



August 16, 2020
11th Sunday after Pentecost

Sermon: When Change is Good

Scripture: Psalm 133; Matthew 15:21-28

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LEWISTOWN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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heart of Lewistown since 1785

*~Respond by reading the words printed in **BOLD** during our
worship together~*

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

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

All: And also with you!

The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it, the world, and those who live in it.

Welcome to our Zoom online worship service with Lewistown Presbyterian Church. Today is August 16 and I am Rev. Sarah Sedgwick from Lewistown Presbyterian Church. I am glad you have joined us this morning.

Let us begin with a few announcements:

- The Fellowship Committee is hosting a CHURCH PICNIC on Tuesday night, September 15, at 5:30 pm at the GREEN PAVILION in Kish Park. Mark your calendars and join us for much-needed fellowship and fun! Food and beverages will be provided.
- You are reminded to bring your baby bottle donations for Crossroads Pregnancy Center and One Great Hour of Sharing fish banks to the church as soon as you can. Next week we will dedicate both collections during our offering time.

Let us worship God together as we join in the Call to Worship,
led by Riley Cullen.

Call to Worship

L: God has forgiven us and drawn us close, reconciling us through Jesus Christ,

A: who has lavished upon us the fullness of the blessed Holy Spirit.

L: With glad and grateful hearts, praise the Lord! Let us sing together our first hymn, "For the Beauty of the Earth."

Hymn

For the Beauty of the Earth

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Call to Confession

Let us confess our sins without fear to the One who yearns to embrace us, forgive us, protect us, and bless us.

Please join with me in the Prayer of Confession, following by a time of silent confession:

Prayer of Confession

Have mercy on us, Lord Jesus; we are tormented! Our lives have been disrupted by the devil and by our own devilish desires and evil exploits. We are dismayed at your presence, anguished by the awful fall out of our own failures. We cannot take back what we have said or undo what we have done or atone for the agony we have caused. We are haunted by the past, plagued by the present, and fearful of the future. Yet the faith you have planted in us reaches out for your favor, returns to your presence, and hungers for your mercy, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Silent Prayers of Confession

L: Amen.

Declaration of Pardon

L: Our God kisses us with kindness, forgiving our sins, preserving our lives, and restoring our souls through the abundant provision of our Lord Jesus Christ. Receive now that for which faith has hungered: we are forgiven and healed in the name of Jesus the Christ.

A: Thanks be to God! Amen!

Children's Chat

Joan Loewen

Prayer for Illumination

As we prepare our whole selves to listen to the Word of our Lord, let us pray:

Merciful Savior, your suffering has saved our lives, secured our future, and restored us to relationship with God. Remove the shame and fear that cause us to cower in your presence. By the power of your Spirit, open our eyes and hearts to your Word of Love, mercy, healing and blessing; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Scripture Readings

Psalms 133; Matthew 15:21-28

Sermon

When Change is Good

Affirmation of Faith

Philippians 2:5-11

Christ Jesus, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross. Therefore, God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess to the glory of God: Jesus Christ is Lord! 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; Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

Presentation of Tithes & Offerings, Prayer of Dedication

Christ has provided for us from his own table of blessings. Anointing and abundance overflows! Let us offer our gifts together from the bounty he has given. Let us pray:

Gracious Lord, you have given us more mercy than we could imagine and more blessings than we deserve. Receive now these gifts as tokens of our gratitude to you that your mercy may be multiplied and your blessings abound to embrace all those in need. Amen.

Hymn

I Love to Tell the Story

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Charge and Benediction

By the power of the Holy Spirit,
go forth to serve your neighbor,
to love your enemy, and to embody
God's mercy in the name of Jesus Christ.
And may the blessing of God, source of life,
power of life, and redeemer of life, be with
you now and always. Amen.

Postlude

SERVING IN WORSHIP
Accompanist: Joan Loewen Worship Assistant: Riley Cullen Next Week: Susan Ferguson Children’s Chat: Joan Loewen Next Week: Elaine Siddons

Giving Report as of 8/9/20

Weekly Need:	\$3,056.17	YTD Need:	\$97,797.41
Received:	\$3,001.00	YTD Received:	\$87,892.76



Weekly Reflection Page

Please use these questions and prayers throughout this coming week.

Questions for Reflection

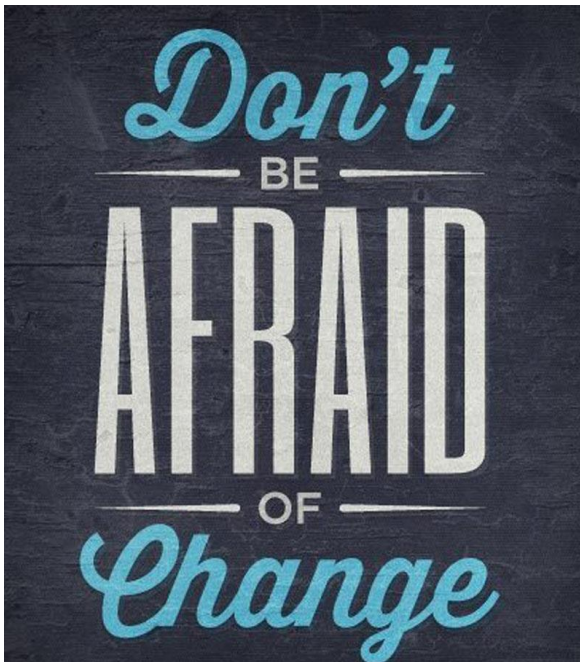
Why do you think Jesus resisted the Canaanite woman's request? How does this fit with your idea of Jesus' mercy and love? What changed his mind? How does this influence your faith in God?

