our ears, Lord, and help us to lis - ten,

The first system of music is in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It features a treble and bass staff with lyrics underneath. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with a steady accompaniment.

1  
reach out and touch Him, and say that we love Him.  
O - pen our eyes,

The second system continues the melody and accompaniment. It includes a first ending bracket labeled '1' that leads back to the beginning of the system. The lyrics are: "reach out and touch Him, and say that we love Him. O - pen our eyes,".

2  
Lord, we want to see Je - sus. *rit.*  
*Optional transition to "More Love to Thee"*

The third system concludes the piece. It features a second ending bracket labeled '2' that leads to a final cadence. The tempo marking "rit." (ritardando) is present. An optional transition to "More Love to Thee" is indicated. The lyrics are: "Lord, we want to see Je - sus.".

*We Acknowledge Our Brokenness and Seek God's Forgiveness*

**Call to Confession**

*(silence for reflection)*

**Prayer of Confession** *(in unison)*

**Loving and forgiving God, we confess that we are not always generous, tenderhearted and forgiving. We often retain ill feelings in our hearts that do not belong there. We sometimes let our anger get the best of us. Forgive us for resisting the Spirit who is at work in us to make us more like Jesus. We pray for mercy in his holy name. Amen.**

**Assurance of Forgiveness**

**Song of Praise**

**Lord, I lift your name on high; Lord, I love to sing your praises.  
I'm so glad you're in my life; I'm so glad you came to save us.  
You came from heaven to earth to show the way;  
From the earth to the cross, my debt to pay.  
From the cross to the grave, from the grave to the sky;  
Lord I lift your name on high.**

*We Listen for God's Word to Us*

**The Reading of Scripture**

First Reading

*Romans 8:18-28*

The Gospel

*John 1:1-18*

*(The First Reading and the Gospel is printed on the back of the bulletin.)*

**The Sermon**

**Hymn**

*"O How I Love Jesus"*

*(printed on the last page of the bulletin)*

**The Offering of Our Gifts**

**The Offertory**

*"My Sheep Know My Voice"*

by I. G. Martin

**The Offertory Response** *(sung)*

***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.***



**Offertory Prayer** (*in unison*)

**Creator and giver of all good things, we present these offerings that show our gratitude to you. May they be used to further your kingdom in the world. Amen.**

**Pastoral Prayer**

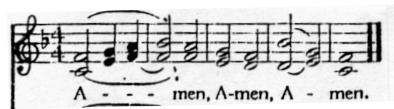
**The Lord's Prayer** (*in unison*)

*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 sins as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.*

**Hymn**

*“This Is My Father’s World”  
(printed on the last page of the bulletin)*

**The Benediction with Three-fold “Amen”**



**Choral Blessing** (*sung*)

(Tune: “Morning Has Broken”)

**New life has bloomed here, God’s love has warmed us;  
Now the world calls us to spread that love.  
God’s peace go with you, may it sustain you,  
And bring us together to praise God again.**

**Postlude**

*“He Keeps Me Singing”*

by L. B. Bridgers

**TODAY’S LECTOR:** *Marian Frantz.*

**SOUND/VIDEOGRAPHER:** *Justin Imbody.*

**LAST WEEK’S BIRTHDAY OFFERING** *received from Lisa Eberts.*

*Then you will call on me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you.  
(Jeremiah 29:12)*



*"Blessing of the Backpacks"* and school supplies will be held during the Sunday morning worship service NEXT Sunday, August 21st. Students and teachers are invited to bring their backpacks and supplies that Sunday.

## **THEY'RE BACK! APPLE DUMPLINGS OCTOBER**

ORDER BY SEPTEMBER 25, 2022

PICK UP OCTOBER 13, from 1:00-5:00 PM

A SIGN-UP SHEET IS ON THE TABLE IN THE CHURCH PARLOR  
OR CALL KAREN 570-386-5472 OR email at [karend@ptd.net](mailto:karend@ptd.net) TO ORDER

## **NOVEMBER**

ORDER BY OCTOBER 30, 2022

PICK UP NOVEMBER 17 from 1:00-5:00 PM

SIGN-UP SHEET WILL BE ON THE TABLE IN THE CHURCH PARLOR  
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**Today's Joyous Noise Offering is designated for Deborah Ahner. She was recently hospitalized, followed by a swift admittance to the Intensive Care Unit (ICU) at St. Luke's Lehighon Campus. She is dealing with multiple sensitive health conditions, including but not limited to complications resulting from pneumonia and a ruptured hernia. Deb, unfortunately, does not have health insurance and will struggle to recoup costs associated with this emergency. Deb's medical status has left all financial burdens on her daughter, Marlena. Marlena is graduating from high school this year and is not in a place to take on the financial obligations of a two-person household. We are currently setting our fundraising goal at \$10,000 in hopes that it makes a difference in covering Deb's lost wages, medical, and household expenses. We appreciate your support and ongoing well-wishes and prayers for Deb's recovery.**

