



LEWISTOWN

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Shining the light of the gospel into the heart of Lewistown since 1785

March 25, 2018

Series: Sacred Rhythms

Week 5: The Rule of Life

"We've Got Rhythm"

***"As the deer pants for streams of water,
so my soul pants for you, my God.
My soul thirsts for God, for the living God.
When can I go and meet with God?"***

Psalm 42:1,2

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Palm Sunday

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10:30 AM

Prelude	All Glory, Laud and Honor Hosanna, Loud Hosanna	Southbridge Ritter
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Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship John 12: 12 - 15

Leader: The great crowd that had come for the festival heard that Jesus was on his way to Jerusalem. They took palm branches and went out to meet him, shouting,

People: Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessed is the king of Israel!

Leader: Jesus found a donkey and sat on it, as it is written:

Choir: Do not be afraid, Daughter of Zion; see your king is coming, seated on a donkey's colt.

People: Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessed is the king of Israel!

* **Processional Hymn #88** (blue) All Glory, Laud and Honor

Introit	Ho-Ho-Ho-Hosanna	Cedarmont Kids
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Unison Prayer of Confession Reformed Church in America

O Lord, who on this day entered the rebellious city that later rejected you: we confess that our wills are as rebellious as Jerusalem's, our faith is often more show than substance, our hearts are in need of cleansing. Have mercy on us, Son of David, Savior of our lives. Help us to lay at your feet all that we have and all that we are, trusting you to forgive what is sinful, to heal what is broken, to welcome our praises and to receive us as your own.

Silent Prayers of Confession

Assurance of God's Forgiveness

Anthem

Hosanna!

Besig

Children's Sermon

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory Morning Has Broken

Evans

* Doxology #592 (blue hymnal)

* Prayer of Dedication

* Song

The Wonderful Cross

1. When I survey the wondrous cross
On which the Prince of Glory died,
My richest gain I count but loss,
And pour contempt on all my pride.
2. See from his head, his hands, his feet,
Sorrow and love flow mingled down.
Did ever such love and sorrow meet,
Or thorns compose so rich a crown?

Chorus:

*O the wonderful cross, O the wonderful cross,
Bids me come and die, and find that I may truly live.
O the wonderful cross, O the wonderful cross,
All who gather here by grace draw near.
And bless Your name.*

3. Were the whole realm of nature mine,
That were an offering far too small.
Love so amazing, so divine,
Demands my soul, my life, my all.

Chorus:

*O the wonderful cross, O the wonderful cross,
Bids me come and die, and find that I may truly live.
O the wonderful cross, O the wonderful cross,
All who gather here by grace draw near.
And bless Your name.*

*** Song**

You Are My King

I'm forgiven because You were forsaken.
I'm accepted, You were condemned.
I'm alive and well, Your Spirit is within me
Because You died and rose again.

*Amazing love, how can it be
That You my King would die for me?
Amazing love, I know it's true; It's my joy to honor You.
Amazing love, how can it be
That You my King would die for me?
Amazing love, I know it's true; it's my joy to honor You.
In all I do I honor You.*

You are my King! You are my King!
Jesus, You are my King. Jesus, You are my King.

*Amazing love, how can it be
That you my King would die for me?
Amazing love, I know it's true; It's my joy to honor You.
In all I do, I honor you.*

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Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading

Ecclesiastes 3:1-9, 11
Isaiah 58:12-13
Romans 12:1-2

Sermon

We've Got Rhythm

Pastoral Prayer

*** Hymn #371** (blue)

Lift High the Cross

*** Benediction**

*** Closing Chorus**

Lift High the Cross

Postlude

Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley Binckes

**If comfortably able please stand*

SERVING IN WORSHIP

Accompanist: Joan Loewen

Introit: Children's Choir; Leah Riden, Director

Liturgist: Ruth Fisher **Next Week:** Sue Garner

Acolyte: Leland Mitchell

Anthem: Chancel Choir; Doug Garner, Director

Special Accompaniment: LPC Band; Art Belfiore, Director

Children's Sermon: Miranda Shoop

Next Week: Devon Thomas

Children's Church: Miranda Shoop

Next week: Elaine Siddons

Ushers: Lonnie Griffith (lead usher), Ryan & Laurie Fultz,
Marilyn Miller, Ed & Lynn Curry

Preaching: Pastor James Thomas

Infants/Preschool: Linda O'Dell and Alex Garner

Next week: Ginny Westover

Deacon for the Month: Lynn Curry

Counters: Lisa Snyder and Dale Henry

Next Week: Ed Curry and Lonnie Griffith

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME! If you are visiting with us, please sign the Visitors' Register and pick up a Welcome Bag in the narthex. Children's activity bags, Bibles, large print hymnals and hearing devices are available from the ushers. Childcare through age four is available throughout the service. Children's church is available for children age 5 – grade 4 following the children's sermon.