Morning Prayer

Merciful God, this day is full of your possibilities for healing and reconciliation, for new beginnings and restored relationships. Unite my heart with your will so that your abundant anointing will flow through me. Send me now with your promised blessings to preserve the lives of those in need. Amen.

Evening Prayer

God of the night watches, guard me from torment, release me from distress. Call me close to you and kiss me with your favor that I may rest secure in you. Amen.



PRAYER GUIDE

Our Community

- For those who are struggling with isolation and a decrease in paid work hours; homeless dealing addiction & unemployment

For Our Ministry Leaders

- Rev. Sarah Sedgwick, staff, deacons, elders, volunteers

Prayer of Praise! Kyler Sheetz, a 6-year-old who has been battling malignant melanoma has been declared, "NED – No Evidence of Disease." Thanks be to God! Thank you for your faithful prayers.

Prayers for Those Grieving

- We pray for Ryan Fultz & Family as they grieve the death of Ryan's brother, Bill Fultz

Prayer Requests

- Denise Beltzner: scleroderma and lupus
- Linda Miller: now at home; continued prayers for healing
- Debbie: breast cancer
- Sandy (Ken Fisher's sister): abdominal cancer
- William Smith, 16 yr. old: cancer
- Curt Warfel; health concerns
- Rich Harper; chemo treatments
- Megan Earnest: ongoing health concerns
- George Garner: terminally ill
- Levi Foltz: 2-year-old with a tumor

Those in Care Facilities

- Valley View: Mary Lou Ingram, Jack Irrgang
- Ohesson: Etta Majestic, Shirley Ferguson
- Elmcroft: Lavonne Ball
- Shirley Home (Shirleysburg): Carl Knepp, April Paige
- Hearthside (State College): Mary McClellan
- Locust Grove Retirement Village: Doris Hoverter

Those in the Military

- 03/LT Allison (Harklerode) Conforte
- BM3 Tyler M. Earnest
- SFC William Corson
- SGT John Dietz
- SSGT Tyler Treaster


Our Mission Partners

Shelter Services, Habitat for Humanity, Backyard Ministries, Heart 2 Heart Program, LUMINA Center, Daytec's, Camp Krislund, Adventures in Mission & BuildinGuate


Families of the Week

- Kevin & Kathy Hardin; Mary Owens

For the Beauty of the Earth 14



1 For the beau-ty of the earth, for the glo-ry of the skies,
 2 For the won-der of each hour of the day and of the night,
 3 For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's de-light,
 4 For the joy of hu-man love, broth-er, sis-ter, par-ent, child,
 5 For thy-self, best gift di-vine to the world so free-ly given;



for the love which from our birth o-ver and a-round us lies:
 hill and vale, and tree and flower, sun and moon, and stars of light:
 for the mys-tic har-mo-ny link-ing sense to sound and sight:
 friends on earth, and friends a-bove, for all gen-tle thoughts and mild:
 for that great, great love of thine, peace on earth and joy in heaven:

Refrain



Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grate-ful praise.

In the course of many revisions, the original eucharistic emphasis of this text has shifted to a hymn of thanksgiving for a wide range of human experience, with a Christological summation. It is set here to the tune that is customary in North America, though not elsewhere.

I Love to Tell the Story

1 I love to tell the sto - ry of un - seen things a - bove,
 2 I love to tell the sto - ry; 'tis pleas - ant to re - peat
 3 I love to tell the sto - ry, for those who know it best

of Je - sus and his glo - ry, of Je - sus and his love.
 what seems, each time I tell it, more won - der - ful - ly sweet!
 seem hun - ger - ing and thirst - ing to hear it, like the rest.

I love to tell the sto - ry, be - cause I know 'tis true;
 I love to tell the sto - ry, for some have nev - er heard
 And when, in scenes of glo - ry, I sing the new, new song,

it sat - is - fies my long - ings as noth - ing else could do.
 the mes - sage of sal - va - tion from God's own ho - ly Word.
 'twill be the old, old sto - ry that I have loved so long.

This text is drawn from the second part of a fifty-stanza poem on the life of Christ written in 1866, during the author's recovery from a serious illness. The tune named for her first appeared three years later, and the composer was responsible for the creation of the refrain.

TEXT: Katherine Hankey, 1866; ref. William G. Fischer, 1869
 MUSIC: William G. Fischer, 1869

HANKEY
 7.6.7.6.D with refrain

“I Love to Tell the Story”
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Refrain

I love to tell the sto - ry; 'twill be my theme in glo - ry

The first line of the refrain is written on a grand staff (treble and bass clefs) in the key of D major (one sharp). The melody is in the treble clef, and the bass line is in the bass clef. The lyrics are written below the notes.

to tell the old, old sto - ry of Je - sus and his love.

The second line of the refrain continues the melody and bass line from the first line. It ends with a double bar line. The lyrics are written below the notes.

SUNDAY WORSHIP

Time: August 16, 2020 10:00 AM Fellowship Time; 10:30 AM Worship
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