



June 24, 2018

Series: Love and Truth
The Message of 1 John

Week 9: Real, Real Life

"Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love. This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him. This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins." 1 John 4:7-10

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LEWISTOWN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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10:30 AM

Prelude	Jesus, Lover of My Soul Open Now the Gates of Beauty	Parry Neander
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Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship adapted from John 15:9-17

Leader: Jesus said: "As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Now remain in my love."

People: If we keep his commands, we will remain in his love, just as he kept the Father's commands and remains in the Father's love.

Leader: Jesus said: "I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete. My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you."

People: Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends.

Leader: Jesus said: "You are my friends if you do what I command. I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master's business. Instead, I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to you."

People: We did not choose Christ, but Christ chose us and appointed us to go and bear fruit—fruit that will last—and so that whatever we ask in his name the Father will give to us.

Leader: Jesus said: "This is my command: Love each other."

*** Song** Grace Alone

1. Every promise we can make,
Every prayer and step of faith,
Every difference we can make, is only by His grace.
Every mountain we will climb,
Every ray of hope we shine,
Every blessing left behind, is only by his grace.

Chorus:

*Grace alone, which God supplies,
Strength unknown, He will provide.
Christ in us our cornerstone,
We will go forth in grace alone.*

2. Every soul we long to reach,
Every heart we hope to teach,
Everywhere we share his peace, is only by his grace.
Every loving word we say, every tear we wipe away,
Every sorrow turned to praise, is only by his grace.
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*** Song**

Lord, I Need You

1. Lord, I come, I confess
Bowing here I find my rest.
And without you, I fall apart.
You're the one that guides my heart.

Chorus:

*Lord I need you, oh, I need you.
Every hour I need you.
My one defense, my righteousness;
Oh, God, how I need you.*

2. Where sin runs deep, your grace is more.
Where grace is found is where you are.
And where you are, Lord, I am free.
Holiness is Christ in me.
Where you are, Lord, I am free.
Holiness is Christ in me.

Chorus:

*Lord I need you, oh, I need you.
Every hour I need you.
My one defense, my righteousness;
Oh, God, how I need you.*

Bridge:

*So teach my song to rise to you
When temptation comes my way.
And when I cannot stand I'll fall on you.
Jesus, you're my hope and stay.
And when I cannot stand I'll fall on you.
Jesus, you're my hope and stay.*

Last Chorus:

*Lord I need you, oh, I need you.
Every hour I need you.
My one defense, my righteousness;
Oh, God, how I need you.
You're my one defense, my righteousness;
Oh, God, how I need you.
My one defense, my righteousness;
Oh, God, how I need you.*

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Children's Sermon

Special Music How Great Thou Art arr: G & C Music

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

* **Prayer Song #435** (red) What a Friend... (vv 1 & 2)

1. What a friend we have in Jesus,
All our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry
Everything to God in prayer!
O what peace we often forfeit,
O what needless pain we bear,
All because we do not carry
Everything to God in prayer!
2. Have we trials and temptations?
Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged,
Take it to the Lord in prayer.
Can we find a friend so faithful
Who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our every weakness;
Take it to the Lord in prayer!

Pastoral Prayer and 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.**

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

Offertory Aria

Dixon

* Doxology #591 (blue hymnal)

* Prayer of Dedication

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading

1 John 5:1-13

Sermon

Real, Real Life

Unison Prayer of Confession

Gracious and loving God. We know that your word is true and your guidance is trustworthy. However, we find ourselves trusting the words of the world over the guidance of God. We are directed by our vacillating hearts rather than by your steady hand. You call us to put our hope in your eternal kingdom, but we put our hope in the things of this temporal world. Forgive us, and give us eyes to see and hearts to trust in your eternal word and reign. Those who hope in you will never be put to shame.

Silent Prayers of Confession

Affirmation of God's Forgiveness

* **Hymn #149** (red)

Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me

* **Benediction**

* **Closing Chorus**

He is Lord

*He is Lord, He is Lord,
He is risen from the dead
And He is Lord.
Every knee shall bow
Every tongue confess,
That Jesus Christ is Lord.*

Postlude

March from "Scipio"

Handel

**If comfortably able please stand*

SERVING IN WORSHIP

Accompanist: Joan Loewen recorder; Paul Olbrich operator

Liturgist: Paul Olbrich

Acolyte: Bailey Cullen **Next Week:** Leland Mitchell

Children's Chat: Miranda Shoop

Next Week: Maryann Haines

Children's Church: Miranda Shoop

Next Week: Miranda Shoop

Special Music and Doxology: G & C Music Factory
(Garner and Cullen family members on percussion)

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

Preaching: Pastor James Thomas

Infants/Preschool: Elaine Siddons and Alex Garner

Next week: Leah Riden and Margo Reeder

Deacon for the Month: Donis Zagurskie

Counters: Jack Wilson and Maryann Haines

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.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING: A Congregational Meeting has been called for today immediately following the worship service. The purpose of the meeting is to process Pastor Thomas's announcement that he has received another call.