COOKIE BAKERS NEEDED: Backyard Ministries has asked our church family if we can support their ministry by making cookies for families they serve. As many of you know, in the past we have made quarts of food for families once a month. While the food was greatly appreciated it is difficult to transport and to keep at the right temperature. Cookies can be made in the comfort of your own home and then placed in the container in the church freezer marked "Backyard Cookies." Please package the cookies in bags of 6 and mark the date on the bag. The cookies will be collected and distributed on the fourth Tuesday of each month. They provide a connection to the families who have children coming to Backyard Clubs to learn about Jesus. Please consider helping with this outreach to our community. *Thank you, Lynn Curry*

LENTEN KIDZ KLUB: Our Passover meal is ready! We've stomped grapes for the drink and made unleavened bread. The lamb is roasted and bitter herbs prepared. The table is set! The only part missing is you! Join your friends this afternoon on the third floor from 4 -6 PM as we live out the Lord's Supper, Jesus' final Passover meal here on earth. Pastor Jim will join us and help us understand the connection between the Passover meal and our present day participation in the Lord's Supper. Then we will go downstairs to the sanctuary where Pastor Jim will serve and explain Communion to us. **PARENTS**, your presence and participation in this final Kidz Klub is extremely important. You know your child better than anyone and have the God-given responsibility to determine if your child is ready to receive Communion. Please make it a priority to join us for this meaningful time. Following the communion service there will be pizza for all downstairs in the Baraca room.

MAUNDY THURSDAY OBSERVANCE: This Thursday, March 29, join us in the Baraca Room at 6:30 PM for a light meal followed by the Lord's Supper. At about 7:15, we will proceed to the sanctuary for a Tenebrae service – a service of gathering darkness – during which we will reflect on the gospel accounts of Christ's arrest and crucifixion. This is a very meaningful service, which helps us reflect on Jesus Christ's sacrifice for us.

GOOD FRIDAY SERVICES: Pastors from a number of area churches will lead a Stations of the Cross service at Sacred Heart Catholic Church at 11 AM on Good Friday, March 30. Then, following the service (approx. 11:45), all who wish to follow the cross through Lewistown will meet outside Sacred Heart for a prayer walk through our community. You are welcome to take part in either or both services.

CAN YOU HELP? We are looking for Bible time decorations for our Walk with Jesus Family Easter Event. We need artificial plants, rugs, pottery and old blankets (to sit on). Please see Ginny Westover if you have any of these items to lend to us for the event on Saturday, March 31.

GIFTS OF LOVE: Information about what to provide for Hygiene and School kits and how to package the items is in the narthex. Volunteers from the Huntingdon Presbytery will deliver the kits to the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance distribution center.

FAMILY EASTER EVENT: This Saturday, March 31. Kids and their families and friends will travel through five stations uniquely designed to encourage thinking and get families talking about the final events of Jesus' life here on earth. They will experience the excitement surrounding Jesus' arrival in Jerusalem, the significance of the Last Supper, the darkness at Gethsemane, the sacrifice Jesus made on the cross, and the joy of His resurrection. Hands on learning with take home activities to continue your journey with Jesus at home. Walk with Jesus begins at 8:45 am and will conclude at 11:45. **Please Note:** Walk with Jesus will incorporate our traditional Easter Egg hunt so there will be no separate egg hunt this year.

EASTER SUNRISE: We will meet at Mount Rock Cemetery at 7:30 on Easter morning to reflect on the wonder of the resurrection with song, scripture and fellowship. All are welcome!

SMALL GROUP MINISTRY

- **Adult Sunday Morning Study** led by Pat Brown meets in the church parlor on Sundays at 9 AM. They are studying Sacred Rhythms, our Lenten focus study.
- **Youth Sunday Morning Study:** All youth in grades 6-12 are currently attending the confirmation classes at the manse.
- **Sunday Afternoon Study** meets in the parlor after the Worship service for the Lenten focus, Sacred Rhythms. This study is led by Susan Ferguson and Mary Bull.
- **Tuesday Evening Group** is doing the study, Sacred Rhythms, our Lenten focus. The group is meeting at Bill Sisson's home. The study begins at 6:30 PM, but all are welcome to join for dinner beforehand at 5:30 PM.
- **Wednesday Morning Group:** This group meets at the manse at 6:30 AM. They are participating in our Lenten study, Sacred Rhythms.
- **Sunday Evening Group** meets from 6:00 – 7:15 PM. This is another opportunity to participate with the Lenten study, Sacred Rhythms.

YOUTH: GRADES 6-12 will continue with the Lenten study in Sacred Rhythms. Please join us on the third floor tonight at 6 PM.

