



LEWISTOWN CHURCH  
**Presbyterian**

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

**October 13, 2019**

**28<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Speaker:** Rev. Sarah Sedgwick

**Sermon:** The Welfare of Lewistown

**Scripture:** Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7; Luke 17:11-19

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**10:30 AM**

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## **Prelude**

Abbot's Leigh  
Immortal Invisible  
Sarabande and Variations

Manz  
Smith  
Steenwick

## **Welcome and Announcements**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all!

**All: And also with you!**

## **Minute for Mission**

Ruth Fisher

## **Introit**

Rise and Shine

Cedarmont Kids

## **Call to Worship**

Psalm 66

Leader: Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth; sing the glory of God's name.

**People: How awesome are your deeds, O God! We sing praises to your name.**

Leader: Come and see what God has done: turning the sea into dry land; bringing us across the river Jordan.

**People: How awesome are your deeds, O God! We sing praises to your name.**

Leader: Even when God has tested us; even when we have gone through fire and water:

**People: God has brought us out to a spacious place. Our God is an awesome God!**

Leader: Let us stand and sing our praise to our awesome God!

\* **Hymn #276** (Blue)

Great is Thy Faithfulness

## **Prayer of Confession**

**Jesus, Master, have mercy on us. We keep our distance from you, for we are broken and sick with sin. Yet you see us, and cleanse us, and make us whole. Forgive us when we forget to return to you – have mercy when we fail to praise your name, and help us to exude the faith that makes us well.**

## Silent Prayers of Confession

### Assurance of Forgiveness

Hear the good news: Your call has been answered. Christ has healed you, and forgives your sin.

**A: Thanks be to God our sins are forgiven. Amen.**

### Passing of the Peace

Leader: God has received us, pardoned us and loved us; let us forgive each other in love and share the peace of Christ. The Peace of Christ be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Leader: Let us exchange signs of peace with one another.

### Anthem

I Will Lift Up My Eyes

Stan Pethel

### Children's Chat

### Prayer of Illumination

#### Scripture

Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7; Luke 17:11-19

The Word of our Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

#### Sermon

The Welfare of Lewistown

#### \* Song

Above All

Above all powers, above all kings,  
Above all nature and all created things;  
Above all wisdom and all the ways of man,  
You were here before the worlds began.  
Above all kingdoms, above all thrones,  
Above all wonders the world has ever known;  
Above all wealth and treasures of the earth,  
There's no way to measure  
What you're worth.  
Crucified, laid behind the stone;  
You lived to die, rejected and alone;  
Like a rose, trampled on the ground,  
You took the fall,  
But now you're raised above all.

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\* **Song**

Open the Eyes of My Heart

Open the eyes of my heart, Lord  
Open the eyes of my heart  
I want to see You  
I want to see You  
(Repeat)

To see you high and lifted up  
Shining in the light of Your glory  
Pour out Your power and love  
As we sing holy, holy, holy

*Chorus:*

Holy, holy, holy  
Holy, holy, holy  
Holy, holy, holy  
I want to see You

Open the eyes of my heart, Lord  
Open the eyes of my heart  
I want to see You  
I want to see You

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\* **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.**

**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. men.**

## **Presentation of Tithes and Offerings**

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory I Sing a Song of the Saints of God

Powell

Doxology #592 (blue)

Prayer of Dedication

**Hymn #435** (blue)

We All Are One in Mission  
(vs. 1,2)

## **Charge and Blessing**

Friends, get up and go on your way,

Remembering to turn back in praise to God.

And may you be blessed with faith and made well

This day and forevermore. Alleluia! Amen!

## \* **Closing Chorus**

We All Are One in Mission (v. 3)

*Now let us be united, and let our song be heard*

*Now let us be a vessel for God's redeeming word*

*We all are one in mission, we all are one in call*

*Our varied gifts united, by Christ, the Lord of all.*

## **Postlude**

Variations on Hymn to Joy

Beethoven/Ashdown

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*\*if comfortably able, please stand*

## **SERVING IN WORSHIP**

**Accompanist:** Joan Loewen

**Introit:** Children's Choir; Director, Leah Riden

**Anthem:** Chancel Choir; Director, Doug Garner

**Liturgist:** Ken Fisher **Next Week:** Gerri Aitkin

**Acolyte:** Blake & Landon Cunningham

**Children's Chat:** Maryann Haines **Next Week:** Lynn Curry

**Ushers:** Leah Riden (head usher), Ray Wilde, Ginny

Westover, Mercy Westover, Maryann Haines, Elaine Siddons

**Children's Church:** Elaine Siddons

**Next Week:** Ginny Westover

**Preaching:** Rev. Sarah Sedgwick

**Infants/Preschool:** Amy Smith **Next Week:** Pam Pecht

**Deacon for the Month:** Elaine Siddons

**Counters:** Maryann Haines & Kari Cullen

**Next Week:** Lisa Snyder & Lynn Curry

## **TODAY'S SCRIPTURE**

### **Jeremiah 29: 1, 4-7**

These are the words of the letter that the prophet Jeremiah sent from Jerusalem to the remaining elders among the exiles, and to the priests, the prophets, and all the people, whom Nebuchadnezzar had taken into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon.

Thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, to all the exiles whom I have sent into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon: Build houses and live in them; plant gardens and eat what they produce. Take wives and have sons and daughters; take wives for your sons, and give your daughters in marriage, that they may bear sons and daughters; multiply there, and do not decrease. But seek the welfare of the city where I have sent you into exile, and pray to the LORD on its behalf, for in its welfare you will find your welfare.

