



LEWISTOWN CHURCH
Presbyterian

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

April 15, 2018

Sermon: Shepherding the Wind
Guest Preacher: Michael Ozaki

Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they? Can any one of you by worrying add a single hour to your life?... So do not worry, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' ...But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

Matthew 6:26,27,31,33

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10:30 AM

Prelude This is My Father's World Broughton
 Variations of "Come, Come, Ye Saints Ashdown

Welcome and Announcements

Introit The Peacemakers R Herbek

Call to Worship

Leader: Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns and yet God provides for the basic sustenance of life.

People: May our hearts be open to trust you.

Leader: Look at the birds of the air; they neither study nor plan nor plot their course and yet God writes the instinct for migration into their hearts.

People: May our eyes be open to see you.

Leader: Look at the birds of the air; they neither talk nor vote nor debate their responsibility yet God weaves them into communities which nurture and defend.

People: May our hands be open to serve you.

* **Hymn #276** (blue) Great is Thy Faithfulness

Unison Prayer of Confession

O God, we want to have everything, but to give up nothing: we want to be a friend of the world and still be your friend. Yet, you taught us: "No one can serve two masters." Give us strength and courage to get our priorities straight: Help us to seek your kingdom first. Help us to live faithfully and joyfully in the world, and to be friends with the people you call us to serve. Help us also to remember that our best relationship is the one we have with you. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Silent Prayers of Confession

Assurance of God's Forgiveness

1 John 1:5-9

Leader: God is light; in him there is no darkness at all.

People: If we claim to have fellowship with him and yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do not live out the truth.

Leader: But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all sin.

People: If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

Leader: If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

Anthem

Christ the Lord is Risen Today

Rutter

Children's Sermon

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

Offertory

Simone

* Doxology #592 (blue)

* Prayer of Dedication

* Song

Indescribable

1. From the highest of heights to the depths of the sea,
Creation's revealing your majesty.
From the colors of fall to the fragrance of spring,
Every creature unique in the song that it sings.
All exclaiming:

Chorus:

*Indescribable, uncontainable;
You placed the stars in the sky,
And you know them by name.
You are amazing God;
All powerful, untamable,
Awestruck, we fall to our knees as we humbly proclaim
You are amazing God.*

2. Who has told every lightning bolt where it should go
Or seen heavenly storehouses laden with snow?
Who imagined the sun and gives source to its light;
Yet conceals it to bring us the coolness of night?
None can fathom. *(continued on next page)*

Chorus:

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You are amazing God.
Indescribable, uncontainable;
You placed the stars in the sky,
And you know them by name. You are amazing God;
All powerful, untamable,
Awestruck, we fall to our knees as we humbly proclaim
You are amazing God. You are amazing God.*

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*** Song**

Forever

1. Give thanks to the Lord our God and King;
His love endures forever.
For He is good, He is above all things;
His love endures forever.
Sing praise, sing praise.
2. With a mighty hand and outstretched arm;
His love endures forever.
For the life that's been reborn;
His love endures forever.
Sing praise, sing praise. Sing praise, sing praise.

Chorus:

*Forever God is faithful, forever God is strong,
Forever God is with us, forever.
Forever God is faithful, forever God is strong,
Forever God is with us, forever, forever.*

- 3) From the rising, to the setting sun,
His love endures forever.
And by the grace of God, we will carry on,
His love endures forever.
Sing praise, sing praise. Sing praise, sing praise.

Chorus:

*Forever God is faithful, forever God is strong,
Forever God is with us, forever.
Forever You are faithful, forever You are strong,
Forever You are with us, forever, forever.*

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Scripture Reading

Ecclesiastes 1:1-2:26

Sermon

Shepherding the Wind

* **Hymn #379** (blue)

My Hope is Built on Nothing Less

* **Benediction**

* **Closing Chorus**

Seek Ye First

*Seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness,
And all these things shall be added unto you.
Allelu, alleluia!*

Postlude

The Heavens are Telling

Haydn

**If comfortably able please stand*

SERVING IN WORSHIP

Accompanist: Joan Loewen

Introit: Adult Bell Choir; Doug Garner Director

Liturgist: Ginny Westover

Next Week: Annalise Haines

Acolyte: Noerr children

Anthem: Chancel Choir; Doug Garner, Director

Children's Sermon: Sue Garner

Next Week: Lynn Curry

Children's Church: Sue Garner

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Ushers: Glenn Snyder (lead usher), Lisa Snyder, Dale Henry,
Esther Henry, Bob and Jean Patton

