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**August 12, 2018**

12<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

**Guest Preacher:** Rev. Charles Myers

**Sermon:** Sufficient Deficiencies

**Scripture:** Ex. 4:10-17, 2 Cor. 12:1-10

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## Silent Prayers of Confession

### Assurance of God's Forgiveness (*responsive*)

Leader: Rise up from the dust, O my people!

**People: We cast off the shroud of sorrow!**

Leader: Put on the joy of the Lord!

**People: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.**

Leader: Thanks be to God!

### Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

Offertory on "Evan"

Peterson

\* Doxology #592 (blue)

\* Prayer of Dedication

### \* Song

How Great is Our God

1. The splendor of the King, clothed in majesty;  
Let all the earth rejoice, let all the earth rejoice.  
He wraps Himself in light, and darkness tries to hide,  
It trembles at His voice, trembles at his voice.

*Chorus:*

*How great is our God!*

*Sing with me, how great is our God!*

*And all will see how great, how great is our God.*

2. From age to age He stands, and time is in his hands,  
Beginning and the end, beginning and the end.  
The Godhead, three in one, Father, Spirit, Son,  
The Lion and the Lamb, Lion and the Lamb.

*Chorus:*

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*Sing with me, how great is our God!*

*And all will see how great, how great is our God.*

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\* **Hymn**

How Great Thou Art

*Chorus:*

*Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee,  
How great Thou art, how great Thou art!  
Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee,  
How great Thou art, how great Thou art!*

1. And when I think, that God, His Son not sparing,  
Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in;  
That on the cross, my burden gladly bearing,  
He bled and died to take away my sin.
2. When Christ shall come, with shout of acclamation,  
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!  
Then I shall bow in humble adoration,  
And there proclaim, my God how great Thou art!

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**Scripture Reading**

Exodus 4:10-17  
2 Corinthians 12:1-10

**Sermon**

Sufficient Deficiencies

\* **Hymn #420** (blue, vs. 1-4) God of Grace and God of Glory!

**Prayer of Dedication** (*unison*)

**With persistent grace you nourish us, Holy God.  
With the Living Water you bless us with all that is  
good. With gratitude, we offer our gifts to you.  
Accept them as signs of our thankfulness. Use them  
to nourish your kingdom and serve your will for all  
the world. Through Christ we pray, Amen.**

\* **Benediction**

\* **Closing Hymn #420** (verse 5) God of Grace and God of Glory

**Postlude**

Allegro Vivace

Handel

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*\*If comfortably able please stand*

## **SERVING IN WORSHIP**

**Accompanist:** Joan Loewen

**Liturgist:** Miranda Shoop

**Next Week:** Donis Zagurskie

**Acolyte:** Liam Griffith

**Next Week:** Liam Griffith

**Worship Elder:** Sue Garner

**Next Week:** Lisa Snyder

**Children's Chat:** Leah Riden

**Next Week:** Kari Cullen

**Children's Church:** Leah Riden

**Next Week:** Miranda Shoop

**Special Music:** Jerry Stone; flute, Joan Loewen; piano

**Next Week:** Kari Cullen and Sue Garner

**Ushers:** Ruth Fisher (lead usher), Ken Fisher, Harold and Gerri Aitkin, Elaine Siddons, Chelsea Siddons

**Preaching:** Rev. Charles (Buz) Myers

**Next Week:** Phil Loewen

**Infants/Preschool:** Karen and Ali McCurdy

**Next week:** Mercy Westover and Riley Cullen

**Deacon for the Month:** Donis Zagurskie

**Counters:** Maryann Haines and Jack Wilson

**Next Week:** Dale Henry and Bill Sisson

## **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.

**WE WELCOME TO THE PULPIT TODAY, REV. CHARLES (BUZ) MYERS, PH.D.,** an ordained Presbyterian minister who is an at-large minister-member of the Presbytery of Carlisle. He earned his B.A. degree at Duke University and his M.Div. and Ph.D. degrees at Princeton Theological Seminary. Since 1986 Prof. Myers has served as a New Testament professor in the Department of Religious Studies at Gettysburg College.

**THE CHANCEL FLOWERS** today are dedicated to God's glory and are given by Dr. David and Ginny Eichenlaub in loving memory of Amy Eichenlaub Snyder, Dr. and Mrs. Thomas Lake and Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Eichenlaub.

**PRESBYTERIAN DISASTER ASSISTANCE:** Natural disasters and public violence are both a part of our current landscape. How can we respond to support and heal communities while also caring for ourselves? In response to this question, Presbyterian Disaster Assistance disaster response training is being offered on September 6 at the **Providence Presbyterian Church in Altoona.**

- Morning Session: 9:30 AM, **Disaster Preparedness and Engagement**
- Afternoon Session: 1:30 PM, Select one; **Human Caused Disaster or Compassion Fatigue**

**Registration deadline is August 31.** For more information, see <http://www.syntrinity.org/pda/> or call the presbytery office to talk to Susan Ferguson. The cost is \$10.00, which includes lunch.

