

July 23, 2017

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

Our Mission
 Connect People to Jesus Christ
 Grow Disciples
 Relieve Suffering



Contemporary Worship at 9:30

Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name. Bring an offering, and come before him. Worship the Lord in holy splendor. – 1 Chronicles 16:29

Call to Worship

Worship Music:

*Never Gonna Stop Singing
 Beautiful One
 Everlasting God*



Welcome

What's happening at First Church!

Prayer

Pastor Joe DiPaolo

Hero Central Celebration

Laura Sambrick

Special Music- "Superhero"
 Gift Presentation to Shalom Partnership
 Honoring our local hero, Dr. Rau
 Thank You Teachers-Laura Sambrick and Pastor Joe DiPaolo
 Looking Ahead-Laura Sambrick

The Word

Judges 16:15-20

Sermon

"Superheroes and Servants"

Pastor Joe DiPaolo

Offering

You Are My All in All

Blessing

First United Methodist Church

Senior Pastor: Rev. Joseph DiPaolo

Associate Pastor: Rev. Kerry Leeper

Pastor of Discipleship & Administration: Rev. Eddie Cameron

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Prelude

Joshua Fit the Battle of Jericho arr. BarbossaThePianist
 Judy Williams and Peter Omundsen, piano duet

Announcements & Greeting

* Call to Worship

The Lord is a refuge for the oppressed,

A stronghold in times of trouble.

The Lord has never forsaken those who seek him

Sing the praises of the Lord; proclaim to all what God has done!

(Based on Psalm 9:9-11)

* Hymn

Come, Thou Almighty King

No. 61

Common Prayer

Liturgist

8:15- Madhuri Sakrudkar

10:45- Craig Lehman

Our patient God: We are prone to irresponsibility and laziness. At times we shrink from doing our part, not only in the labors that support everyday life, but also in the work of your church. Forgive us, we pray; continually nudge us by your Holy Spirit, that we may fulfill our assigned roles in the church and the world, with faithfulness, integrity and commitment, to the glory of your name; Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Scripture Reading

Philippians 2:1-11 (Pew Bibles, NT, page 186)

Liturgist

Anthem

I Know the Plans

Cindy Berry

Summer Choir; Brian Norcross, Conductor

VBS Highlights

Laura Sambrick

Shalom Partnership

Laura Sambrick

Concerns of the People

Pastor Kerry Leeper

Choral Call to Prayer (10:45)

Lead Me, Lord

No. 473

Lead me, Lord, lead me in thy righteousness; make thy way plain before my face. For it is thou, Lord, thou, Lord only, that makest me dwell in safety.

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer (10:45)

No. 895

* Hymn

Rise Up, O Men of God

No. 576

* please stand if able

HOLY LAND VIA JORDAN - JANUARY 15-24, 2018: While you are on the Holy Land via Jordan pilgrimage in January 2018 you will visit Petra, Jordan, a UNESCO World Heritage site since 1985. You will walk (or ride a horse) through a long, narrow gorge known as the Siq. Once inside the city you will marvel at the intricate details of a city with tombs and temples that were cut into the cliff sides of rose-colored rock, thus earning the nickname the "Rose City". Perhaps its most famous structure is 45m-high temple with an ornate, Greek-style facade, and known as The Treasury. According to Arab tradition, Petra is the spot where Moses struck a rock with his staff and water came forth, and where Moses' brother, Aaron, is buried on at Mount Hor, known today as Mount Aaron. The Wadi Musa or "Wadi of Moses" is the Arab name for the narrow valley at the head of the canyon on which Petra is sited. A mountaintop shrine of Moses' sister Miriam was still shown to pilgrims at the time of Jerome in the 4th century, but its location has not been identified since.

Pick up a brochure at the Welcome Center and plan to participate in this once-in-a-lifetime journey. Call Pastor Joe or Katherine with any question at 394-7231.

