



LEWISTOWN CHURCH
Presbyterian

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

June 3, 2018

Sermon: God's Gift
Remembering the Sabbath

Guest Preacher: Sam Strohm

***"The sabbath was made for humankind,
and not humankind for the sabbath; so the
Son of Man is lord even of the sabbath."***

Mark 2:27-28 (NRSV)

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10:30 AM

Prelude	Morning Has Broken Fairest Lord Jesus	Bock Smith
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Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

Psalm 139

Leader: You have searched me, LORD, and you know me.

People: You know when I sit and when I rise; you perceive my thoughts from afar.

Leader: You discern my going out and my lying down; you are familiar with all my ways.

People: Before a word is on my tongue you, LORD, know it completely.

Leader: You hem me in behind and before, and you lay your hand upon me.

People: Such knowledge is too wonderful for me, too lofty for me to attain.

Leader: Where can I go from your Spirit? Where can I flee from your presence?

People: If I go up to the heavens, you are there; if I make my bed in the depths, you are there.

Leader: If I rise on the wings of the dawn, if I settle on the far side of the sea, even there your hand will guide me, your right hand will hold me fast.

People: For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb.

Leader: I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made;

People: Your works are wonderful, I know that full well.

Leader: Search me, God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts.

People: See if there is any offensive way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.

* **Hymn # 417** (red)

What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine

*** Affirmation of Faith**

Apostles' Creed (Ecumenical)

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Volunteer Recognition

Special Music

Beautiful Things

Gungor

Children's Sermon

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

Canticle of Faith

Groden

* Doxology #591 (blue hymnal)

* Prayer of Dedication

*** 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.*

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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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*** Song**

Bless the Lord (10,000 Reasons)

Chorus:

*Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul;
Worship His holy name.
Sing like never before, O my soul;
I'll worship Your holy name.*

1. The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning,
It's time to sing Your song again.
Whatever may pass,
And whatever lies before me,
Let me be singing when the evening comes.

Repeat Chorus

2. You're rich in love and You're slow to anger.
Your name is great and Your heart is kind.
For all Your goodness, I will keep on singing;
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find.

Repeat Chorus

3. And on that day, when my strength is failing,
The end draws near, and my time has come;
Still, my soul will sing Your praise unending
Ten thousand years, and then forevermore!

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Old Testament Reading

Exodus 20:8-11

Gospel Reading

Mark 2:23-3:6

Sermon

God's Gift

* **Hymn #503** (red)

Jesus Calls Us; o'er the Tumult

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Invitation to the Table

Communion Prayer

Words of Institution

Sharing the Bread and Cup

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.

* **Benediction**

* **Closing Chorus**

Forever

*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.*

Postlude

We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight

Giamanco

**If comfortably able please stand*

SERVING IN WORSHIP

Accompanist: Joan Loewen

Liturgist: Susan Ferguson **Next Week:** Brad Siddons

Acolyte: Leland Mitchell **Next Week:** Lucas Garner

Children's Chat: Ginny Westover

Next Week: Elaine Siddons

Children's Church: Ginny Westover

Next Week: Elaine Siddons

Special Music and Praise Songs Accompaniment: Cole Cullen and Topher Yorks

Ushers: Amy Smith (lead usher), Marilyn Miller, Violet Miller, Carl Haldeman, Patricia Snyder, Paul Olbrich

Preaching: Pastor Sam Strohm

Next Week: Pastor James Thomas

Infants/Preschool: Pam Pecht and Vicki Pecht

Next week: Rachel Cunningham and Riley Cullen

Deacon for the Month: Donis Zagurskie

Counters: Lonnie Griffith and Ed Curry

Next Week: Kari Cullen and John Gregory

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.

PASTOR THOMAS was called out of town and is therefore not with us this morning. He is grateful to Rev. Sam Strohm for his willingness to preach and administer the sacrament of the Lord's Supper in his absence. Sam was the pastor at the West Kishacoquillas Presbyterian Church in Belleville for many years and is a friend of the Lewistown Presbyterian Church.

MISSION TRIP: Plans are being made for an adult mission trip to Puerto Rico for hurricane relief. The trip will take place the week of October 14. We need 10 people to participate. The cost is approximately \$750/person plus airfare. If you are interested, you may pick up a flyer with more information on the tables in the narthex.

NEW POSITION AT LEWISTOWN PRESBYTERIAN: In order to strengthen our educational programming and create a closer relationship between the church and our preschool, the session has formed a new position of director of all educational programming at Lewistown Presbyterian Church and Lewistown Presbyterian Preschool. This position has been offered to and accepted by Ginny Westover. In this role, Ginny will continue to coordinate Sunday School, Bible School, Youth Group, and Adult Educational and Small Group offerings, but she will take on the additional role of Lewistown Presbyterian Preschool Director. In this role, she will work with the Preschool Committee to develop curriculum for our Nursery School and Preschool, serve as lead teacher in the Preschool program and supervisor of the entire nursery school preschool program. This is part of an ongoing effort to build the relationship between the church and the school, and it will serve our goal of providing not only excellent preparation for kindergarten, but also provide our students with Biblical teaching to give them and their families the opportunity to know and follow Jesus Christ. Your session is very excited by the possibilities afforded by this decision. Because of the staffing changes necessitated by this new position, we were unable to renew Sherri Powell's contract for the 2018-2019 school year. We are grateful for her many years of service to our school.