### **SMALL GROUP MINISTRY**

- **Youth Group:** Youth group for youth in grades 6-12 will be held Sunday, July 22 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.
- **Wednesday Morning Study Group** meets in the church parlor at 6:30 AM. They are using the study by Andy Stanley, "What Makes You Happy."

**NEW STAFF MEMBER:** The Nursery School/Preschool Committee is pleased to introduce and welcome Mrs. Margaret Henry to the staff of Lewistown Presbyterian Church as the new lead nursery school teacher and assistant to the director! Mrs. Margie Henry will be assisting in the Preschool class, as well as be the Lead Nursery school teacher on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Mrs. Henry has a Bachelor's Degree in Elementary Education and has completed Masters level coursework in Curriculum and Instruction. She is passionate about working with young students and giving them the head start they need to be successful in their futures.

**YOUTH:** Nick and Miranda will be leading tonight's Youth meeting. Hang out from 6-7:30 on the third floor and enjoy fun times of games and snacks, Bible study and conversation. All in grades 6-12 are welcome!

**CODE OF CONDUCT FOR FORMER PASTORS:** Huntingdon Presbytery has formulated the following rules concerning departing pastors in order to facilitate a smooth pastoral transition for member churches.

**The departing pastor will:**

- Not discuss pastoral concerns with parishioners
- Not discuss current church leadership but guide parishioners to discuss concerns with current leadership.
- Defer to the present pastor or moderator when asked to officiate a baptism, wedding, funeral or service of worship.
- Share these guidelines with the congregation and session prior to leaving
- Acknowledge receipt of the above policy and agree to abide by its provisions.

**The session will:**

- Provide pastoral care for the members of the congregation. They will refer members with need of pastoral services to the current pastor and/or moderator.
- If they session receives information that a former pastor has been called by a parishioner about a pastoral concern, the ruling elders of the session will explain that the former pastor can no longer be involved and that the parishioner should contact the current moderator or pastor.
- Direct members not to discuss concerns about current leadership with the former pastor.

**TRAUMA-DRAMA**, a workshop helping educators, social workers, children's ministry leaders and parents understand the role of trauma that contributes to actions/reactions in the daily lives of children in classroom, community and home is scheduled for Saturday, August 25, 9 AM—3 PM at the New Life Church Café, 101 N. Beech Street, Burnham. The event includes a multi-session DVD and discussion series using author, Heather Forbes' "*Help For Billy: A Beyond Consequences Approach to Helping Challenging Children in the Classroom.*" Cost is \$10. Lunch and snacks will be provided. Call or text Ann at 717-437-4946.

## **PRAYER GUIDE**

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*It matters little what form of prayer we adopt or how many words we use. What matters is the faith which lays hold on God, knowing that He knows our needs before we even ask Him. That is what gives Christian prayer its boundless confidence and its joyous certainty.*

*~ Dietrich Bonhoeffer*

### **How to Be Involved in Prayer**

- Use the prayer cards in the pew racks to let us know how we can pray for you or for someone you know
- You can e-mail requests to [lewispres@comcast.net](mailto:lewispres@comcast.net)
- Join the prayer chain by calling Margie at 248-0427 or email [mcsmith12@verizon.net](mailto:mcsmith12@verizon.net)
- Join us at 11:30 AM on Mondays in the Baraca Room
- Join us in prayer for the church on Thursdays at 11:30 in the church office
- Use this prayer guide in your daily prayers

### ***Pray for our Community, Nation and World***

#### **Our Community**

- Those struggling with addictions, and their loved ones
- Solutions to the opioid epidemic

#### **For Those Who Grieve**

- Cathy McClenahan, as her father, James Wentle, died last week
- Family and Friends of Linda Shaw, who died July 27

#### **For Our Programs and Growth**

- For the session as they process next steps following Pastor Thomas's departure
- The Nominating Committee as they prayerfully prepare to nominate the Pastor Nominating Committee
- Pastor Jim and Devon as they make their transition
- Church members to find new ways to serve in the transition
- Our Church Health Team processing the last Natural Church Development survey
- Our Deacons and their ministry of help and care
- Visitors to join us and find a spiritual home here

#### **Those Battling Cancer**

- Brad Siddons: undergoing preventative chemo treatments
- Ryland Ertley: Burkitt lymphoma
- Heather Creighton: long-term treatment for breast cancer



- Mike Macchiaverna: received marrow transplant
- Levi Foltz: 2-year-old with a tumor
- Gina Eargle: undergoing treatments
- Neil Knable
- Harold Miller: cancerous tumor
- Jennifer Elder: young mother battling a brain tumor

