

August 6, 2017

Ninth 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

Worship Music:
Your Love Awakens Me
Look to the Son

Welcome

What's happening at First Church!

Worship Music:
Love So Great
How Great is our God

Prayer Pastor Kerry Leeper

The Word **John 14:15-21**

Sermon *“Jesus With Skin On”* Correen Russo

Communion
Nothing But the Blood

Offering

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 *All Creatures of Our God and King* arr. J. William Greene
 Peter Omundsen, Organ

Announcements & Greeting Pastor Kerry Leeper

* Call to Worship
 Leader: Give thanks to the Lord, call on his name!
People: Make known his deeds among the peoples.
 Leader: Sing to him, sing praises to him!
People: Tell of all his wonderful works.
 Leader: Glory in his holy name!
People: Let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice!

* Hymn *All Creatures of Our God and King* No. 62

Common Prayer Pastor Kerry Leeper, Liturgist
Lord, make me an instrument of thy peace; where there is hatred, let me sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; and where there is sadness, joy. O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood, as to understand; to be loved, as to love; for it is in giving that we receive, it is in pardoning that we are pardoned, and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. (The Prayer of Saint Frances; Hymnal 481)

Anthem *A Communion Invitation* Joesph Martin
 Summer Choir; Brian Norcross, Conductor

Scripture Reading **Ephesians 2:1-10** (Pew Bibles, NT, page 181) Liturgist

Children's Sermon (10:45) Rev. Jim Goudie

Concerns of the People

Pastoral Prayer Pastor Kerry Leeper

* Hymn *For the Bread Which You Have Broken* No. 614

Prayer for Illumination Correen Russo

Scripture Reading **John 14:15-21** (Pew Bibles, NT, p.103) Pastor Joe DiPaolo

* please stand if able

SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL UPDATE: Today, Rev. Jim Goudie continues the study, “Christianity: One of Many Faiths,” focusing our time and conversation on the Jewish faith. This intergenerational study will focus on the similarities and differences of faiths in and around Lancaster City, and the world. Future conversations about Islam and Buddhism will follow in the coming weeks. 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!

HOLY LAND VIA JORDAN – JANUARY 15-24, 2018: While you are on the Holy Land via Jordan pilgrimage in January 2018 you will visit Caesarea, a city built by Herod the Great between 22 and 10 BC. He made it an important seaport, with excellent connections to all parts of the Mediterranean world. Archaeologists have uncovered public buildings, a theater which still offers concerts today, and hippodrome known for its chariot races, and well preserved aqueducts. Here in Caesarea the apostle Peter preached to Cornelius who became the first Gentile convert to the new religion (Acts 10), and where Paul was imprisoned for two years before being taken to Rome for trial (Acts 26). Pick up a brochure at the Welcome Center and plan to visit this once important capital city for yourself. Call Pastor Joe or Katherine with any questions at 394-7231.

AN INVITATION: “Dear First Church Community, Our Minister of Youth and Young Adults, Kate Beiler, and her fiancé Michael Toner, together with their families, would be honored by your presence at their wedding on Saturday, September 16th at 3:00pm. The ceremony will be in the sanctuary followed by a tea & biscuit reception in the gathering area. Both are open to all No RSVP is necessary. Please feel free to contact Kate at keb1354@gmail.com for details or with questions. Kate and Mike love the idea of celebrating with their church family and look forward to seeing you on their happy day!”

YOUTH VOLUNTEER AND STUDENT LEADER TRAINING: The 2017 training and planning session, on August 12-13 is for all youth volunteers and student leaders. On Saturday, August 12, from 2:00 PM through dinner the training features team-building exercises and discussion around SundayYouth Fellowship with a focus on what it means to be a volunteer and student leader. In the evening, the student leaders will have a camp-out in the Steed’s backyard starting at 7:00 PM. On Sunday, August 13 from 12:00 PM through 3:30 PM the training and planning focuses on InsideOut (IO) Sunday School teachers, youth volunteers, and student leaders. This training will be held in the youth wing. The IO team will prepare for the year at this time. Please note: This is mandatory for all leaders and volunteers. If there is a reason you are unable to attend please contact Kate Beiler, youth@engagegodfirst.org, as soon as possible to set-up a one-on-one meeting.

