

Prelude	<i>I Call to Thee, Lord Jesus Christ</i> <i>Give Me Jesus</i>	J.S. Bach arr. Mark Hayes
	Allen Popjoy, Organ	

Announcements & Greeting	Pastor Kerry Leeper
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* Call to Worship (based on Psalm 67:1-4)
 May God be merciful and smile with favor on us.
May God and God’s saving power be known among people everywhere.
 May all the nations praise you for your mercy, O God.
Let the whole world sing for joy, because God is merciful.

* Hymn	<i>Praise, My Soul, The King of Heaven</i>	No. 66
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Common Prayer	Liturgist
8:15- Jeff Steed	10:45- Kathy Fowler

God, your mercy knows no bounds! You have expanded your everlasting covenant with your people Israel to include people of every nation. Much like the Canaanite woman, we were like dogs who were glad for the crumbs under the table. But now we delight in feasting as sons and daughters with Christ. Be merciful to all who think themselves unworthy of you. Then, prepare us and send us into the world as your ambassadors of mercy. Amen.

Anthem	<i>Send Forth a Dove</i>	Joseph Martin
	Summer Choir; Jan Betty, Conductor	

Scripture Reading	Romans 11:1-2a, 25-36 (Pew Bibles, OT, page 311)	Liturgist
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Children’s Sermon (10:45)	Laura Sambrick
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Concerns of the People

Choral Call to Prayer (10:45)	Seek Ye First (stanza 2)	No. 405
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Ask, and it shall be given unto you; seek and ye shall find; knock, and the door shall be opened unto you. Allelu, alleluia!

Pastoral Prayer	Pastor Kerry Leeper
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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.

* please stand if able

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 Grace is Enough

Welcome

What’s happening at First Church!

Worship Music:
The Greatness of Our God
Our God
How Great Thou Art

Prayer	Pastor Kerry Leeper
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The Word	Matthew 15:10-28
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Sermon	<i>“Lord, Have Mercy”</i>	Pastor Kerry Leeper
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Offering
Good Good Father

Blessing

First United Methodist Church

Senior Pastor: Rev. Joseph DiPaolo

Associate Pastor: Rev. Kerry Leeper

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SUNDAY SCHOOL UPDATE: Today, Pastor Eddie continues the study, “Christianity: One of Many Faiths,” focusing our time and conversation on the Islamic faith. This intergenerational study will focus on the similarities and differences of faiths in and around Lancaster City, and the world. Future conversations about 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!

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.

BECOMING DISCIPLES THROUGH DISCIPLE BIBLE STUDY: You are invited to join Pastor Joe DiPaolo as he leads a 26-week study on “Becoming Disciples Through Bible Study.” This class is an introductory course to studying the Bible. The class incorporates both group and personal study along with a video component, to take you from Genesis to Revelation. No previous experience in studying Scripture is necessary.

The class runs in two 13-week study sessions (13-weeks on the Old Testament and 13 on the New Testament) on Monday nights from 7:00-8:45 PM. The first 13-week session begins on Monday, September 18, 2017 and runs consecutively on Mondays through December 11, 2017 (Sept. 18, 25, Oct. 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, Nov. 6, 13, 20, 27, Dec. 4, 11). The second 13-week session begins on Monday, January 29, 2018 and runs through April 30, 2018 (Jan. 29, Feb. 5, 12, 19, 26, Mar. 5, 12, 19, 26, Apr. 9, 16, 23, 30).

The cost of the books for each 13-week session is \$18 (\$36 total for both sessions). Checks should be made payable to First United Methodist Church with “Disciple 26-week” placed in the memo line. Books should be paid for at the first session. Questions should be directed to Pastor Joe DiPaolo at jdipaolo@engagegodfirst.org. To sign-up, email Pastor Joe to let him know you’ll be joining him, or call the office at 717-394-7231.

INVITATION TO GENESIS: You are invited to join Pastor Kerry beginning on Monday, September 11, 2017, to study the book of Genesis. Invitation to Genesis is one of the short-term studies offered in the Disciple Bible study series. The option is open to attend either Monday mornings from 10:00 AM – 11:30 AM, or Monday evenings from 7:00 PM – 8:30 PM. The class meets on the following dates: Sept. 11, 18, 25, Oct. 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, Nov. 6, 13, 20.

The participant book for the study costs \$18 and should be paid for at the first class. Checks should be made payable to First United Methodist Church and “Genesis” should be written in the memo line. No reading is expected to be completed prior to the first class which is an orientation session to the study. However, come to class with your ideas, thoughts and questions about Genesis. To sign-up for the class please contact Pastor Kerry at kleeper@engagegodfirst.org or you may call him in the church office at 717-394-7231 ext. 306.