SUNDAY BRUNCH IS BACK: Please come join us for Brunch in the Celebration Center on Sunday, July 30, 2017 beginning at 10:30 am, right after the Contemporary Worship Service. Please join us for the Worship Service at 9:30, and stay for great fellowship and a wonderful brunch. A sign-Up Genius link is being emailed each Monday for you to sign-up to attend the brunch, as well as volunteer to help with set-up, clean-up and monetary donations to help offset the cost. You may also respond directly to Wendy Thorbahn at wthorbahn@fult.com or by phone at 717-723-2990.

SIGN-UP TO VOLUNTEER FOR LABOR FOR LANCASTER: HOPE HAPPENS HERE! Labor for Lancaster: Hope Happens Here is a community-wide Day of Service designed to share God's love with our city and its residents through acts of compassion, grace, justice, and peace. This is the 4th year for Labor for Lancaster and our partners are excited to have us come back! This year we are partnering with Clare House, TLC, YWCA, Ross Elementary School, Lancaster City Parks Dept., and other non-profit organizations in our community to do small projects like trash clean-up, painting, yard work, and organization for schools. All we need is for you to volunteer! Here's the scoop:
 Sunday, September 3, 2017 from 1:00-5:00 PM; www.LaborforLancaster.com
 Please take a moment to register your participation this year by selecting the places you'd most like to serve. We will try to meet your request the best we can. And don't forget to share with others the website and date! We hope you'll join us to make a difference in our community as we serve those around us with the hope and light of Jesus Christ. Thanks, and let's get laboring for Lancaster! - Pastor Eddie

REFUGEE MINISTRY: If anyone has a food processor that they no longer need, there is a recently arrived Syrian refugee mother who could really use one. Our FUMC Refugee Committee is currently helping with some of this family's more pressing needs. Contact: Peggy Hannum: bhannum2@comcast.net or 717-984-3627.

HELP IS NEEDED ON THE ALTAR GUILD: The Altar Guild is in need of additional hands. The Altar Guild has the special privilege of preparing the sanctuary for worship. The time commitment is approximately two hours every eight weeks. For more information, brochures are available at the Welcome Center in the Gathering Place. You may also contact Paulie Bird at 717-393-1470 or 717-940-1367.

GROCERY CARDS: The church has received over \$80,000.00 from the sale of grocery cards. What a great gift to the church for using gift cards to purchase our groceries. Thanks to all for supporting this ministry which helps to decrease our capital debt.

FIRST CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS!

July 23, 2017

We welcome all to worship today. To help us stay connected with you, please fill out the “Connect Card” that is found in your bulletin. This card helps the church track changes in email, phone, address, and more. On the card you can tell us your areas of interest by checking all that apply. Be sure to share your prayer requests with the staff by writing them on the card. Staff members pray for each request on Monday afternoon. Place the card in the offering plate today. Thank you for helping us to get to know and stay connected with you!

HONORING OUR LOCAL HEROES DR. DAMARIS RAU, SUPERINTENDENT OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF LANCASTER AND SHALOM PARTNERSHIP

Today at the 9:30 Contemporary Service we have a special celebration to give thanks for our 2017 Hero Central Vacation Bible School. During VBS we raised money for Shalom Partnership, a ministry that provides academic enrichment programs for the Lancaster School District elementary students throughout the summer. Dr. Rau was so inspired by their work that she implemented a 5-week Summer Enrichment Camp, partnering with groups like Shalom to reach 350 students this summer. When you see Dr. Rau and Shalom board members, be sure to thank them for the good work happening among children in our city.

SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL UPDATE: Today, Pastor Eddie begins the study, “Christianity: One of Many Faiths.” This intergenerational study will focus on the similarities and differences of faiths in and around Lancaster City, and the world. Please join us this summer during the 9:30 hour in room 214/215 as together we deepen our faith in God through dialogue, prayer, and fellowship. On September 3, Rev. Mutwale Ntambo wa Mushidi and his wife Kabaka Ndala Alphonsine will share about their ministry in Tanzania. Come hear how God is working through them to further the kingdom here on earth!