*"Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me."*

*Matthew 25:40*

## THIS WEEK AT ST. PETER'S

Today, Sunday, August 14:

9:00 AM OUTDOOR Worship Service (weather permitting)

10:15 AM Adult Sunday School

Monday, August 15:

5:45-8:00 PM Preschool Open House

Friday, August 19:

10:30 AM Worship Service at The Palmerton

Next Sunday, August 21:

VBS video presentation before church

9:00 AM Worship Service

Blessing of the Back Packs

10:15 AM *Sundae* Sunday after church

*\*For complete details on these events, please consult your newsletter.*



## CLOTHING DRIVE

We are accepting your gently-used items from August 14th ~ September 9th. Place your items in the last room on the left in the Sunday School hallway. Pickup of our donation items will take place on Saturday, September 10th at 8:30am. by [ClothingShoeDrive.com](http://ClothingShoeDrive.com). HELP is needed this day! Please see your July/August & upcoming September newsletter for details. All profits benefit the roof project.

# Retirees



Beginning **September 14th**, the Retirees Group will begin meeting again on the second Wednesday of each month from 9:00 am -3:00 pm. in the St. Peter's Social Hall. There will be food, fun, fellowship, and games. Please contact Kay Miller if you are interested in participating so she can plan for the meals. If you would like to assist in any way, please let Kay know. She can be reached at 570-778-0501, if she doesn't answer, please leave a message and she will return your call.

The Retirees are open to anyone, age is not a factor. They meet the second Wednesday of every month and always welcome new members.

**Say a Prayer for:**

Slayton Altenburg  
Dan Myers  
Elmer Henry  
Linda Dunbar  
Liam Nelson  
Anthony Thomas  
DeRue Kistler  
Rita Yarnell  
Laurie Black  
Eric Breiner  
Melanie Santee  
Matt Brickler  
Darryl Moyer  
Pamela & Susan  
Hunsicker (Lehighton)  
Wendy Kunkel  
Benjamin Harris  
Bruce Miller  
Alexis Scott  
Makayla Scott  
Betty Breiner  
Betty Clark  
Chuck Oliver  
Debbie Peipher  
Carol Steigerwalt  
David Fink  
Glenn Rarick  
Rose Bear  
Tory Graver  
Pete Fisher  
Sherry Seip  
Maggie Wehr  
Robert Kistler, Jr.  
Nancy Domanski  
Rosanne Abrachinsky

Melinda Frey  
Linda Agosti  
Walter Szymanski  
Logan Pribila  
Bruce Wolf  
Lori Fairchild  
Franklin Mackes  
Slayton Altenburg  
Lamar Gerber  
Thomas Miller  
Carol Barron  
Keith Bitler  
MaryAnne Mitrisin  
Chris Conway  
Mark Abrachinsky  
Greg Blackall  
Lana Kuehner  
Amanda Donohue  
Lucas Milot  
Travis Flannigan  
Paul David  
Zayden Mabey  
Gary Zehner  
John Kowlewski  
Matthew Fox  
Jessica Nehm  
Allison Steigerwalt  
Aiden Kreimendahl  
Mike & Bernice Delp  
Carol Tynan  
Lisa Serfass  
Danika Tworkowsky  
Ben Fink  
Diane Middlecamp  
Gino Lorady  
Bernie Matyascik

Jamie Phelan  
Kim & Dave Carson  
Marion Kupres  
Louise Billman  
Tony Masor  
Sherry Walz  
Shari Yediny  
Richard Kistler  
Darlene Kunkel  
Erla Biasi  
Carolyn Kunkle  
Aspen Murphy  
Jillian Datchko  
Pastor Nathan Kennedy  
Russel Stull, Jr.  
Veronica Steigerwalt  
McCoy Rapa  
Donna Roderick  
Jaden Leiby  
Justin Klotz  
Gene McCormik  
Mike Rascho  
William Shirar  
Amy Meixsall  
JoAnn Pagonis  
Jackson Delebar  
Austin Klein  
Melissa Drake  
Lorna Hart  
Carson Barron  
Caroline Lantz  
Nancy Barkus  
Howard Morana



