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June 7th, 2026

2nd Sunday after Pentecost

Prelude:

***Enter the Light of Christ**

Pastor's Welcome

Announcements:

- **Adult Sunday School at 9:30 am.**
- **June 9th, Drive-Thru Ham Dinner, reserve your dinner by calling 330 482-2382. If you can help in any way, let Anne Brown know.**
- **Spaghetti Dinner Benefit: A benefit dinner for the family of Nathan Jones will be held on June 14, from 1–5 PM at Leetonia Legion Post 131. Nathan passed unexpectedly on May 19th, leaving his wife, Alyssa, and their three young children. Your support for the family is greatly appreciated.**
- **June 17th Fellowship Breakfast at the Dutch House, 10 am. All are welcome, no reservations needed.**
- **June 17th One Board meeting at 4:30 pm**
- **June 28th, Chef Brad's Brunch.**

***Opening Prayer:**

Gracious God, We gather this morning with gratitude for Your presence and hope in Your promises. Quiet our minds, steady our hearts, and draw us into the joy of worship. Speak to us through Your Word, renew us by Your Spirit, and shape us to reflect Your love in all we do. In Jesus' name, Amen.

***Opening Hymn: Shall We Gather at the River 1,2,4 #723**

Call to Worship:

L: Like Abram and Sarai, God calls us to go into the unknown, trusting that God's promises are true.

P: Whether we are certain or full of doubts, God blesses us that we may be a blessing.

L: God sends us into the world to journey by faith, believing that God's blessings are greater than anything we can imagine.

P: Whether the path is straight or winding, God blesses us that we may be a blessing.

L: God gathers us today with trusted companions, those who also follow God's call, even when it does not make sense to the world around us.

P: Whether we journey with friends or feel all alone, God blesses us that we may be a blessing.

L: As we gather to worship, may we remember that we are God's people, blessed by God to be a blessing to our world that is hurting and desperately in need of good news.

P: God, form us today as a family of faith, that your blessings might flow out of us and into our world, drawing all people into your promise of abundant life and flourishing. Amen.

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Offertory:

*Doxology #95

*Prayer of Dedication

Calling God, You sent Abram forth in trust and promise. So now we come in faith, presenting these gifts, that Your blessing may flow through us into the world. Consecrate them, we pray, to the building up of fellowship, the healing of the broken, and the drawing of all people to You. Grant that our giving may bear witness to our trust, and that our trust may lead us wherever You call. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Hymn of Preparation: Standing on the Promises 1,3,4 #374

Celebration of Communion

Apostles's Creed #881

Old Testament Reading: Genesis 12:1-9

Gospel Reading: Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26

Gloria Patri #70

Message: "Blessed to be a Blessing" Pastor Cyndi

Closing Hymn: Leave It There 1,2,3 #522

Benediction

***Sending: "God Be with You"**

*Postlude

**Indicates for the congregation to stand if you are able*

Good morning, God has brought us safely into a new day, and He meets us here with mercy and strength. May this hour draw us closer to Him and to one another as we worship.

Dear Heavenly Father,

We come before You today because You are an amazing God. Before we ever entered this world, You knew us. Throughout our lives, You have shaped us—through trials, through joys, through every moment where You have walked beside us. And even now, You continue forming us into the people You long for us to become.

Yet, Lord, we confess that we do not always willingly allow You to guide us. Like Paul, we often desire what we should not have or reach for things that are not meant for us. We chase success without seeking Your wisdom. We take credit for blessings that came from Your hand. Thank You, Jesus, for understanding the human heart, for offering grace upon grace, and for giving us second chances to follow You and give You all the glory.

Help us now to pause and remember the ways You have carried us through this past week. When we needed joy, You opened our eyes to the blessings around us—family, friends, shelter, food, transportation, and the simple gifts that remind us of Your love. When loneliness crept in, You stirred a friend's heart to call or sent a child or grandchild to visit. You wrapped us in Your peace at just the right moment. When worry or anxiety weighed us down, You brought Your Word to mind and helped us place our burdens into Your hands. For all of this, and for so much more, we give You thanks.

We come to praise Your name, to confess our sins, to thank You for Your love that shines through both our failures and our successes. And we come to ask for Your guidance, Your healing, and Your comfort in the days ahead.

Thank You for the healing You have already brought to those in our families and in our church family. Today we lift up **Becky McMurray** and **Rebecca Roller** as they prepare for their upcoming surgeries. Walk with them each day. Fill their hearts and minds with the peace that only You can give. Reminding them that You are in control.

We also lift **Beverly Warren** to You. Thank You for watching over her this past week and for the medical care she received. You are the Great Physician, and You have brought her through so much. We ask that You extend Your healing hand once again—restore her strength, renew her joy, and allow her smile to brighten the lives of those around her.

We also join Betty in praying for her sister Donna, thank You for all that You have done for her so far, and we ask that You continue to extend Your healing hand upon her allowing her to recover fully, giving You the glory and honor.

We pray for the **Merdich family, and the Ferguson family**, as they mourn the loss of Jeanette and Sam. Losing a parent leaves a deep ache, and the grief journey is long. Wrap Your arms around

each one who carries a heavy heart. May they be comforted by Your presence and by the memories they hold this side of heaven.

We praise You for being with **Victoria** as she played her drum in the talent show. Thank You for guiding her hands, calming her spirit, and filling her with confidence. We lift the joy of that moment back to You with gratitude.

Lord, there are countless needs in this world. We know we cannot meet them all, but for the ones we *can*—guide us to them. And may Your light be seen in every act of love we offer.

Our world continues to need Your wisdom. Be with our leaders—local, national, and global. Grant them discernment so that Your will may be done on earth as it is in heaven.

In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.