LUMINA is looking for adults and teens, 16 and over, who can guide a small group of children through activity centers during our urban outreach Day Camp. Camp begins tomorrow, July 24 and runs through Friday July 28, from 10 am to 2 pm. All volunteers must have clearances for Safe Sanctuary. Please call Correen Russo at 717-808-8633 to join the team or get more information.

THRIFT SHOP: The thrift shop is currently full and not accepting donations. If you have donations, please take them to Goodwill or the Lancaster County Council of Churches clothing bank until further notice. The thrift shop needs-list will be advertised before opening again in the Fall 2017 season. The thrift shop supports InsideOut (IO) Youth Ministry. If you have questions or are interested serving with this ministry in some capacity this fall or winter, contact Iris Lehman at brianandiris@verizon.net.

BLOOD DRIVE at FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH: Thursday, July 27 from 3:00-7:00 PM. For donating you will receive 2 Lancaster Barnstormers ticket vouchers for any regular season home game and an Oregon Dairy Coupon. Plus, you will receive the satisfaction that you are sharing your life with another person in need of life giving blood.



Procession of Offerings

* Doxology All Praise to Thee, My God, This Night (*stanza 5*) No. 682
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.

Prayer of Thanksgiving Acolyte
 8:15-Malini Sakrudkar 10:45-Maggie Johnson

8:15 ONLY		
The Great Thanksgiving		
The Lord's Prayer 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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.		
Communion Anthem	<i>Give Me Jesus</i> Diane Styer, Piano	John Purifoy
Prayer after Communion Eternal God, we give thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we will go into the world renewed in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.		

* Hymn *God of Love and God of Power* No. 682

* Blessing

Dismissal *Lord, Dismiss Us With Thy Blessing (stanza 1)* No. 671
Lord, dismiss us with thy blessing; fill our hearts with joy and peace; let us each, thy love possessing, triumph in redeeming grace. O refresh us, O refresh us, traveling through this wilderness.

Postlude *Postlude* arr. Raymond Haan
 Peter Omundsen, Organ

	8:15	9:30	10:45
Greeters	W: Tom & Donna Nesbitt N: Doug Haar	Nat Gilchrist, Bill Butler, Brenda Troop, Barb St. John.	W: Sarah Fisher N: Deborah Szkola
Ushers	William Henry, Robert Bare, Steven Beeler, Nancy Henry, Randy Karshin, Anita Lewis, Marc Russo	Nat Gilchrist, Bill Butler, Brenda Troop, Barb St. John.	Susan Kepner, Paul Belser, Mark DeBord, Terry Kile, George Stephan, George Werner, Patricia Werner, John Woltjeh.
Sound Tech	Tyler Coder	Chris Reindollar	Brian Dombach
Liturgist	Madhuri Sakrudkar		Craig Lehman
Communion Assistant	Correen Russo		
Acolyte	Malini Sakrudkar		Maggie Johnson
Welcome Center	Ron Lee	Cathy Doremus	Dr. Ethel Amoo Mitchual
Fellowship Time	Teresa Sakrudkar	Thorbahn & Mearkle Families	
Safety & Security	Steve Shank		

Prayer for Illumination Pastor Joe DiPaolo

Scripture Reading **Judges 16:15-20** (Pew Bibles, OT, p. 223) Pastor Joe DiPaolo

Sermon “*Superheroes and Servants*” Pastor Joe DiPaolo

* Affirmation of Faith *Apostles' Creed, Traditional Version* No. 881

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth;

And in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord: who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

* Gloria Patri *Holy, Holy, Holy (stanza 1)* No. 64

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty! Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee. Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty, God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

8:15 ONLY	
Invitation to The Lord's Supper	Malini Sakrudkar, Acolyte
Confession and Pardon Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart. We have failed to be an obedient church. We have not done your will, we have broken your law, we have rebelled against your love, we have not loved our neighbors, and we have not heard the cry of the needy. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. <i>(All pray in silence.)</i>	
Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God's love toward us. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven! In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven! Glory to God. Amen.	
* Passing the Peace	

Invitation to the Offering Liturgist

Offertory *Springs of Living Water* arr. T. Smith
 Diane Styer, Piano