REMEMBERING BEN IN PRISON: Be sure to encourage Ben Fowler by writing to him (Mail must be in white envelopes with no stickers or address labels). His address is:

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

* Hymn *There's a Wideness in God's Mercy* No. 121

Prayer for Illumination Pastor Kerry Leeper

Scripture Reading **Matthew 15:10-28** (Pew Bibles, NT, p.16) Pastor Kerry Leeper

Sermon *"Lord, Have Mercy!"* Pastor Kerry Leeper

* Affirmation of Faith *The World Methodist Social Affirmation* No. 886

* Gloria Patri *His Name is Wonderful* No. 174

His name is wonderful, his name is wonderful, his name is wonderful, Jesus, my Lord. He is the mighty King, Master of everything; his name is wonderful, Jesus, my Lord. He's the great Shepherd, the Rock of all ages, almighty God is he; bow down before him, love and adore him, his name is wonderful, Jesus, my Lord.

8:15 ONLY
 Invitation to The Lord's Supper Acolyte

Confession and Pardon
Almighty and merciful God, we know that when we offend another, we offend you. We are aware that we have often allowed the shadow of hate to cloud our souls. We have said unpleasant and hurtful things to our brothers and sisters when they failed to live up to our expectations. Grant that we might find that spark of love that ever burns within us, that love that you have shown to us even when we failed you. Fan the embers of that love until it roars again in flames of love, peace, and reconciliation. Forgive us our sins and help us to forgive those who have sinned against us. Lead us into new life through your Son Jesus Christ, who died for the sins of all. 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!
**In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!
 Glory to God. Amen.**

* Passing the Peace

Invitation to the Offering Liturgist

Offertory (8:15) *A Medley of Faith* arr. Patti Drennan
 Brenda Grager, mezzo-soprano; Allen Popjoy, piano

Offertory (10:45) *Merciful God* Stuart Townsend
 Brenda Grager, mezzo-soprano; Allen Popjoy, piano

Procession of Offerings



* Doxology *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* No. 94

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts! Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Prayer of Thanksgiving Acolyte
 8:15-Grace Schonour 10:45- Justin Kuhn

8:15 ONLY
 The Great Thanksgiving No. 9

Anthem *Merciful God* Stuart Townsend
 Brenda Grager, mezzo-soprano; Allen Popjoy, 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 *What a Friend We Have in Jesus* No. 526

* Blessing

Dismissal *God Be with You* (stanza 1) No. 673

God be with you till we meet again; by his counsels guide, uphold you, with his sheep securely fold you; God be with you till we meet again.

Prelude *Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart* arr. Douglas E Wagner
 Allen Popjoy, Organ

ALTAR FLOWERS: Given to the glory of God in honor of Richard J. Schneebeil, Jr. by his family.

	8:15	9:30	10:45
Greeters	W: N:	Nat Gilchrist, Bill Butler, Lisa Mearkle & Elsie Mearkle	W: Joanne Denlinger N: Durwood & Betty Helms
Ushers	Jeffrey Bradley, Nancy Bradley, Annette Day, James Day, Philip Harnish, Douglas Ockrymiek	Nat Gilchrist, Bill Butler, Lisa Mearkle & Elsie Mearkle	Barry Rodeffer, John Donald, Gerald Kiger, Kyle McWilliams, Ronald Trout, Carol Yost, Harry Yost
Sound Tech	Tyler Coder	Chris Reindollar	Terry Kyle
Liturgist	Jeff Steed		Kathy Fowler
Communion Assistant			
Acolyte	Grace Schonour		Justin Kuhn
Welcome Center	Jan Betty	Cathy Doremus	Dr. Ethel
Fellowship Time	Barb & Carolyn Greiner	Thorbahn & Mearkle Families	Paula Banzhaf
Safety & Security	Chuck White		

FIRST CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS!

August 20, 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!

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

HOLY LAND VIA JORDAN – JANUARY 15-24, 2018: While you are on the Holy Land via Jordan pilgrimage in January 2018, you will visit Jericho, the oldest city on earth. You will see the ruins of the ancient city conquered by Joshua (Joshua 6). You can sing "Joshua fit the battle of Jericho, and the walls came tumbling down". Jericho is the city through which Jesus passed while traveling to and from Jerusalem. At a sycamore tree in the city, Jesus met a wee little man, Zacchaeus, and invited himself to Zacchaeus' home. Here Jesus said, "For the Son of Man came to seek and to save what was lost." (Luke 19). Pick up a brochure at the Welcome Center and make plans to be part of the journey. Call Pastor Joe or Katherine at 394-7231 with any questions.

STEPHEN MINISTRY: Stephen Ministry is all about responding to the jagged line in a person's life. That jagged line can be any of the worst experiences in life: death of a loved one, bitter divorce, devastating disease, drug addiction, loneliness, or loss. When life draws those jagged lines, a Stephen Minister can be there to respond with Christ's healing love. Stephen Ministry is about the one-on-one relationship of care-giver to care-receiver, a relationship that really is one-on-one with Christ. Talk to any of our pastors to learn more about Stephen Ministry.

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