



Sunday Worship
September 18, 2022
Draw near to God
for God is waiting for you.

* indicates where the congregation is to stand if able
italic type is spoken by the liturgist – bold is spoken by the congregation

PRELUDE

****CALL TO WORSHIP***

God sees the hurt of all God's people.

Praise the God of our salvation!

God wants everyone to be saved.

Praise the God of our salvation!

God sent Jesus to give himself for all.

Praise the God of our salvation!

****OPENING PRAYER***

Loving and Gracious God, bless us, we pray, with your presence this day. Teach the little ones who have gathered to learn your ways; inspire those who seek your wisdom; energize those who are exhausted; comfort those who grieve; and strengthen those who are weak. Indeed, O God, fill all of our hearts with your praise and lead us in holiness and righteousness in this hour and in the hours to come. We ask it in Jesus' name. Amen.

****HYMN #53*** O God, Who Gives Us Life

1. O God, who gives us life and breath, who shapes us in the womb, who guards our lives from birth to death, then leads us from the tomb: deliver us from fears that kill the life we have from you.

Help us to know your Spirit still is making all things new.

2. O God, who calls your people out to venture and to dare, to plumb the bleak abyss of doubt and find you even there: when we despair in wandering through wastes of empty lies, refresh us with the living spring of hope that never dies.

3. O God of covenant and law, revealed in cloud and flame, your mighty deeds evoke our awe; we dare not speak your name. Yet we by faith are drawn to you and will your people prove, as on our hearts you write anew the covenant of love.

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND BROKENESS

Everlasting God, we must confess how we have not lived as your people. We serve many masters - work, wealth, power, addictions - yet find no hope in them. We hear the cries of the poor, and shut the doors of our hearts to them. We ridicule those who expose their hopes and dreams to us.

Forgive us and heal us of our brokenness. Make us well, so that by our healing, we might be the hope and love others need in their lives, even as Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, brought these gifts to us, calling us to be faithful with the grace, peace, and joy entrusted to us. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE AND BLESSING

... Let us remember and say aloud the good news: Jesus died for me. Jesus forgives me. Jesus loves me. Jesus is good to me. Amen.

****GLORIA PATRI***

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.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Jeremiah 8:18-9:1

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

****HYMN #792*** There Is a Balm in Gilead

Refrain: There is a balm in Gilead to make the wounded whole; there is balm in Gilead to heal the sin-sick soul.

1. Sometimes I feel discouraged, and think my work's in vain, but then the Holy Spirit revives my soul again.
2. Don't ever feel discouraged, for Jesus is your friend, and if you lack for knowledge, he'll not refuse to lend.
3. If you cannot preach like Peter, if you cannot pray like Paul, you can tell the love of Jesus and say, "He died for all."

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON Luke 16:1-13

SERMON The Art of Problem Solving

RECOGNITION OF THE OFFERING

****DOXOLOGY***

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Lord, we got up this morning, ate our breakfast, got dressed, and came to church—all to give you praise and thanksgiving. May these gifts be a blessing for those who had no bed this morning from which to arise; for those who had no breakfast and are hungry this day; for those who have no new clothes; for those who long to worship you but cannot. Take these gifts and use them as you will, O God. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION AND 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

****HYMN #719*** Come, Labor On

1. Come, labor on. Who dares stand idle on the harvest plain.
while all around us waves the golden grain? And to each servant does the Master say "Go work today."
2. Come, labor on. Claim the high calling angels cannot share;
to young and old the gospel gladness bear. Though feeble time; its hours too swiftly fly. The night draws nigh.
3. Come, labor on. Cast off all gloomy doubt and faithless fear!
No arm so weak but may do service here. Though feeble agents, may we all fulfill God's righteous will.
4. Come, labor on. No time for rest, till glows the western sky, till the long shadows o'er our pathway lie,
and a glad sound comes with the setting sun, "Well done, well done!"

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS: September 18, 2022.

This week's carillon is in memory of Sarah H. Smith.

JOIN US TODAY FOLLOWING SERVICE: we will have a special Fellowship Hour/Lunch with our beloved Esther Welch. Beverages and dessert will be provided.

NURSERY HELPERS ARE NEEDED: Can you give one Sunday a month or every now and then to watch our young friends in the Nursery during worship? Contact Pastor Su, Beth Conti, or Susan Flanagan (our office administrator) if you can help. Not only will you be a blessing, but you will receive a blessing through our children, as well.

FOOD PANTRY NEEDS: This week we are asking for either **Chicken/Beef Broth or Chunky Soup**. You only need to choose one but feel free to bring as much as you like. Bring your item(s) to the church during the week or next Sunday morning. Donations are to be placed in the wagon located in the vestibule. Any and all donations of any kind are greatly appreciated!

OCTOBER 1, OUR ANNUAL CHICKEN BARBEQUE: Tickets are on sale, \$15/Adult and \$9/Child. Call the Church office to pre-order your Chicken dinner. We have a limited amount of dinners, so order early. Help is needed for cooking, preparing, handing out meals, and selling tickets! Call the Sharon Ruth at 215-262-4656 if you can help as well as for ordering tickets!

YOUTH GROUP STARTS OCTOBER 2: The group meets every-other Sunday from 6:30 – 8:00 PM for all 7th – 12th graders. The first meeting is a kick-off where some planning for upcoming events will take place. Wear old clothes (ones you don't care about what happens to them) as we will be having a "Color Party."

CHRISTMAS MUSICAL REHEARSALS BEGIN OCTOBER 9: It's been three years since our last musical and we are going to finally do it again. All ages and abilities are invited to sing. Rehearsals will be each Sunday after worship. The performance date is December 18. Contact Leanne Yerkes or Pastor Su if you have any questions.

SAVE THE DATE – October 7, 2022 The first Friday Night Fellowship of the year will be held at the Ruth's farm 831 Pineville Rd., Pineville, PA. Beginning at 6:00, there will be a potluck dinner, hayride, and mission project. Sign up in Fellowship Hall or call the church office and let us know what you can bring to share.

165th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION PLANNING: A task force is being formed to plan a special event to celebrate our years of faithful ministry. Please contact Pastor Su if you are interested in helping create the festivities.

HELP WITH MISSION: Help is needed for those who have a heart for mission in brainstorming and organizing this year's Church Has Left the Building event on the first Sunday in November as well as brainstorm ideas for Friday Night Fellowship missions. If you would like help, please contact Pastor Su.

<u>Calendar:</u>	September 18	10am	Worship Service, Sunday School followed by Lunch with Esther.
	September 19	7pm	Bell Choir Rehearsal.
		7pm	Boy Scout Troop 71 meeting.
	September 20	10am	Garden Club – Fellowship Hall.
		2pm	Stewardship Committee Meeting.
		7pm	Property Committee Meeting.
	September 21	12pm	Lunch Bunch then blanket making.

Elder of the Month: Bill Wark Deacon of the Month: Gerry Stemplewicz

In our thoughts and prayers:

The Conner/Lang Family, Aleena Lang, Bill Wark, Raymond Tinari, Jim Turner, Mary Reinhardt,
Sally Thiessen, Anna McQuaid, Dick Wright, Violet Sanders, Dolores Albert.

Church Staff

Susan Fall, Pastor

Leanne Yerkes, Director of Music

Susan Flanagan, Office Administrator

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Mark Lempp, Grounds Keeper

