



LEWISTOWN

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

May 19, 2019

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Preaching: Rev. Cindy Carlisle

Sermon: Trusting the Promise

Scripture: Revelation 7:9-17

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10:30 AM

Prelude	Prelude on Two America Tunes Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer	Livingston Wood
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Welcome and Announcements

Introit

Call to Worship

Psalm 148:1-6a

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord from heaven! Praise God on the heights!

Praise God, all of you who are his messengers!

Praise God, all of you who comprise his heavenly forces!
Sun and moon, praise God!

**All of you bright stars, praise God! You highest heaven,
praise God! Do the same, you waters that are above the
sky!**

Let all of these praise the Lord's name because God gave the command and they were created!

God set them in place always and forever. Praise God!

* **Hymn #464** (blue)

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

Prayer of Confession

God of mercy, your command to love one another across all differences opens us to new horizons, yet we often respond with fear and judgment that hinders your goal for humanity. Forgive our sins, we pray, and give us a true repentance that leads to life for all creation. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

Silent Prayers of Confession

Assurance of God's Forgiveness

Anthem

Children's Chat

Scripture Reading

Revelation 7:9-17

After this I looked, and there was a great crowd that no one could number. They were from every nation, tribe, people, and language. They were standing before the throne and before the Lamb. They wore white robes and held palm branches in their hands. They cried out with a loud voice:

"Victory belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb." All the angels stood in a circle around the throne, and around the elders and the four living creatures. They fell facedown before the throne and worshipped God, saying, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and always. Amen." Then one of the elders said to me, "Who are these people wearing white robes, and where did they come from?" I said to him, "Sir, you know." Then he said to me, "These people have come out of great hardship. They have washed their robes and made them white in the Lamb's blood. This is the reason they are before God's throne. They worship him day and night in his temple, and the one seated on the throne will shelter them. They won't hunger or thirst anymore. No sun or scorching heat will beat down on them, because the Lamb who is in the midst of the throne will shepherd them. He will lead them to the springs of life-giving water, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

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Sermon

Trusting the Promise

* Song

In the Bulb There is a Flower

1. In the bulb there is a flower;
In the seed, an apple tree;
In cocoons, a hidden promise:
The butterflies will soon be free!
In the cold and snow of winter
There's a spring that waits to be,
Unrevealed until its season,
Something God alone can see.
(cont. on the next page)

2. There's a song in every silence,
Seeking word and melody;
There's a dawn in every darkness,
Bringing hope to you and me.
From the past will come the future;
What it holds, a mystery,
Unrevealed until its season,
Something God alone can see.

3. In our end is our beginning;
In our time, infinity;
In our doubt there is believing;
In our life, eternity.
In our death, a resurrection;
At the last, a victory,
Unrevealed until its season,
Something God alone can see.

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* Song

Days of Elijah

1. These are the days of Elijah
Declaring the word of the Lord.
And these are the days
Of Your servant, Moses
Righteousness being restored
And these are the days of great trials,
Of famine and darkness and sword.
Still we are the voice in the desert crying
Prepare ye the way of the Lord!

Chorus

*Behold He comes, riding on the clouds,
Shining like the sun, at the trumpet's call
Lift your voice, it's the year of Jubilee
Out of Zion's hill, salvation comes!*

2. And these are the days of Ezekiel,
The dry bones becoming as flesh.
And these are the days of Your servant, David
Rebuilding the temple of praise.
And these are the days of the harvest,
The fields are all white in the world.
And we are the laborers in Your vineyard,
Declaring the Word of the Lord!

*** Affirmation of Faith** (PCUSA Brief Statement of Faith – 10.4b.5)

In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace. In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God’s new heaven and new earth, praying, “Come, Lord Jesus!” With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

Canticle

Groden

*** Doxology #592** (blue)

Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise Him all creatures here below. Praise Him above, ye heavenly hosts. Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Prayers of the People and the 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.

*** Hymn #111** (blue)

Good Christians All, Rejoice and Sing!

*** Benediction**

*** Closing Chorus**

Good Christians (*refrain*)

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Postlude

Postlude on “Bryn Calfaria”

Landin

**If comfortably able please stand*

SERVING IN WORSHIP

Accompanist: Joan Loewen

Introit & Anthem: Chancel Choir, Doug Garner, director

Liturgist: Ed Curry

Next Week: Annalise Haines

Acolyte: Liam Griffith

Children's Sermon: Joan Loewen

Next Week: Miranda Shoop

Ushers: Dave Noss (head usher) Larry & Linda O'Dell, Jan Headings, Jean Burlew

Children's Church: Diane Griffith, Rachel Cunningham, Hannah Griffith

Preaching: Rev. Cindy Carlisle

Infants/Preschool: Karissa Zagurskie

Next Week: Elaine Siddons

Deacon for the Month: Doug Knudson

Counters: Dave Noss & John Gregory

Next Week: Kari Cullen & 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.

PRESCHOOL GRADUATION: You are invited to celebrate our Preschool graduates this Thursday and Friday at 6 PM. Come and enjoy these amazing children and rejoice over this ministry God has given to Lewistown Presbyterian.

DEACON OFFERING: The loose offering in the collection plate TODAY is designated to the Deacons' Fund.

CROSSROADS PREGNANCY CENTER BABY BOTTLE BOOMERANG: You have the opportunity to help Crossroads ministry grow and help young and unexpected families bloom where they were planted. There are empty baby bottles in the narthex. Please take one home with you today. Fill it with change, bills or checks and bring it back to the church on Father's Day, June 16.

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

May 19, 2019 – May 26, 2019

SUNDAY, May 19

- 9:00 AM Adult Study Group
- 10:00 AM Choir Rehearsal
- 10:30 AM Worship Service
- 6:00 PM Youth Group

MONDAY, May 20

- 11:30 AM Prayer Ministry

Tuesday, May 21

- 6:30 PM Small Group – Youth room

WEDNESDAY, May 22

PANORAMA DEADLINE

- 10:00 AM Fellowship Committee
- 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY, May 23

- 11:30 AM Prayer Ministry – church office
- 6:00 PM Morning Preschool Graduation

FRIDAY, May 24

- 6:00 PM Afternoon Preschool Graduation

SUNDAY, May 26

- 9:00 AM Adult Study Group
- 9:15 AM Children's Choir Rehearsal
- 10:00 AM Choir Rehearsal
- 10:30 AM Worship Service
- 11:30 AM Community Luncheon
- 6:00 PM Youth Group

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.

GIVING REPORT AS OF 5/12/19

Weekly Need:	\$ 3,173.08	YTD Need:	\$ 60,268.52
Received:	\$ 2,120.00	YTD Received:	\$ 61,049.86