Preaching: Pastor Michael Ozaki

Next Week: Pastor James Thomas

Infants/Preschool: Brett Buchanan and Alex Garner

Next week: Leah Riden and Margo Reeder

Deacon for the Month: Ginny Westover

Counters: Lisa Snyder and Dale Henry

Next Week: Kari Cullen and Ginny Westover

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE

Ecclesiastes 1:1-2:26 (NRSV)

1:1 The words of the Teacher, the son of David, king in Jerusalem. **2** Vanity of vanities, says the Teacher, vanity of vanities! All is vanity. **3** What do people gain from all the toil at which they toil under the sun? **4** A generation goes, and a generation comes, but the earth remains forever. **5** The sun rises and the sun goes down, and hurries to the place where it rises. **6** The wind blows to the south, and goes around to the north; round and round goes the wind, and on its circuits the wind returns. **7** All streams run to the sea, but the sea is not full; to the place where the streams flow, there they continue to flow. **8** All things are wearisome; more than one can express; the eye is not satisfied with seeing, or the ear filled with hearing. **9** What has been is what will be, and what has been done is what will be done; there is nothing new under the sun. **10** Is there a thing of which it is said, "See, this is new"? It has already been, in the ages before us. **11** The people of long ago are not remembered, nor will there be any remembrance of people yet to come by those who come after them. **12** I, the Teacher, when king over Israel in Jerusalem, **13** applied my mind to seek and to search out by wisdom all that is done under heaven; it is an unhappy business that God has given to human beings to be busy with. **14** I saw all the deeds that are done under the sun; and see, all is vanity and a chasing after wind. **15** What is crooked cannot be made straight, and what is lacking cannot be counted. **16** I said to myself, "I have acquired great wisdom, surpassing all who were over Jerusalem before me; and my mind has had great experience of wisdom and knowledge." **17** And I applied my mind to know wisdom and to know madness and folly. I perceived that this also is but a chasing after wind. **18** For in much wisdom is much vexation, and those who increase knowledge increase sorrow.

2:1 I said to myself, "Come now, I will make a test of pleasure; enjoy yourself." But again, this also was vanity. **2** I said of laughter, "It is mad," and of pleasure, "What use is it?" **3** I searched with my mind how to cheer my body with wine—my mind still guiding me with wisdom—and how to lay hold on folly, until I might see what was good for mortals to do under heaven during the few days of their life. **4** I made great works; I built houses and planted vineyards for myself; **5** I made myself gardens and parks, and planted in them all kinds of fruit trees. **6** I made myself pools from which to water the forest of growing trees. **7** I bought male and female slaves, and had slaves who were born in

my house; I also had great possessions of herds and flocks, more than any who had been before me in Jerusalem. ⁸ I also gathered for myself silver and gold and the treasure of kings and of the provinces; I got singers, both men and women, and delights of the flesh, and many concubines. ⁹ So I became great and surpassed all who were before me in Jerusalem; also my wisdom remained with me. ¹⁰ Whatever my eyes desired I did not keep from them; I kept my heart from no pleasure, for my heart found pleasure in all my toil, and this was my reward for all my toil. ¹¹ Then I considered all that my hands had done and the toil I had spent in doing it, and again, all was vanity and a chasing after wind, and there was nothing to be gained under the sun. ¹² So I turned to consider wisdom and madness and folly; for what can the one do who comes after the king? Only what has already been done. ¹³ Then I saw that wisdom excels folly as light excels darkness. ¹⁴ The wise have eyes in their head, but fools walk in darkness. Yet I perceived that the same fate befalls all of them. ¹⁵ Then I said to myself, "What happens to the fool will happen to me also; why then have I been so very wise?" And I said to myself that this also is vanity. ¹⁶ For there is no enduring remembrance of the wise or of fools, seeing that in the days to come all will have been long forgotten. How can the wise die just like fools? ¹⁷ So I hated life, because what is done under the sun was grievous to me; for all is vanity and a chasing after wind. ¹⁸ I hated all my toil in which I had toiled under the sun, seeing that I must leave it to those who come after me ¹⁹—and who knows whether they will be wise or foolish? Yet they will be master of all for which I toiled and used my wisdom under the sun. This also is vanity. ²⁰ So I turned and gave my heart up to despair concerning all the toil of my labors under the sun, ²¹ because sometimes one who has toiled with wisdom and knowledge and skill must leave all to be enjoyed by another who did not toil for it. This also is vanity and a great evil. ²² What do mortals get from all the toil and strain with which they toil under the sun? ²³ For all their days are full of pain, and their work is a vexation; even at night their minds do not rest. This also is vanity. ²⁴ There is nothing better for mortals than to eat and drink, and find enjoyment in their toil. This also, I saw, is from the hand of God; ²⁵ for apart from him who can eat or who can have enjoyment? ²⁶ For to the one who pleases him God gives wisdom and knowledge and joy; but to the sinner he gives the work of gathering and heaping, only to give to one who pleases God. This also is vanity and a chasing after wind.