GIVING REPORT AS OF 3/18/18

Weekly Need: \$ 3,265.14	Yearly Need: \$ 35,916.54
Last Week: \$ 1,753.00	YTD Received: \$ 32,091.30

LENTEN STUDY: Our all-church Lenten study this year is Ruth Haley Barton's Sacred Rhythms. This study is based on the premise that we function best when we establish regular practices that connect us with the flow of the Holy Spirit in our lives and in the world around us. Sacred Rhythms will not only provide an opportunity to learn about spiritual disciplines, but also to practice them. As we learn and experience together, we will be able to discern with the Holy Spirit our individual path of growth with God. Available groups are:

- **Sundays at 9 AM** led by Pat Brown
- **Sundays at 11:40 AM** led by Susan Ferguson and Mary Bull
- **Sundays at 6:00 PM** led by Jim and Devon Thomas
- **Tuesdays at 6:30 PM** at Ruth and Ken Fisher's
- **Wednesdays at 6:30 AM** led by Pastor Thomas

SPECIAL OFFERINGS:

- **YELLOW EASTER ENVELOPES** will be used to support the work of the Mifflin/Juniata Abuse Network. The mission of the Abuse Network is to assist and educate victims and community members about violence and abusive behaviors to promote a more peaceful, violence-free community.
- **ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING ENVELOPE:** Your gift enables the church to share God's love with our neighbors in need around the world by providing relief to those affected by natural disasters, providing food to the hungry and helping to empower the poor and oppressed.

LIFELINE SCREENING will be offering health screenings regarding stroke, vascular disease and osteoporosis at Calvary Bible Church on Tuesday, March 27. The screening tests are performed by experienced professional sonographers using sophisticated Doppler ultrasound technology. A board certified physician registered in your state reviews all results before they are sent to individual screening participants in about 21 days. Lifeline's mission is to make people aware of potentially serious conditions that are difficult to detect in routine check-ups. A number of tests are available ranging in cost from \$60 - \$149. Some tests may be covered by Medicare or you insurance provider. If you would like more information about Life Line Screening or you would like to sign up online, you can go to their website at www.lifelinescreening.com/communitycircle or call toll-free 866-229-0469 or **text** the word **circle** to **797979**.

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE

Ecclesiastes 3:1- 9, 11 (NIV) ¹There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens: ² a time to be born and a time to die, a time to plant and a time to uproot, ³ a time to kill and a time to heal, a time to tear down and a time to build, ⁴ a time to weep and a time to laugh, a time to mourn and a time to dance, ⁵ a time to scatter stones and a time to gather them, a time to embrace and a time to refrain from embracing, ⁶ a time to search and a time to give up, a time to keep and a time to throw away, ⁷ a time to tear and a time to mend, a time to be silent and a time to speak, ⁸ a time to love and a time to hate, a time for war and a time for peace.

¹¹ [God] has made everything beautiful in its time. He has also set eternity in the human heart; yet no one can fathom what God has done from beginning to end.

Isaiah 58:12-13 (NIV) ¹³ "If you keep your feet from breaking the Sabbath and from doing as you please on my holy day, if you call the Sabbath a delight and the LORD's holy day honorable, and if you honor it by not going your own way and not doing as you please or speaking idle words, ¹⁴ then you will find your joy in the LORD, and I will cause you to ride in triumph on the heights of the land and to feast on the inheritance of your father Jacob." For the mouth of the LORD has spoken.

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Romans 12:1-2, 3b (The Message) ¹⁻² So here's what I want you to do, God helping you: Take your everyday, ordinary life—your sleeping, eating, going-to-work, and walking-around life—and place it before God as an offering. Embracing what God does for you is the best thing you can do for him. Don't become so well-adjusted to your culture that you fit into it without even thinking. Instead, fix your attention on God. You'll be changed from the inside out. Readily recognize what he wants from you, and quickly respond to it. Unlike the culture around you, always dragging you down to its level of immaturity, God brings the best out of you, develops well-formed maturity in you.

³ ...Living then, as every one of you does, in pure grace, it's important that you not misinterpret yourselves as people who are bringing this goodness to God. No, God brings it all to you. The only accurate way to understand ourselves is by what God is and by what he does for us, not by what we are and what we do for him.

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

March 25 – April 1, 2018

SUNDAY, March 25 – Palm Sunday

- 9:00 AM Adult Lenten Study – parlor
- 9:00 AM Confirmation Class – manse
- 9:15 AM Children’s Choir Rehearsal
- 10:30 AM Worship Service
- 11:40 AM Adult Lenten Study – parlor
- 4:00 PM Lenten Kidz Klub
- 6:00 PM Adult Lenten Study – manse
- 6:00 PM Youth Group

MONDAY, March 26

- 11:30 AM Prayer Ministry
- 7:00 PM Boy Scouts

TUESDAY, March 27

- 9:00 AM Backyard Ministries Cookie Collection
- 6:30 PM Adult Study – Ruth and Ken Fisher’s home
- 7:00 PM Mt. Rock Cemetery Board Meeting

WEDNESDAY, March 28

- 6:30 AM Adult Lenten Study – manse
- 7:00 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY, March 29 – Maundy Thursday

- 6:30 PM Maundy Thursday/ Soup Supper
Communion/Tenebrae

FRIDAY, March 30 – Good Friday

- 11:00 AM Stations of the Cross – Sacred Heart Catholic
- 12:00 PM Cross Walk – begin at Sacred Heart Catholic

SATURDAY, March 31

- 8:45 AM Family Easter Event

SUNDAY, April 1 – Resurrection Sunday!

- 7:30 AM Early Service at Mt. Rock Cemetery
- 9:00 AM Adult Study Group
- 9:15 AM Children’s Choir Rehearsal
- 10:30 AM Worship Service