

**SCHOENBRUNN COMMUNITY MORAVIAN CHURCH**  
*We are Christ called, Christ centered, Christ sent...loving all.*  
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**Seventeenth Sunday of Pentecost**  
**September 27<sup>th</sup>, 2020**

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Watchword for the week: *"In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus:"* **Philippians 2:5**

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**WORDS OF WELCOME & NEWS OF THE CHURCH**

\*PASSING THE RIGHT WAVE OF FELLOWSHIP

\*WATCHWORD FOR THE WEEK

PRELUDE "NAME OF ALL MAJESTY" #407MBW

SCRIPTURE LESSON  
PHILIPPIANS 2:1-13  
MATTHEW 21:23-32

HOPE SUNDAY VIDEO

PRAYER

OFFERING

OFFERTORY "OUT OF THE DEPTHS I CRY TO YOU" #761MBW

PRAYER OF DEDICATION (SHARED BY THE ELDER OF THE MONTH)

Gracious God, help us to be give abundantly to all those in need. May we all strive to be intentional in caring more for one another and the needs of our world. Amen.

CHILDREN'S LESSON

MESSAGE "Natural Responses vs. Intentional Actions"

HYMN "LORD OF ALL HOPEFULNESS" MBW#802

\*BENEDICTION

DISMISSAL

(PLEASE WAIT FOR THE PASTOR OR THE ELDER OF THE MONTH TO DISMISS YOU AND YOUR FAMILY)

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*\*Please stand, as able.*

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**Prayers of the People**

**Church and World:** For all families and churches of Tuscarawas County; for the ministries of our Eastern District and Northern Province; for the shared work of the worldwide Moravian Unity; for all who risk their lives for the gospel; for refugees and victims of natural disasters and violence around the world and for those who work to provide shelter, healing, and peace.

**Military and Families:** Adam Porter, Bret Penik.

**Healing, Comfort and Peace:** Justin Miller, Jaxson, John Meek Sr., Darrin McMillen, Hurricane/ wildfire victims, Evan Toyberg, Tom Jones, Linda Bennington, Maliyah and Brea, Teachers, students, and staff returning to School, Becky Shanower, Kaylee Arthur, Erica Dalton, Jim Shamel Sr., Holly McMahan, Reidenbach Family, Joe Bihari, Mark Meek, John Meek, Rusty Tisdale, Ron Regula, Manny Weaver, Charles Leonard, Rosemary Clark, Seth Krockner, COVID-19 Victims.

**Families Bereaved:** John Walton, Jack Bailey, James Fouts' grandmother, Mike Poole Sr., Jim Krienbihi, Kenneth France, Fred Duprow, Merlyn Immel.

**Homebound Members and Friends:** Lynne Capretta (Northwood Inn).

To add prayers please contact Prayer Chain: 330-339-1940 or [pastor@scmchurch.org](mailto:pastor@scmchurch.org).



SEPTEMBER 27, 2020  
SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY  
AFTER PENTECOST

# taking+ faith home

*God directs our ways.*

## DAILY BIBLE READINGS

These passages are related to the Lectionary texts for this Sunday.

Sunday	Matthew 21:23-32	Parable of the two sons
Monday	Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32	God's ways are fair
Tuesday	Philippians 2:1-13	Christ shows us humility
Wednesday	Exodus 17:1-17	Water from the rock
Thursday	Psalms 78:1-4, 12-16	What God has done
Friday	James 1:19-27	Hearing and doing God's word
Saturday	Psalms 25:1-9	Prayer for guidance and help
Sunday	Matthew 21:33-46	Parable of the vineyard tenants

## SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

"[W]ork out your own salvation with fear and trembling; for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure." **Philippians 2:12b-13 (NRSV)**

## PRAYERS AND BLESSING

### A Prayer for the Week:

Dear God, teach us to know your ways and to do them with humility and compassion for all that you have created through Christ our Lord. Amen. (Psalm 25:4)

### Mealtime Prayer:

Good and gracious God, we thank you for providing for our every need, including the gift of this food; we pray through Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

### A Blessing to Give:

May God guide you in the way of truth and guard your life with steadfast love and faithfulness. (Psalm 25)



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## HYMN OF THE WEEK

*We Are All One in  
Mission*



## WEEKLY MILESTONES



Take a moment to tell or think about a recent mountain high and/or valley low in your life.

## CARING CONVERSATIONS



Discuss in your home, small group, or use for personal reflections:

- Do you ask for help sometimes when making decisions? Why or why not?
- Is there a time when you asked for God's help in making a decision? If so, tell about it.
- How does reading the Bible and having conversations with other believers help guide your life?

## DEVOTIONS



*Read:* Philippians 2:1-13.

The Apostle Paul speaks to the church at Philippi and encourages the people to live with others with humility (vv. 3-4). He uses Christ as our model for this way of life as Christ Jesus took on our human existence and "humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death" (v. 8). With this as a guide, Paul exhorts believers to pursue the Christian life because it matters to others, to the world, and to God. Knowing how hard it is to live this life faithfully, he states, "work out our salvation in fear and trembling" (v. 12b). But this is not a fear that prevents us from acting. It is actually a sense of awe and reverence that frees us to live and act because God is with us, behind and in front of us in both our actions and our very desire to do the will of God (v. 13). It can be overwhelming to wonder how to live as a Christian. Paul encourages us to go forth with humility to love others and trust God. Think of a situation that is hard for you to know what you should do. When this happens, pray to God for wisdom and faith to act with love and humility.

*Pray:* **God of justice and mercy, guide our days and our deeds in the peace of Christ. Amen.**

## SERVICE



In Philippians 2, Paul is asking us to imitate Jesus by being of the same mind and showing compassion, love, and humility to others. Showing interest in others by listening and praying for them is one way to be compassionate. Be mindful of listening closely to the conversations you have with others.

## RITUALS AND TRADITIONS



Lifting our hands is one way to show praise to God. In the Old Testament there are people (like Leah and Moses) who lift their hands in praise to God. This is an ancient pose of prayer and a motion used to open a person to receiving God's blessing. Lift your hands and pray daily this week: **To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul. O my God, in you I trust. Amen.** (Psalm 25:1-2a)



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