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.

GUEST PREACHER: Michael Ozaki, Associate Pastor of the State College Presbyterian Church, who is responsible for their youth and mission ministries is preaching today. Welcome Pastor Ozaki!

NURSERY VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES: Minister to our youngest set (and their parents!) by offering about an of your time during the worship service on a given Sunday morning. Clearances and a cheerful heart required. Please contact any member of the Christian Ed Committee to join the nursery rotation. Committee members are: Leah Riden, Elaine Siddons, Susan Ferguson and Ginny Westover. Clearances can be obtained through the church office. Thank you in advance!

YARD SALE TO BENEFIT SHELTER SERVICES: The thrift shop is having a yard sale **May 3, 4 and 5** (Thursday and Friday, 9AM–4PM, Saturday, 9AM-1PM). All proceeds go to the shelter to continue their mission of serving the homeless of our community. They are also looking for volunteers to help with the yard sale on those days. If any individuals or small groups are interested, please call 717-248-0102. The Shelter is located at 13 Depot Street, Lewistown.

PRESBYTERIAN DISASTER ASSISTANCE hygiene kits and school kits are being collected for distribution to those in crisis situations. More information is available in the narthex. **Note:** Kits **must be received by April 29.**

KRISLUND FUNDRAISING AUCTION: You can help the camp and have a great evening in the process at the Krislund Fundraising Auction. The event begins with a wine and cheese reception at 3PM followed by a delicious meal at 4PM on Sunday, April 29. You will also have the opportunity to bid on beautiful hand-crafted items by local artisans. The cost for the event is \$50 per person. You may RSVP by emailing: jgerber@krislund.org

MISSION TRIP: Plans are being made for an adult mission trip to Puerto Rico for hurricane relief. The trip will take place in the fall and details will be announced in early summer.

SMALL GROUP MINISTRY

- **Youth Group:** Youth group for youth in grades 6-12 is held every Sunday evening from 6-7:30 on the third floor of the church. All you are encouraged to attend – and to bring their friends for fun, food, fellowship and most importantly, growth in relationship to God.
- **Adult Sunday Morning Study** led by Pat Brown meets in the church parlor on Sundays at 9 AM. The study is Ten Women of the Bible by Max Lucado.
- **Sunday Afternoon Study** meets on the first Sunday of each month in the parlor, following the worship service.
- **Tuesday Evening Group** has moved location and will now be meeting on the third floor of the church at 6:30 PM. Their new study is "Prayer; Does it Make Any Difference?" by Philip Yancey. All are welcome!
- **Wednesday Morning Group** meets at the manse at 6:30 AM. A new study by Ray Vander Laan, A Clash of Kingdoms will begin on April 18. This study is part of the very popular "That the World May Know" series in which Vander Laan guides participants to a deeper understanding of the context of scripture to allow them to apply it more faithfully to their own lives.
- **Sunday Evening Group** meets from 6:00 – 7:15 PM at the manse. **The group will not meet tonight.** We will begin a new study by Andy Stanley on April 22. Address the Mess, encourages participants to embrace, rather than avoid, the challenging aspects of life to find how God may be at work in them. The Christian life is not always easy or neat. Address the Mess will help participants be honest about the challenging aspects of their lives.

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

April 15 – April 22, 2018

SUNDAY, April 15

- 9:00 AM Adult Small Group – parlor
 - 9:15 AM Children's Choir Rehearsal
 - 10:30 AM Worship Service
 - 11:30 AM Deacons' Meeting
 - 6:00 PM Youth Group
- No Adult Small Group this evening**

MONDAY, April 16

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

TUESDAY, April 17

- 6:30 PM Adult Small Group – Third Floor

WEDNESDAY, April 18

- 6:30 AM Adult Small Group – manse
- 6:00 PM Adult Bell Choir Rehearsal
- 7:00 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY, April 19

PANORAMA DEADLINE

SUNDAY, April 22

- 9:00 AM Adult Small Group – parlor
- 9:00 AM Confirmation Class
- 9:15 AM Children's Choir Rehearsal
- 10:30 AM Worship Service
- 6:00 PM Youth Group
- 6:00 PM Adult Small Group – manse

GIVING REPORT AS OF 4/8/18

Weekly Need: \$ 3,265.14	Yearly Need: \$ 45,731.96
Last Week: \$ 3,469.00	YTD Received: \$ 42,500.30