GRADUATE SUNDAY IS JUNE 10: Next Sunday we will honor all of our graduates for their hard work and achievements! If you know of someone that is graduating, please call the church office (248-4561) so we can include them in the service. Join us for refreshments outside (weather permitting) after the service to celebrate our graduates.

BABY BOTTLE BOOMERANG: You can participate in Crossroads Pregnancy Center's fund-raiser by taking home a baby bottle bank and filling it with your loose change (or bills if you choose!) and then return it on Father's Day, June 17.

GIVING REPORT AS OF 5/20/18

Weekly Need: \$ 3,341.35	YTD Need: \$ 70,168.35
Last Week: \$ 1,359.05	YTD Received: \$ 64,311.59

SMALL GROUP MINISTRY

- **Youth Group:** Youth group for youth in grades 6-12 is held every Sunday evening from 6-7:30 PM on the third floor of the church. All 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.
- **Tuesday Evening Group:** This group is taking the summer off and will resume in the fall.
- **Wednesday Morning Group** meets at the manse at 6:30 AM. A new study by Anne Graham Lotz will begin this week. The study called The Daniel Prayer will focus us on praying like Daniel, whose prayer life led him to have great strength and influence in a very difficult situation. All are welcome to join us as we begin this new study.
- **Sunday Evening Group** meets from 6:00 – 7:15 PM at the manse. Address the Mess, by Andy Stanley which will help participants be honest about the challenging aspects of their lives. The group will not meet this evening, but we look forward to getting back together next Sunday!

SOUND BOARD OPERATOR NEEDED: We are in need of a assistant/substitute sound board operator for when John Gregory is unavailable. Please let him know if you can help.

PANORAMA: Because the next edition of the Panorama covers two months and because there are a number of things that need to be included that were not possible to have ready for distribution before the first of the month, the June/July edition of the Panorama will be sent this week or next week.

SUGGESTED DONATIONS FOR MOTHER HUBBARD'S CUPBOARD FOR JUNE: macaroni, paper products, pancake mix, peanut butter, applesauce, cereal and canned/boxed juices.

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE

Exodus 20:8-11

⁸Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy. ⁹Six days you shall labor and do all your work, ¹⁰but the seventh day is a sabbath to the LORD your God. On it you shall not do any work, neither you, nor your son or daughter, nor your male or female servant, nor your animals, nor any foreigner residing in your towns. ¹¹For in six days the LORD made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but he rested on the seventh day. Therefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy.

Mark 2:23-3:6

²³One Sabbath Jesus was going through the grainfields, and as his disciples walked along, they began to pick some heads of grain. ²⁴The Pharisees said to him, "Look, why are they doing what is unlawful on the Sabbath?"

²⁵He answered, "Have you never read what David did when he and his companions were hungry and in need? ²⁶In the days of Abiathar the high priest, he entered the house of God and ate the consecrated bread, which is lawful only for priests to eat. And he also gave some to his companions."

²⁷Then he said to them, "The Sabbath was made for man, not man for the Sabbath. ²⁸So the Son of Man is Lord even of the Sabbath."

^{3:1}Another time Jesus went into the synagogue, and a man with a shriveled hand was there. ²Some of them were looking for a reason to accuse Jesus, so they watched him closely to see if he would heal him on the Sabbath. ³Jesus said to the man with the shriveled hand, "Stand up in front of everyone."

⁴Then Jesus asked them, "Which is lawful on the Sabbath: to do good or to do evil, to save life or to kill?" But they remained silent.

⁵He looked around at them in anger and, deeply distressed at their stubborn hearts, said to the man, "Stretch out your hand." He stretched it out, and his hand was completely restored. ⁶Then the Pharisees went out and began to plot with the Herodians how they might kill Jesus.

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

June 3 – June 10, 2018

SUNDAY, June 3 Communion

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

MONDAY, June 4

- 11:30 AM Prayer Ministry
- 6:00 PM Joy Seekers
- 7:00 PM Boy Scouts

WEDNESDAY, June 6

- 6:30 AM Adult Small Group – manse
- 11:30 AM Presbyterian Ladies – Honey Creek Inn

THURSDAY, June 7

- 7:00 PM Committee Meetings

SUNDAY, June 10 Graduation Sunday

- 9:00 AM Adult Small Group – parlor
- 9:15 AM Children’s Choir Rehearsal
- 10:30 AM Worship Service
- 11:30 AM Deacons’ Meeting
- 11:30 AM Lemonade Fellowship
- 6:00 PM Youth Group
- 6:00 PM Adult Small Group – manse

If you would like to schedule a meeting or event at the church, please call the church office so that we can avoid conflicts and properly publicize church related events.

A number of 12 Step Groups meet in the church building throughout the week. If you or someone you know is interested, call the church office or check the listing at the Third Street church entrance for a list of meeting times.