SOUND ADVICE: Our sanctuary is a remarkably beautiful and complicated room. Perhaps the most complicated aspect is sound amplification. The new system in the sanctuary, after several adjustments, is serving the lower level of the sanctuary well. But there are deficiencies in the balcony. An enhancement for the balcony has been designed and implementation is intended by September. We appreciate your sound patience as we work to improve your hearing!

SYRIAN REFUGEE COMMITTEE: The mother of one of the families being helped by FUMC would be very happy to have a sewing machine. If anyone has one in good working order, please contact Peggy Hannum: 717 984 2736 or phannum2@comcast.net

REMEMBERING BEN IN PRISON: Benjamin Fowler has moved to his new prison in Camp Hill. This is a temporary address where he can receive mail. His address is:

Benjamin Fowler
 NA4780
 SCI-Camp Hill
 PO Box 200
 Camp Hill, PA 17001-0200

Sermon “Jesus With Skin On” Correen Russo

* Affirmation of Faith A Modern Affirmation No. 885

Leader: Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is the one true church, apostolic and universal, whose holy faith let us now declare:

We believe in God the Father, infinite in wisdom, power, and love, whose mercy is over all his works, and whose will is ever directed to his children’s good. We believe in Jesus Christ, Son of God and Son of man, the gift of the Father’s unfailing grace, the ground of our hope, and the promise of our deliverance from sin and death. We believe in the Holy Spirit as the divine presence in our lives, whereby we are kept in perpetual remembrance of the truth of Christ, and find strength and help in time of need. We believe that this faith should manifest itself in the service of love as set forth in the example of our blessed Lord, to the end that the kingdom of God may come upon the earth. Amen.

* Gloria Patri Glory Be to the Father No. 71

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

Invitation to The Lord’s Supper Acolyte

Confession and Pardon
We confess to you, all-knowing God, what we are. We are not the people we like others to think we are. We are afraid to admit, even to ourselves, what lies in the depths of our souls. But we cannot hide our true selves from you. You know us as we are, and yet you love us. Help us not to shrink from self-knowledge. Teach us to respect ourselves for your sake. Give us the courage to put our trust in your guiding power. Raise us out of the paralysis of guilt into the freedom and energy of forgiven people. And for those who through long habit find forgiveness hard to accept, we ask you to break their bondage and set them free; Through Jesus Christ our Redeemer. Amen.

(All pray in silence.)
Who is in a position to condemn? Only Christ.
But Christ suffered and died for us, was raised from the dead and ascended on high for us, and continues to intercede for us. Believe the good news:
In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

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Glory to God. Amen.**

* Passing the Peace

Invitation to the Offering Liturgist

Offertory I Can Only Imagine Bart Millard et al. Ben Webber, Tenor & Sam Meckley, Piano



* Doxology Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow No. 95
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.

Prayer of Thanksgiving Acolyte
8:15-Madhuri Sakrudkar 10:45-Cooper Lehman

The Great Thanksgiving No. 9

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 “Be Still and Know” Steven Curtis Chapman Ben Webber Tenor & Sam Beckley, Piano

Prayer after Communion
Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

* Hymn Forth in Thy Name, O Lord No. 438

* Blessing

Dismissal Forth in Thy Name, O Lord No. 438
Forth in thy name, O Lord, I go, my daily labor to pursue; thee, only thee, resolved to know in all I think or speak or do.

Postlude Festal March James Mansfield Peter Omundsen, Organ

ALTAR FLOWERS: The flowers are presented to the glory of God by Julie Shearer in memory of her mother Jeanne Thorbahn Wieland.

