



LEWISTOWN CHURCH  
**Presbyterian**

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

**October 6, 2019**

**27<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time  
World Communion Sunday**

**Speaker:** Rev. Sarah Sedgwick

**Sermon:** Finding Joy in Suffering

**Scripture:** Psalm 137; 2 Timothy 1:1-14

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**10:30 AM**

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**Prelude** O Jesus, I Have Promised Hegarty  
Variations on Austrian Hymn Blake

## Welcome and Announcements

**Introit** Lead Me, Lord Samuel S. Wesley

**Call to Worship** Psalm 103

Leader: Bless the LORD, O my soul, and all that is within me,  
bless God's Holy Name.

**People** Bless the LORD, O my soul, and do not forget  
God's benefits, who forgives all our iniquity,  
who heals all our diseases,

Leader: Bless the LORD, O my soul, who redeems our life,  
who crowns us with steadfast love and mercy.

**People:** Bless the LORD, O my soul, who satisfies us  
with good as long as we live so that our youth  
is renewed like the eagle's.

Leader: Bless the LORD. Let us worship God together!

\* **Hymn #455** (Blue) All Creatures of our God and King  
(Verses 1,5,6)

## Prayer of Confession

**Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo. We look at a world undone by strife, torn by violence, separated by hatred. Yet you call us to walk the way of peace. Forgive us, O Lord, for refusing to follow you on this path because the cost is too high, the direction too confusing, the conditions too harsh. Forgive us our complacency. Grant us clarity of vision to see the light, and the strength to walk behind you. In the power of your Spirit we pray.**

## Silent Prayers of Confession

## Assurance of Forgiveness and Sharing Christ's Peace

By the tender mercy of our God, the dawn from on high will break upon us, to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace.

**ALL: In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.  
Thanks be to God.**

**Anthem**

O Living Bread

Henry Kihlken

## Children's Chat

**Scripture**

Psalms 137; 2 Timothy 1:1-14

**Sermon**

Finding Joy in Suffering

\* **Song**

You Are My All in All

1. You are my strength when I am weak;  
You are the treasure that I seek.  
You are my all in all.  
Seeking you as a precious jewel;  
Lord, to give up I'd be a fool.  
You are my all in all.

*Chorus:*

*Jesus, Lamb of God, worthy is your name.  
Jesus, Lamb of God, worthy is your name.*

2. Taking my sin, my cross, my shame;  
Rising again, I bless your name.  
You are my all in all.  
When I fall down, you pick me up.  
When I am dry, you fill my cup.  
You are my all in all.

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**Note:** After the second verse, this becomes a round. Men sing the chorus then verse 2, while women sing verse 1 then the chorus, End with chorus in unison.

**Men:** V1, C, V2, C, V2, C

**Women:** V1, C, V2, V1, C, C

\* **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.

**Sacrament of the Lord's Supper**

Invitation to the Table  
Communion Prayer  
Words of Institution  
Distribution of the Bread  
Sharing of the Cup  
Lord's Prayer

**Presentation of Tithes and Offerings**

2019 Peace & Global Witness Video  
Offertory Come With Us, O Blessed Jesus Wood  
Doxology #592 (blue)  
Prayer of Dedication

**Hymn #439** (blue) In Christ There is No East or West

**Charge and Blessing**

\* **Benediction**

\* **Closing Chorus** Blest Be The Tie That Binds

*Blest be the ties that binds our hearts in Christian love:  
The fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.  
From sorrow, toil, and pain, and sin we shall be free;  
And perfect love and friendship reign through all eternity.*

**Postlude** Trumpet Recessional on "Hanover" Ashdown

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*\*if comfortably able, please stand*

