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September 15, 2019

Speaker: Rev. Sam Strohm

Sermon: His Hands

Scripture: Isaiah 41:8-14; John 20:19-29

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10:30 AM

Prelude	This is My Father's World Be Thou My Vision	Ashdown Merritt
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Welcome and Announcements

Introit	The Meek	Raymond Herbek
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Call to Worship

Leader: Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth. Worship the LORD with gladness; come before him with joyful songs.

People: Know that the LORD is God. It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, the sheep of his pasture.

Leader: Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name.

People: For the LORD is good and his love endures forever; his faithfulness continues through all generations.

* **Hymn #376** (blue) Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo. Forgive what our lips tremble to name, what our hearts can no longer bear, and what has become for us a consuming fire of judgment. Set us free from a past that we cannot change; open to us a future in which we can be changed; and grant us grace to grow more and more in your likeness and image, through Jesus Christ, the light of the world. Amen.

Silent Prayers of Confession

Assurance of Forgiveness and Sharing Christ's Peace

Anthem	Oh How I Love Jesus	arr: R. Robinson
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Children's Chat

Scripture

Isaiah 41:8-14

John 20:19-29

Sermon

His Hands

* **Affirmation of Faith** Apostles' Creed (Traditional)

I believe in God, the Father Almighty Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

* **Songs** He is Lord; Step By Step

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory Aria Cantabile Beethoven

* Doxology #592 (blue) or see screen

Pastoral Prayer

Lord's Prayer Traditional

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 #343** (blue) Called as Partners in Christ's Service

* **Benediction**

* **Closing Chorus** Step By Step

*Oh God, you are my God,
And I will ever praise you.
Oh God, you are my God,
And I will ever praise you.
And I will seek you in the morning,
And I will learn to walk in your ways.
And step by step you'll lead me,
And I will follow you all of my days.*

**if comfortably able, please stand*

SERVING IN WORSHIP

Accompanist: Joan Loewen

Introit: Adult Bell Choir; Director: Doug Garner

Anthem: Chancel Choir; Director: Doug Garner

Liturgist: Leah Riden

Next Week: Ginny Westover

Elder: Leah Riden

Next Week: Sue Garner

Acolyte: Lucas Garner

Children's Chat: Leah Riden

Next Week: Ginny Westover

Ushers: Karen McCurdy (head usher) Dale Henry, Dave Noss, Joyce Dixon, Cathy McClenahan, David Eichenlaub

Children's Church: Leah Riden

Next Week: Ginny Westover

Preaching: Rev. Sam Strohm

Next Week: Rev. Kari Swigart

Infants/Preschool: Brett Buchanan

Next Week: Zoe Finan

Deacon for the Month: Zoe Finan

Counters: Maryann Haines & Dave Noss

Next Week: Bill Sisson & John Gregory

Scripture

Isaiah 40:8-14

"But you, Israel, my servant, Jacob, whom I have chosen, you descendants of Abraham my friend, I took you from the ends of the earth, from its farthest corners I called you. I said, 'You are my servant'; I have chosen you and have not rejected you. So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand. "All who rage against you will surely be ashamed and disgraced; those who oppose you will be as nothing and perish. Though you search for your enemies, you will not find them. Those who wage war against you will be as nothing at all. For I am the LORD your God who takes hold of your right hand and says to you, Do not fear; I will help you. Do not be afraid, you worm Jacob, little Israel, do not fear, for I myself will help you," declares the LORD, your Redeemer, the Holy One of Israel.

John 20:19-29

On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jewish leaders, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord.

Again Jesus said, "Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you." And with that he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive anyone's sins, their sins are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven."

Now Thomas (also known as Didymus), one of the Twelve, was not with the disciples when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord!"

But he said to them, "Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe."

A week later his disciples were in the house again, and Thomas was with them. Though the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe."

Thomas said to him, "My Lord and my God!"

Then Jesus told him, "Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME! If you are visiting with us, please sign the Visitors' Register and pick up a Welcome Brochure. Children's activity bags, Bibles, large print hymnals and hearing devices are available from the ushers.

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

TUESDAY NIGHT GROUP: Are you hungry for more of God's Word? Come to the 3rd floor Tuesday night at 6:30 PM for the beginning of a brand new study by N.T. Wright on 1 & 2 Timothy and Titus. Just as Timothy and Titus needed help to lead their young churches well in the midst of powerful cultural forces, we need guidance for correct leading and living in our own context. These studies on Paul's letters point us in the right direction. Thoughtful questions, prayer suggestions, and useful background and cultural information will guide us more deeply into God's Word. All are welcome to join us!

NOMINATING COMMITTEE MEETING: TODAY immediately following the worship service in the Baraca room.

HUNTINGDON PRESBYTERY CHILDREN'S FAIR: All children K through 5th grade are invited **Saturday, September 21, 2019.** Huntingdon Presbyterian Church, 508 Mifflin Street, Huntingdon. The time is 10 AM—Noon. Registrations begins at 9:45 AM. Fun, games, learn about Deborah the Judge, prizes and snacks!

LEMONADE ON THE LAWN: There will be a time of fellowship next **Sunday, September 22** immediately following the worship service.

PULPIT SUPPLY: Please warmly welcome our guest preachers in the remaining weeks of September. September 22, Rev. Kari Swigart and September 29, Rev. Jeanette Mater.

NEW INTERIM PASTOR: Plan to welcome our new Interim Pastor, Sarah Sedgwick, to the pulpit on October 6.

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

SUNDAY, September 15

- 9:00 AM Adult Study Group – Library
- 9:15 AM Children’s Choir Rehearsal
- 10:30 AM Worship Service
- 11:30 AM Nominating Committee Meeting – Baraca Rm.

MONDAY, September 16

- 11:30 AM Prayer Ministry

TUESDAY, September 17

- 6:30 AM Small Group Study – third floor

WEDNESDAY, September 18

- 7:00 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY, September 19

PANORAMA DEADLINE

SUNDAY, September 22

- 9:00 AM Adult Study Group – Library
- 9:15 AM Children’s Choir Rehearsal
- 10:30 AM Worship Service
- 11:30 AM Lemonade on the Lawn

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 9/8/19

Weekly Need: \$ 3,173.08	YTD Need: \$ 114,230.88
Received: \$ 2,117.00	YTD Received: \$ 111,220.36