CHURCH PICNIC: Our annual church picnic will be held at Kish Park on Tuesday, July 10 beginning at 6PM. The Fellowship Committee will provide chicken and beverages. Please bring a side dish, salad or dessert to share.

GIVING REPORT AS OF 6/17/18

Weekly Need: \$ 3,341.35	YTD Need: \$ 80,192.40
Last Week: \$ 2,119.00	YTD Received: \$ 73,331.59

COMMUNITY VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL begins this evening here at Lewistown Presbyterian. With everything that is wrong in the world, today's children need to know that they can turn to Jesus to rescue them. That's the focus of this summer's Lewistown Community Bible School. "Shipwrecked: Rescued by Jesus." VBS will run June 24-28 each evening from 6:00–8:30 PM. A light meal will be served each night at 5:30 PM. For children ages 3 years old through fifth grade. Friday, June 29 there will be a family pool party at Rec Park. Please invite your neighbors and friends!

VBS PREPARATION: After today's congregational meeting, please remove the hymnals and Bibles from the central sections of pews and place them in the sections nearest the windows. Thank you!

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. *Due to VBS, we will not meet this evening.*
- **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. Their current study is The Daniel Prayer by Anne Graham Lotz. The study will guide us to 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.
- **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. *Due to VBS, we will not meet this evening.*

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.

KRISLUND TRAVELING DAY CAMP is returning to Lewistown Presbyterian for the third consecutive summer of ministry this July! During the week of July 16-20 volunteers from LPC partner with Krislund staff for a unique and powerful time of sharing Jesus with 100 kids in grades K-8. LOTS of hands go into making this week a meaningful one. There are many opportunities to use your talents! How will you serve?

- lead a group of kids (as many days as you are able: one day, two days or all five!)
- help serve lunch (as many days as you are able; Mon - Wed)
- donate snack items (cereal bars, goldfish crackers, pretzels, Chex snack mix, or cookies), there is a box in the narthex to place items
- prepare a supper for the Krislund staff Mon, Tue, or Wed (they stay at LPC)
- give a monetary donation
- Pray

Please contact any member of the Christian Ed Committee (Ginny Westover, Susan Ferguson, Leah Riden, or Elaine Siddons) with your choice or with any questions. Thank you! You are storing up treasure in heaven!

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE

1 John 5:1-13

5:1 Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ is born of God, and everyone who loves the father loves his child as well. **2** This is how we know that we love the children of God: by loving God and carrying out his commands. **3** In fact, this is love for God: to keep his commands. And his commands are not burdensome, **4** for everyone born of God overcomes the world. This is the victory that has overcome the world, even our faith. **5** Who is it that overcomes the world? Only the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God.

6 This is the one who came by water and blood—Jesus Christ. He did not come by water only, but by water and blood. And it is the Spirit who testifies, because the Spirit is the truth. **7** For there are three that testify: **8** the Spirit, the water and the blood; and the three are in agreement. **9** We accept human testimony, but God's testimony is greater because it is the testimony of God, which he has given about his Son. **10** Whoever believes in the Son of God accepts this testimony. Whoever does not believe God has made him out to be a liar, because they have not believed the testimony God has given about his Son. **11** And this is the testimony: God has given us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. **12** Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life.

13 I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God so that you may know that you have eternal life.

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Notes:

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

June 24 – July 1, 2018

SUNDAY, June 24

- 9:00 AM Adult Small Group – parlor
- 10:30 AM Worship Service
- 11:30 AM Congregational Meeting
- 11:30 AM Community Luncheon
- 5:30 PM VBS Supper
- 6:30 PM Community VBS

MONDAY, June 25

- 11:30 AM Prayer Ministry
- 5:30 PM VBS Supper
- 6:30 PM VBS

TUESDAY, June 26

- 5:30 PM VBS Supper
- 6:30 PM VBS

WEDNESDAY, June 27

- 6:30 AM Adult Small Group – manse
- 5:30 PM VBS Supper
- 6:30 PM VBS

Thursday, June 28

- 5:30 PM VBS Supper
- 6:30 PM VBS

FRIDAY, June 29

- 6:00 PM VBS Family Pool Party at Rec Park

SATURDAY, June 30

- 11:00 AM Memorial Service for Betty Leeper

SUNDAY, July 1 Communion

- 9:00 AM Adult Small Group – parlor
- 10:30 AM Worship Service
- 6:00 PM Youth Group
- 6:00 PM Adult Small Group – manse