## **SERVING IN WORSHIP**

**Accompanist:** Joan Loewen

**Introit & Anthem:** Chancel Choir Director: Doug Garner

**Liturgist:** Ruth Fisher

**Next Week:** Ken Fisher

**Acolyte:** Blake & Landon Cunningham

**Children's Chat:** Kari Cullen

**Next Week:** Maryann Haines

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

Westover, Mercy Westover, Maryann Haines, Elaine Siddons

**Children's Church:** Communion – no Jr. church

**Next Week:** Elaine Siddons

**Preaching:** Rev. Sarah Sedgwick

**Infants/Preschool:** Zoe Finan

**Next Week:** Amy Smith

**Deacon for the Month:** Elaine Siddons

**Community Luncheon October:** Tuesday Evening Study

**Counters:** Ed Curry & Lonnie Griffith

**Next Week:** Maryann Haines & Kari Cullen

## **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.

**THE CHANCEL FLOWERS** today are given in loving memory of Amy Eichenlaub Snyder by her parents, Dr. and Mrs. David and Virginia Eichenlaub, and her brother David Eichenlaub.

**WELCOME RECEPTION:** Please join us in the Baraca Room after the worship service to welcome Pastor Sarah Sedgwick to our congregation.

**THANK YOU!** Pastor Sarah would like to thank the Session, staff, and congregation for all the wonderful ways they have made her feel welcome at the church. From preschool welcome banners to homemade apple pie, the blessings have welcomed her into a new family of faithful believers. She looks forward to getting to know everyone as we work to spread the GOOD NEWS of the gospel!

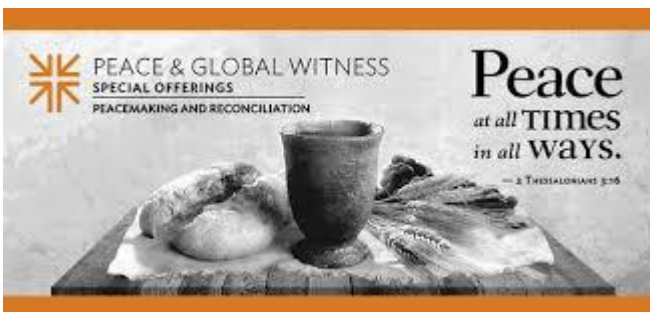
**BOY SCOUTS FUNDRAISER BREAKFAST:** Troop 4 will be serving breakfast Saturday, October 12, from 8:00 AM – 11:00 AM in the Baraca room. They will be serving a full breakfast of pancakes, scrambled eggs, bacon, sausage, orange juice and coffee. The cost is \$7.00 for adults, \$5.00 for children and children under five are free with a paying adult.

**THE ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS** is beginning a new study entitled, "Experiencing the Heart of Jesus" by Max Lucado. This study meets in the parlor on Sunday mornings at 9 AM, and is led by Pat Brown. All are welcome to join them!

**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!

**YOUTH EVENT:** We will be going to the **Corn Maze** at Ard's Farm, Sunday, October 13! 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.



## **TODAY'S SCRIPTURE**

### **Psalm 137**

By the rivers of Babylon—  
there we sat down and there we wept  
when we remembered Zion.  
On the willows there  
we hung up our harps.  
For there our captors  
asked us for songs,  
and our tormentors asked for mirth, saying,  
"Sing us one of the songs of Zion!"  
How could we sing the LORD's song  
in a foreign land?  
If I forget you, O Jerusalem,  
let my right hand wither!  
Let my tongue cling to the roof of my mouth,  
if I do not remember you,  
if I do not set Jerusalem  
above my highest joy.  
Remember, O LORD, against the Edomites  
the day of Jerusalem's fall,  
how they said, "Tear it down! Tear it down!  
Down to its foundations!"  
O daughter Babylon, you devastator!  
Happy shall they be who pay you back  
what you have done to us!  
Happy shall they be who take your little ones  
and dash them against the rock!

### **2 Timothy 1:1-14**

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, for the sake of the promise of life that is in Christ Jesus,

To Timothy, my beloved child:

Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.

I am grateful to God—whom I worship with a clear conscience, as my ancestors did—when I remember you constantly in my prayers night and day. Recalling your tears, I long to see you so that I may be filled with joy. I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that lived first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, lives in you. For this reason I remind you to

rekindle the gift of God that is within you through the laying on of my hands; for God did not give us a spirit of cowardice, but rather a spirit of power and of love and of self-discipline.

