

**SCHOENBRUNN COMMUNITY MORAVIAN CHURCH**  
*We are Christ called, Christ centered, Christ sent...loving all.*  
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**Twentieth Sunday of Pentecost**  
**October 18th, 2020**

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Watchword for the week: *“Sing to the Lord, praise his name; proclaim his salvation day after day.”- Psalm 96:2*  
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WORDS OF WELCOME & NEWS OF THE CHURCH

\*PASSING THE RIGHT WAVE OF FELLOWSHIP

\*WATCHWORD FOR THE WEEK

PRELUDE “ALL PEOPLE THAT ON EARTH DO DWELL” #539MBW

SCRIPTURE LESSON  
PSALM 96:1-9  
MATTHEW 22:15-22

LITURGY OF REFLECTION

PRAYER

OFFERING

OFFERTORY “YE SERVANTS OF GOD” #565 MBW

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

Benevolent Savior, help us to remember that we are called not just to give to your church, but to our community and our world as well. May all our gifts be given to build your kingdom. Amen.

CHILDREN’S LESSON

MESSAGE “Can We Serve God and Caesar?”

HYMN “GOD OF GRACE AND GOD OF GLORY” MBW#751

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

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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, Kyle Springer.

**Healing, Comfort and Peace:** Jeff Fahner, John Swinderman, Emily Lippert, Linda Karcher, Patsy Carlisle Dale Peterman, Jeff, Ally West, Junior Miller, Janet West, Justin Miller, Jaxson, John Meek Sr., Darrin McMillen, Hurricane/wildfire victims, Evan Toyberg, Tom Jones, Linda Bennington, Maliyah and Brea, Teachers, students, and staff at School, COVID-19 Victims.

**Families Bereaved:** 2\_Claymont students, Nathan Clark, Jerry Foster John Walton, Jack Bailey.

**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).



OCTOBER 18, 2020  
TWENTIETH SUNDAY  
AFTER PENTECOST



*God does great things through people.*

### DAILY BIBLE READINGS

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

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Matthew 22:15-22</b>	<b>The question of paying taxes</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>Isaiah 45:1-7</b>	<b>Cyrus serves the Lord</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>1 Thessalonians 1:1-10</b>	<b>The example of faith</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Exodus 33:12-23</b>	<b>Moses' intercession</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Psalms 99</b>	<b>Our Lord is king</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>Isaiah 42:1-9</b>	<b>The Lord's servant</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Psalms 96:1-13</b>	<b>Sing a new song</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Matthew 22:34-46</b>	<b>Loving God and neighbor</b>

### SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. **1 Thessalonians 1:2-3 (NRSV)**

### PRAYERS AND BLESSING

#### **A Prayer for the Week:**

Dear God, use our gifts, our faith, our hope in you, to do labors of love for the sake of Jesus Christ and his reign on earth. Amen.

#### **Mealtime Prayer:**

Dear God, we thank you for how you provide for us and for the hands that have brought this food to us today. Amen.

#### **A Blessing to Give:**

May the God who has chosen you in love, give you grace and peace. (1 Thessalonians 1:1, 4)



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### HYMN OF THE WEEK

*Open Your Ears,  
O Faithful People*



### 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:

- What is something you have accomplished and are proud of?
- How can God use your efforts—your deeds—for others?
- Is it a surprise that God can use your efforts to accomplish God's will on earth? Explain.

### DEVOTIONS

*Read:* Isaiah 45:1-7.

Cyrus is a Persian king. He is not part of God's chosen people through Abraham, Isaac or Jacob. Cyrus doesn't even know the God of Israel, and yet Cyrus does God's will by setting God's people free to return home from exile in Babylon. Isaiah lifts up the supreme power and authority of God's rule throughout the world. Besides the LORD, there is no god (v. 5). All that is, is God's. It is easy for us to forget that God can use others outside of the body of Christ to do God's will on earth. No wonder Psalm 96 commands all the earth to sing to the LORD (v. 1). In the midst of the tragedies that happen all too often around us, it is important to remember that we are a people of hope and trust in the God who holds all things together. The Apostle Paul wrote with thanksgiving for the Thessalonians' faith, love, and hope (1 Thessalonians 1:3). As a chosen people, Paul gladly affirms that they do God's work of love on earth through their "work of faith" and "steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ" (v. 3). How does God's rule on earth give you hope and encourage you to act with love and faith?

*Pray:* **God of power and might, we thank you for your glory that breathes hope and love into all corners of the earth through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

### SERVICE

God is the ruler of all of creation and we, God's servants, have responsibility to care for all that God has created. One of the greatest concerns for our world today is to care for the earth that is suffering under the weight of carbon emissions, overflowing landfills and polluted air and water. What can you do to reduce the waste that harms the earth?

### RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

Psalm 96 is a song of praise to God. It tells of the sea roaring, the creatures and fields rejoicing, and the trees singing. In what ways do you praise God through sounds and music? Sing a favorite Christian hymn. Think about what the words say about God. Then say: **Sing a new song to the Lord! Everyone on this earth, sing praises to the Lord, sing and praise his name.** (vv.1-2a)



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