**August 7, 2022**

**Attendance: 82**

**Total Current Offering: \$ 2,576.50**

**Building Maintenance Fund of: \$ 303.00**

**Plate Offering: \$ 62.00**

**Year-to-date Fuel: \$ 1,575.00**

**Year-to-date Elevator: \$ 240.00**

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**Benevolence:**

**Total YTD: \$ 8,644.00**

**(2022 combined benevolence goal is \$15,000.00)**

## **St. Peter's Church, West Penn**

**184 St. Peter's Road Tamaqua PA 18252**

**570-386-4388**

### **Rev. Virginia M. Heimer, Pastor**

**For Pastoral Care or Emergency:**

**Pastor Heimer's Cell: 610-762-3840**

**Pastor Heimer will be in her office on:**

**Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 10:00 AM ~ 4:00 PM;**

**Thursdays from 9:00 AM ~ 1:00 PM**

**Friday ~ OFF; Saturday ~ SABBATH DAY**

**Contact for our TLC Committee for Your Special Needs:**

**Please call Pastor Heimer OR the Church Office**

**Director of Music: Carol Steigerwalt**

**Sexton: Lou Ann Algard**

**Financial Secretary: Jacqueline McCandless**

**Church Office: Elaine Koons**

**Church Office Phone: (570) 386-4388**

**Church Office Hours: Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 10:00 AM~2:00 PM**

**Wednesday 10:00 AM-1:00 PM**

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**St Peter's Church of West Penn**

# O How I Love Jesus

*Though you have not seen Him, you love Him. 1 Peter 1:8*



1. There is a name I love to hear, I love to sing its worth;  
 2. It tells me of a Sav - ior's love, Who died to set me free;  
 3. It tells me what my Fa - ther hath In store for ev - ery day  
 4. It tells of One whose lov - ing heart Can feel my deep - est woe,



It sounds like mu - sic in my ear, The sweet - est name on earth.  
 It tells me of His pre - cious blood, The sin - ner's per - fect plea.  
 And, tho' I tread a dark - some path, Yields sun - shine all the way.  
 Who in each sor - row bears a part That none can bear be - low.



*Refrain*



O how I love Je - sus! O how I love Je - sus!



O how I love Je - sus, Be - cause He first loved me!



TEXT: Frederick Whitfield  
 MUSIC: Traditional American melody

O HOW I LOVE JESUS  
 C.M. with Refrain

*Optional extended or choral ending*



Be - cause He first loved me! (He first loved me!)



# This Is My Father's World

*The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it. Psalm 24:1*

1. This is my Fa-ther's world, And to my lis-t'ning ears  
 2. This is my Fa-ther's world, The birds their car-ols raise;  
 3. This is my Fa-ther's world, O let me ne'er for-get

All na-ture sings, and round me rings The mu-sic of the spheres.  
 The morn-ing light, the lil-y white De-clare their Mak-er's praise.  
 That though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the Rul-er yet.

This is my Fa-ther's world, I rest me in the thought  
 This is my Fa-ther's world, He shines in all that's fair;  
 This is my Fa-ther's world, The bat-tle is not done;

Of rocks and trees, of skies and seas- His hand the won-ders wrought.  
 In the rus-ling grass I hear Him pass, He speaks to me ev-ery-where.  
 Je-sus, who died, shall be sat-is-fied, And earth and heav'n be one.



**First Reading: *Romans 8:18-28***

<sup>18</sup>I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. <sup>19</sup>For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; <sup>20</sup>for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope <sup>21</sup>that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. <sup>22</sup>We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; <sup>23</sup>and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. <sup>24</sup>For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? <sup>25</sup>But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience. <sup>26</sup>Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. <sup>27</sup>And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God. <sup>26</sup>Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. <sup>27</sup>And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God. <sup>28</sup>We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose.

**The Gospel: *John 1:1-18***

<sup>1</sup>In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. <sup>2</sup>He was in the beginning with God. <sup>3</sup>All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being <sup>4</sup>in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. <sup>5</sup>The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. <sup>6</sup>There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. <sup>7</sup>He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. <sup>8</sup>He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. <sup>9</sup>The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. <sup>10</sup>He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. <sup>11</sup>He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. <sup>12</sup>But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, <sup>13</sup>who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God. <sup>14</sup>And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth. <sup>15</sup>(John testified to him and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me.'") <sup>16</sup>From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. <sup>17</sup>The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. <sup>18</sup>No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.