Do not be ashamed, then, of the testimony about our Lord or of me his prisoner, but join with me in suffering for the gospel, relying on the power of God, who saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works but according to his own purpose and grace. This grace was given to us in Christ Jesus before the ages began, but it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Savior Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. For this gospel I was appointed a herald and an apostle and a teacher, and for this reason I suffer as I do. But I am not ashamed, for I know the one in whom I have put my trust, and I am sure that he is able to guard until that day what I have entrusted to him. Hold to the standard of sound teaching that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. Guard the good treasure entrusted to you, with the help of the Holy Spirit living in us.

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## **2019 SESSION COMMITTEE STRUCTURE**

*The session, along with the pastor, provides primary leadership of church. Session responsibilities are coordinated by the following committees. Please feel free to committee members with any questions, commendations, or concerns:*

**Christian Education:** Facilitates spiritual growth through classes, small groups, and special events. Coordinates Nursery, Children's Chat and Children's Church volunteers; oversees Youth Group, Small Groups, Sunday School, VBS, Traveling Day Camp and other programs, working closely with the Christian Education Coordinator. Elders are Leah Riden and Susan Ferguson.

**Worship and Music:** Works with the pastor to provide and facilitate meaningful worship services. Oversees choirs and choir directors, supervises ushers, coordinates acolytes and liturgists, arranges special music. Elders are Sue Garner, Doug Garner and Cole Cullen.

**Property:** Maintains and improves church buildings and properties in order to facilitate effective ministry; supervises custodial and security staff and serves as official liaison with outside groups who use our building. Elders are Dave Noss and Carl Haldeman.

**Stewardship:** Oversees and directs financial and personnel resources, supervises the church treasurer, provides stewardship education, recommends and oversees budget, oversees endowment funds and special offerings. Manages all paid personnel. Elders are Ruth Fisher, Lonnie Griffith and Ed Curry.

**Fellowship:** Facilitates spiritually edifying relationships within the church body, provides funeral lunches, organizes receptions, and meals for other events, oversees the church kitchen, provides opportunities for church members to get to know each other and deepen relationships. Elders are Bill Sisson and Carole Auker.

**Preschool:** Facilitates and directs the work of the Lewistown Presbyterian Preschool and Nursery School; establishes curriculum in conjunction with teachers; reviews teacher performance; oversees school finances, including scholarships; encourages congregational support and relationships with students' and families. Elder is Leah Noerr.

**Mission and Evangelism:** Inspires and facilitates the church's outreach to the community and to the world by determining mission budget, maintaining relationships with mission coworkers, representing the church in the community, and organizing member participation in hands-on mission. Elders are Karen McCurdy and Lisa Snyder.

## **CALENDAR OF UPCOMING ACTIVITIES**

### **SUNDAY, October 6**

- 9:00 AM Adult Study Group – Library
- 9:15 AM Children’s Choir Rehearsal
- 10:30 AM Worship Service
- 11:30 AM Welcome Reception for Pastor Sedgwick

### **MONDAY, October 7**

- 11:30 AM Prayer Ministry

### **TUESDAY, October 8**

- 6:30 AM Small Group Study – third floor
- 7:00 PM Mt. Rock Cemetery Board Meeting

### **WEDNESDAY, October 9**

- 7:00 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal

### **THURSDAY, October 10**

- 6:00 PM Mission & Evangelism Committee
- 7:00 PM Session

### **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

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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.

## **WEEKLY REFLECTION PAGE**

Feel free to use the reflection question and prayers for further reflection this week.

### **Question for Reflection**

Read Paul's words in Romans 5:3-5 and Jesus' words in Luke 9:23-24. How would you describe the role suffering plays in our faith? Where have you seen that in your own life?

### **Morning Prayer**

Steadfast, loving God, in the morning I sing your praise. Give me wisdom for this day and rejoice in me, as I rejoice in you. Amen.

### **Evening Prayer**

Steadfast, loving God, in the evening I bless your name. Give me grace for this night and abide with me, as I abide in you. Amen.

#### **LEWISTOWN PRESBYTERIAN STAFF:**

**Interim Pastor:** Sarah Sedgwick

**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, Hope Staley

**Custodian:** Kathy Hardin

**Sexton/Security:** John Gregory