	8:15	9:30	10:45
Greeters	W: N:	Dave & Lisa Frymyer, Audrey Butts, Jessica Barton	W: Kyle McWilliams & Allen Popjoy N: Ted & Carol Mauer
Ushers	Donald Banzhof, Benjamin Banzhof, Thomas Banzhof, Konrad Maerz, Donald Palmer, Sam Taggart, Ryan Trees, Mark Yingling	Dave & Lisa Frymyer, Audrey Butts, Jessica Barton	Timothy & Beth O’Brien, David Green, Lois Greene, Christine Kmiecjak, Kenneth Kmiecjak, Rick Ramsey, Tyler Ramsey, Austin Reth, Mark Reth, Myron Reth, Pamela Reth, Dominic Siviglia, Judy Siviglia
Sound Tech	Ken Beiler	Chris Reindollar	Mark Reth
Liturgist	Pastor Kerry Leeper		Pastor Kerry Leeper
Communion Assistant	Marc Russo		Chuck Yrigoyen
Acolyte	Madhuri Sakrudkar		Cooper Lehman
Welcome Center	Regina Karshin	Jeanne Paules	Jan Betty
Fellowship Time	Art & Louise Williams	Thorbahn & Mearkle Families	Martha & George Adams
Safety & Security	Dan Lapp		

FIRST CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS!

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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!

TODAY WE WELCOME CORREEN RUSSO TO THE PULPIT OF FIRST CHURCH: Correen Russo is the Executive Director of LUMINA. Correen grew up in Lancaster City, and graduated from McCaskey, Penn State University, and the Lankenau Hospital School of Medical Technology. After a few years of working in hospital labs, including the one at Lancaster General, Correen began to follow a call to a life of Christian service. She served as Director of Education and Children’s Ministries at Lititz United Methodist Church for thirteen years. She graduated with a Masters of Art in Religion from the Lancaster Theological Seminary, and is still discerning a call to ordained ministry as a Deacon. Correen is married to Dr. Marc Russo of Lititz Family Practice and is the mother of two grown sons. She and Marc have been members of First Church for about six years, and together they serve as Communion stewards. Correen also served on our church staff for a time, as a liaison to the Fuente de Amor and Ross Street congregations of the Northeast Lancaster City Cooperative Ministry. She has been the director of LUMINA for the past four years. Although she is invested in all of LUMINA’s ministries, Correen is most passionate about working with children living in poverty.

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

LANC IMPACT! On Sunday, August 13th, join Young Adult Leaders Kate Beiler and Megan Blackmon at Long’s Park at 6:30 PM for a cookout and summer concert. Bring something yummy to share. The free summer concert that night is The Steel Wheels! Beginning this fall, Lanc Impact!, our church’s small group for 20-38 year olds, will meet every other Sunday for a community outing or potluck-style meal at someone’s house. Kate and Megan will be creating opportunities for young adults to build a faith community. Each gathering will be a themed potluck filled with fellowship, good food, and faith conversations – think informal and an easy thing to invite friends to! Make sure to stay connected through the Lanc Impact! group on Facebook for event invites and updates.

HELP IS NEEDED ON THE ALTAR GUILD: The Altar Guild needs 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.

Prayer Sheet August 2017

Lord, hear our prayers.....

FOR HEALING

Kay Cloud
Katie (daughter of John & Barbara Booth)
Rev. Sharon Freudenberger
Nancy Bair
Esta and Bill Weiler
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Sakrudkar Family

FOR PROTECTION

Tana (granddaughter of Henry & Diane Deemer)
- 1 year study abroad program

FOR COMFORT

Bonnie St. John and Family
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IN OUR CELEBRATIONS

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Long's Park, Pavilion #1

Food! Fun! Friends!

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- E. Receiving our quarterly digital newsletter.

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E. For PROFESSIONAL CLOTHING BANK at Otterbein UMC:

- Volunteer to staff the PCB when open (Tues. 11-1 or Thurs. 1-3 or 2nd Sat 10-noon)
- Provide new or gently used items appropriate for a job interview and/or employment
- Assist with End of Season clearance sales, held twice each year.
- Pick up items from a donor who is unable to deliver.

F. For OFFICE HELP

- Help to prepare our newsletter for mailing.
- Assist with filing, manning the phone, organizing supplies, logging material donations
- Donate copy paper, art supplies, stamps, envelopes, etc

NON-PERISHABLE FOOD NEEDS:**Canned Items:**

- Corn 8 oz
- Fruit Cocktail in juice 15 oz
- Chicken 5-6 oz can
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