



May 26, 2019

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Preaching: Rev. Cindy Carlisle

Sermon: Discerning the Spirit

Scripture: Acts 11:1-18

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LEWISTOWN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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10:30 AM

Prelude Two Meditations on the 23rd Psalm Ashdown

Welcome and Announcements

Introit This is the Day Donald Moore

Call to Worship (*Based on Psalm 84*)

How lovely is your dwelling place, Lord of heavenly forces!

**My very being longs, even yearns, for the Lord's
courtyards.**

My heart and my body will rejoice out loud to the living God!

**Yes, the sparrow and the swallow make a nest to lay
her young beside your altars.**

Better is a single day in your courtyards than a thousand
days anywhere else!

**How lovely is your dwelling place, Lord of heavenly
forces!**

*** Hymn #473** (blue)

For the Beauty of the Earth

Prayer of Confession

**Almighty God, Jesus came to bring peace, giving not as
the world gives, but in a way that stills our hearts and
calms our fears. Yet we struggle to receive what he
offers. Peace in our world, in our homes, in ourselves
frequently eludes us. Sin fosters hatred and hostility,
envy and strife, self-loathing and self-pity. Release us
from these burdens. Cleanse us and open us to the
peace of Christ, the peace that passes understanding.
Amen.**

Silent Prayers of Confession

Assurance of God's Forgiveness

Passing of the Peace

Children's Chat

Scripture Reading

Acts 11:1-18

The apostles and the brothers and sisters throughout Judea heard that even the Gentiles had welcomed God's word. When Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him. They accused him, "You went into the home of the uncircumcised and ate with them!"

Step-by-step, Peter explained what had happened. "I was in the city of Joppa praying when I had a visionary experience. In my vision, I saw something like a large linen sheet being lowered from heaven by its four corners. It came all the way down to me. As I stared at it, wondering what it was, I saw four-legged animals—including wild beasts—as well as reptiles and wild birds. I heard a voice say, 'Get up, Peter! Kill and eat!' I responded, 'Absolutely not, Lord! Nothing impure or unclean has ever entered my mouth.' The voice from heaven spoke a second time, 'Never consider unclean what God has made pure.' This happened three times, then everything was pulled back into heaven. At that moment three men who had been sent to me from Caesarea arrived at the house where we were staying. The Spirit told me to go with them even though they were Gentiles. These six brothers also went with me, and we entered that man's house. He reported to us how he had seen an angel standing in his house and saying, 'Send to Joppa and summon Simon, who is known as Peter. He will tell you how you and your entire household can be saved.' When I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell on them, just as the Spirit fell on us in the beginning. I remembered the Lord's words: 'John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.' If God gave them the same gift he gave us who believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, then who am I? Could I stand in God's way?"

Once the apostles and other believers heard this, they calmed down. They praised God and concluded, "So then God has enabled Gentiles to change their hearts and lives so that they might have new life."

***Song**

Lord, Be Glorified

In my life, Lord, be glorified, be glorified.
In My life, Lord, be glorified today.

In my song, Lord, be glorified, be glorified.
In my song, Lord, be glorified today.

In Your Church, Lord, be glorified, be glorified.
In Your Church, Lord, be glorified today.

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*** Song**

Spirit of the Living God

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me;
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me;
Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

*** Affirmation of Faith**

PCUSA Confession of 1967-9.07

In Jesus Christ, God was reconciling the world to himself. Jesus Christ is God with humankind. He is the eternal Son of the Father, who became human and lived among us to fulfill the work of reconciliation. He is present in the church by the power of the Holy Spirit to continue and complete his mission. This work of God, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit is the foundation of all confessional statements about God, humanity, and the world. Therefore, the church calls all people to be reconciled to God and to one another.

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

Nocturne

Mendelssohn

*** 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 #564** (blue) O Beautiful for Spacious Skies

* **Benediction**

* **Closing Chorus** O Beautiful for Spacious Skies
*America! America! God shed His grace on thee,
And crown thy good with brotherhood
From Sea to shining sea!*

Postlude Come, Thy Fount of Every Blessing Broughton

**If comfortably able please stand*

SERVING IN WORSHIP

Accompanist: Joan Loewen

Introit & Anthem: Chancel Choir, Doug Garner, director

Liturgist: Annalise Haines

Acolyte: Abi Siddons

Children's Sermon: Miranda Shoop

Next Week: Pastor Cindy

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: Elaine Siddons

Next Week: Zoe Finan

Deacon for the Month: Doug Knudson

Counters: Kari Cullen & John Gregory

Next Week: Lonnie Griffith & Ed Curry

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.

CHOIR THANKS! The Adult Choir will be taking a well-deserved Sabbath rest for the summer. Many thanks for all your dedication, effort, enthusiasm and talents. You greatly enrich our worship!

PENTECOST is Sunday, June 9. Wear red if you have it!

OPPORTUNITIES TO SPONSOR FLOWERS: There are open dates to place flowers in the church sanctuary. June 2, 8, 16, 23 and 30 are available. For more information, call the church office 248-4561. If you would like to the church to order the flowers for you the cost is \$50.00.

PASTOR ON VACATION: Pastor Cindy will be on vacation and education leave through June 3. Please contact the office or Rev. Zorn with any urgent pastoral need.

NEW MEMBER RECEPTION: Plan to greet our new members after worship Sunday, June 9.

LEWISTOWN PRESBYTERIAN STAFF:

Interim Pastor: Cindy Carlisle

Visitation Pastor: Robert Zorn

Christian Education Director: Ginny Westover

Choir Director: Doug Garner

Organist/Accompanist: Joan Loewen

Youth Choir Director: Leah Riden

Administrative Assistant: Deb Yetter

Financial Secretary: Susan Ferguson

Preschool Director: Ginny Westover

Preschool Teachers: Margie Henry, Miranda Shoop

Custodian: Kathy Hardin

Sexton/Security: John Gregory

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

May 26, 2019 – June 2, 2019

SUNDAY, May 26

- 9:00 AM Adult Study Group
- 9:15 AM Children's Choir Rehearsal
- 10:30 AM Worship Service
- 11:30 AM Community Luncheon
- No Youth Group this evening

MONDAY, May 27

Memorial Day – Office closed

Tuesday, May 28

- 9:00 AM Backyard Ministries cookie collection
- 6:30 PM Small Group – Youth room

THURSDAY, May 30

- 11:30 AM Prayer Ministry – church office

SUNDAY, June 2 Rev. Jeanette Mater Preaching

- 9:00 AM Adult Study Group
- 9:15 AM Children's Choir Rehearsal
- 10:30 AM Worship Service

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 5/19/19

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