### **Luke 17:11-19**

On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. As he entered a village, ten lepers approached him. Keeping their distance, they called out, saying, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!" When he saw them, he said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went, they were made clean. Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. He prostrated himself at Jesus' feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. Then Jesus asked, "Were not ten made clean? But the other nine, where are they? Was none of them found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?" Then he said to him, "Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well."

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## **WEEKLY REFLECTION PAGE**

You are encouraged to use the reflection questions and prayers throughout the week to strengthen your relationship with Christ and all God's people.

### **Question for Reflection**

Think about the impact of the words, "seek the welfare of the city" on the captives in Babylon. What would be the impact of that advice for us, our neighbors, communities, and cities?

### **Morning Prayer**

Glorious God, I praise you. I praise you for who you are – loving, merciful, powerful, and just. I praise you for the ways you act in creation – creating beauty, bringing freedom, making peace, offering healing. Thank you for the opportunities I will have today to glorify you in my words and actions. Amen.

### **Evening Prayer**

Loving God, I end this day as I began it – in praise of you. Thank you for including me in your great circle of love and care. Thank you for being with us always. Thank you, too, for calling me to love others and to treat everyone as my neighbor. Help me to notice those whose cries for mercy so often go unheard or unanswered, for I am joined to them by being joined to you. I pray in awe of the life you have given me through faith in Jesus Christ. Amen.

Feel free to share some thoughts on the reflection question with Pastor Sarah by emailing her at [pastorsedgwick@gmail.com](mailto:pastorsedgwick@gmail.com)



## **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.

**YOUTH EVENT:** We are going to the **Corn Maze** at Ard's Farm today and McVeytown Presbyterian youth will join us. Meet at the Downtown OIP for lunch after worship service. Cost of the maze is \$10/person plus any additional snacks you would like to purchase. Please see Ginny or Susan for a permission form. We will return to the church at 6:30 PM.

**PASTOR SEDGWICK'S CONTACT INFORMATION:** Pastor Sarah invites you to contact her if you have a pastoral concern, prayer request, or you would like a visit. She can be reached easiest by email at [pastorsedgwick@gmail.com](mailto:pastorsedgwick@gmail.com) or by calling her cell phone at 814-771-1891.

**BACKYARD MINISTRIES:** We have some opportunities to serve and love our Backyard Ministry friends this Fall!

- **MITTENS AND HATS:** There is a mitten tree in the narthex with pink (girls) and blue (boys) paper mittens. Each set of mittens has a size on it. If you would like to help keep a few kiddos warm this winter, please pick a mitten and shop for a hat and mittens or gloves for the sex/size needed. Please return the **hat and mitten set by October 20** to the church in a plastic bag with the paper mitten inside.
- **PUMPKIN BREADS:** The week of Thanksgiving we will be delivering pumpkin breads to our backyard families. If you would like to make a bread, please bring it to the church by **November 24**. They can be made ahead and frozen! Small or large loaves are appreciated!

**OPPORTUNITIES TO SPONSOR FLOWERS:** There are open dates to place flowers in the church sanctuary. October 20 & 27, November 3, 10, 17 & 24 is 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.



**YOUR CHURCH OFFICERS:** If you have an idea you would like to discuss with your church leaders, you are more than welcome to contact them.

- **Your Session** is responsible for the leadership of various aspects of the church’s ministry. The following is a list of all your currently-serving elders & their respective committee responsibilities:
  - **Moderator:** Rev. Sarah Sedgwick
  - **Clerk:** Susan Ferguson
  - **Property:** Dave Noss & Carl Haldeman
  - **Christian Education:** Susan Ferguson & Leah Riden
  - **Fellowship:** Bill Sisson & Carole Auker
  - **Mission & Evangelism:** Karen McCurdy & Lisa Snyder
  - **Music/Worship:** Doug & Sue Garner & Cole Cullen
  - **Preschool:** Leah Noerr
  - **Stewardship:** Ruth Fisher, Lonnie Griffith, Ed Curry
- **Your Board of Deacons**, working with your pastors, is responsible for caring-ministries of the church. If you have an idea for them or know of someone who needs special attention, please contact them. They are: Gerri Aitkin - Moderator, Lynn Curry, Elaine Siddons, Larry Welshans, Zoe Finan, Doug Knudson, Miranda Shoop, Donis Zagurskie, Diane Griffith, Kris Hill, Michelle Knudson, Janie Welshans

**Notes:**

## **CALENDAR OF UPCOMING ACTIVITIES**

### **SUNDAY, October 13**

- 9:00 AM Adult Study Group – Library
- 9:15 AM Children’s Choir Rehearsal
- 10:30 AM Worship Service
- 11:30 AM Youth Corn Maze – meet at OIP downtown

### **MONDAY, October 14**

- 11:30 AM Prayer Ministry

### **TUESDAY, October 15**

- 6:30 AM Small Group Study – third floor

### **WEDNESDAY, October 16**

- 7:00 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal

### **SUNDAY, October 20**

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

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### **GIVING REPORT AS OF 10/6/19**

Weekly Need:	\$ 3,173.08	YTD Need:	\$ 126,931.20
Received:	\$ 4,420.00	YTD Received:	\$ 121,266.36

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.