### **Other Health Concerns**

- Paul Zarkovich: bacterial infection in his hand
- Tom Fletcher: ill health and depression
- Dan Pierce: triple bypass
- Jeff Pyles: suffered a severe heart attack w/complications
- Brian Primozich: young father with a rare kidney disease
- Shannon Lower: received a double lung transplant
- George Cockerill: medical tests
- Naomi DeBello: 15-year-old with congenital heart issues
- Rich Harper: adjusting well to MS treatments
- Mary Barger: strength & courage following a stroke
- Shirley Ferguson: chronic pain and limited mobility
- Those who are homebound

### **Those in Care Facilities**

- Valley View: Mary Lou Ingram, Jack Irrgang
- Ohesson: Etta Majestic, Mary Barger
- Shirley Home (Shirleysburg): Carl Knepp
- Hearthside (State College): Mary McClellan
- Locust Grove Retirement Village: Doris Hoverter

### **Those in the Military**

- 01/LT Allison (Harklerode) Conforte
- SPC Ian Shelly
- BM3 Tyler M. Earnest
- SFC William Corson
- SGT John Dietz
- SSGT Tyler Treaster

### **Our Mission Partners**

- Leah and Francis Daytec in the Philippines
- Camp Krislund as they seek a new director
- Shelter Services providing hope and help to the homeless
- Habitat for Humanity
- Backyard Ministries sharing the gospel with children
- Adventures in Mission and BuildinGuate as they assist those impacted by recent volcanic eruption in Guatemala
- The LUMINA Center

### **Our Families of the Week**

- Marlene Creighton
- Miranda Shoop

## **TODAY'S SCRIPTURE**

### **Exodus 4:10-17**

<sup>10</sup> Moses said to the LORD, "Pardon your servant, Lord. I have never been eloquent, neither in the past nor since you have spoken to your servant. I am slow of speech and tongue." <sup>11</sup> The LORD said to him, "Who gave human beings their mouths? Who makes them deaf or mute? Who gives them sight or makes them blind? Is it not I, the LORD?" <sup>12</sup> Now go; I will help you speak and will teach you what to say." <sup>13</sup> But Moses said, "Pardon your servant, Lord. Please send someone else." <sup>14</sup> Then the LORD's anger burned against Moses and he said, "What about your brother, Aaron the Levite? I know he can speak well. He is already on his way to meet you, and he will be glad to see you. <sup>15</sup> You shall speak to him and put words in his mouth; I will help both of you speak and will teach you what to do. <sup>16</sup> He will speak to the people for you, and it will be as if he were your mouth and as if you were God to him. <sup>17</sup> But take this staff in your hand so you can perform the signs with it."

### **2 Corinthians 12:1-10**

<sup>12:1</sup> I must go on boasting. Although there is nothing to be gained, I will go on to visions and revelations from the Lord. <sup>2</sup> I know a man in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven. Whether it was in the body or out of the body I do not know—God knows. <sup>3</sup> And I know that this man—whether in the body or apart from the body I do not know, but God knows— <sup>4</sup> was caught up to paradise and heard inexpressible things, things that no one is permitted to tell. <sup>5</sup> I will boast about a man like that, but I will not boast about myself, except about my weaknesses. <sup>6</sup> Even if I should choose to boast, I would not be a fool, because I would be speaking the truth. But I refrain, so no one will think more of me than is warranted by what I do or say, <sup>7</sup> or because of these surpassingly great revelations. Therefore, in order to keep me from becoming conceited, I was given a thorn in my flesh, a messenger of Satan, to torment me. <sup>8</sup> Three times I pleaded with the Lord to take it away from me. <sup>9</sup> But he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ's power may rest on me. <sup>10</sup> That is why, for Christ's sake, I delight in weaknesses, in insults, in hardships, in persecutions, in difficulties. For when I am weak, then I am strong.

## **CALENDAR OF UPCOMING ACTIVITIES**

August 12 – August 19, 2018

### **SUNDAY, August 12**

- 9:00 AM Adult Small Group – parlor
- 10:30 AM Worship Service
- 11:30 AM Lemonade Fellowship
- 6:00 PM Youth Group

### **MONDAY, August 13**

- 11:30 AM Prayer Ministry
- 6:00 PM Joy Seekers
- 7:00 PM Search Committee

### **WEDNESDAY, August 15**

- 6:30 AM Bible Study – church parlor

### **SUNDAY, August 19 Deacons' Offering**

- 9:00 AM Adult Small Group – parlor
- 10:30 AM Worship Service
- 6:00 PM Nursery School "Meet and Greet"
- 7:00 PM Preschool "Meet and Greet"

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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.

### **GIVING REPORT AS OF 8/5/18**

Weekly Need:	\$ 3,341.35	YTD Need:	\$ 103,581.55
Last Week:	\$ 3,225.00	YTD Received:	\$ 96,260.97

**Notes:**