



August 23, 2020
12th Sunday after Pentecost

Sermon: Representing Jesus
Scripture: Isaiah 51:1-6; Matthew 16:13-20

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*~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!

Our help is in the name of the Lord who made heaven and earth!

Welcome to our Zoom online worship service this morning. Today is August 23 and I am Rev. Sarah Sedgwick from Lewistown Presbyterian Church. I am glad you have joined us to worship our Lord and Savior; our Alpha and Omega.

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.
- Thank you to all who shared their cash donations through the One Great Hour of Sharing and the Crossroads Pregnancy Center fundraiser. Today we dedicate both offerings to the glory of God. You are encouraged to drop off your donations to the church office as soon as you can.
- Next Sunday we will host another bagged lunch for our monthly Community Luncheon. Please stop by for a lunch at the 3rd Street door. Lunch will include a chocolate cross treat!
- Youth Group will be meeting tonight from 6 pm – 7:30 pm on the 3rd floor of the church. We'll keep looking at GRACE and a work on a special Back to School project!!

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

Call to Worship

from Psalm 138

L: We give thanks to God with our whole heart.

A: We give thanks for God's steadfast love and faithfulness!

L: Though high above all things, God sees the lowly.

A: Even when we are in deep trouble, God makes us live again.

L: The love of God lasts forever! Let us join together in our first hymn, "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise."

Hymn Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise insert

Call to Confession

Brothers and sisters,
with hope in the mercies of God,
we confess our sins before God and one another.

Please read with me the Prayer of Confession, followed by a time of silent confession.

Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, we confess that we have conformed our lives to the ways of the world and not the ways of your kingdom. We exalt possession and power, when you alone are to be exalted. We let conflicts prevail over grace and divisions over harmony. Have mercy upon us, we pray. Forgive and transform us that we may be holy and acceptable to you, discerning and doing your will. Through Jesus Christ we pray.

Silent Prayers of Confession

L: Amen.

Declaration of Pardon

The steadfast love of the Lord never ends.

When we call out to God, God answers.

God saves us with a strong and outstretched hand.

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and helped to live in grace.

Amen.

Children's Chat

Blessing of the Backpacks & Gadgets
Elaine Siddons

Prayer for Illumination

Let us prepare ourselves for the reading and proclamation of Holy Scripture. Join me as I pray:

Lord our God, your name and your word
are exalted above everything.

We are listening for your word; we are looking for your light.

By the power of the Holy Spirit, renew our minds and
hearts so we may discern your will and respond in faith.

We pray in the name of your Son, our Savior. Amen.

Scripture Readings

Isaiah 51:1-6; Matthew 16:13-20

Sermon

Representing Jesus

Affirmation of Faith

Colossians 1:15-20

Jesus Christ is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible. All things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn of the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross. 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

Invitation: God has given us gifts to share. Freely, then, we open our hearts, hands, and resources to a world in need. Let us give generously of our tithes and offerings. Today we dedicate our One Great Hour of Sharing fish banks and the coins and cash collected for Crossroads Pregnancy Center. May our special gifts to these efforts bless those in need.

Let us pray: Gracious God, we thank you for the measure of faith you have given to each of us. Increase in us generosity, compassion, and prophetic courage so we may continue to be your body in and for the world. With thanksgiving, we pray in the name of Christ. Amen.

Hymn

This Is My Father's World

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Closing Blessing

May God who restores, Christ who calls, and the Spirit who empowers bless you and increase your joy and gladness, now and always. Amen.

Postlude

SERVING IN WORSHIP

Accompanist: Joan Loewen
Worship Assistant: Susan Ferguson
Next Week: TBD
Children's Chat: Elaine Siddons
Next Week: Lynn Curry

Giving Report as of 8/16/20

Weekly Need: \$3,056.17

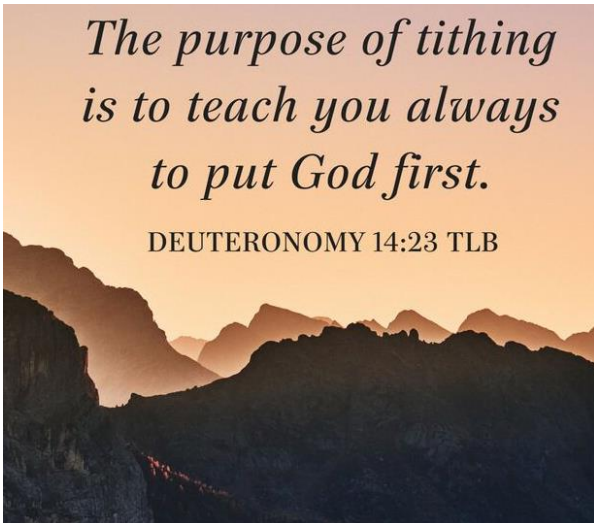
YTD Need: \$108,853.58

Received: \$1165.00

YTD Received: \$89,057.76

*The purpose of tithing
is to teach you always
to put God first.*

DEUTERONOMY 14:23 TLB



Weekly Reflection Page

Please use these questions and prayers throughout this coming week.

Questions for Reflection

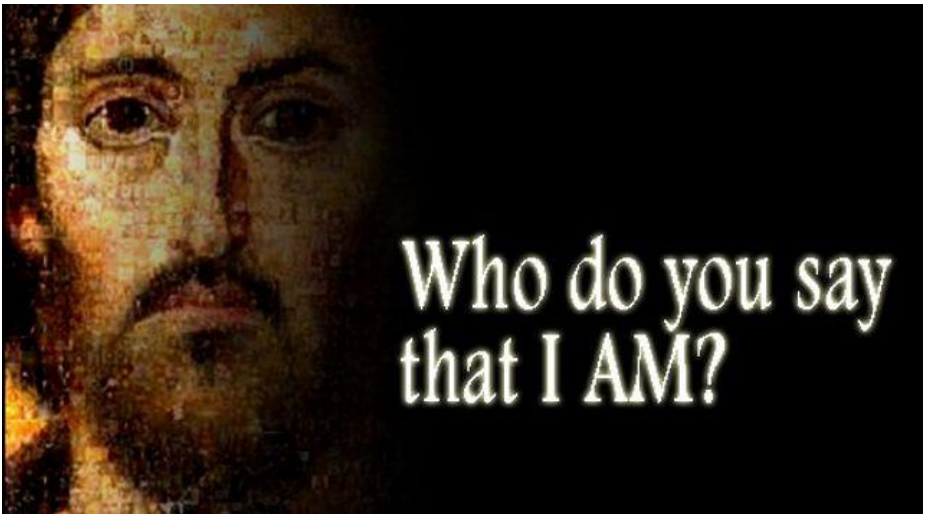
What are the ways you most readily answer Jesus' question:
"Who do you say that I am?"

Morning Prayer

Today, O God, help me receive your revelation that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of the living God. It is in his name I pray. Amen.

Evening Prayer

Holy God, for anything I did this day that was pleasing to you, I give you thanks and pray that you use me to your glory; for anything I did this day that was displeasing to you, I ask your forgiveness and pray that you redeem me for your glory. Amen.



PRAYER GUIDE

Our Community

- For those who are struggling with isolation; a decrease in paid work hours; homelessness; addiction & forms of abuse.

For Our Ministry Leaders

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

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, Leah & Francis Daytec, Camp Krislund, Adventures in Mission & BuildinGuate

Families of the Week

- Paul & Thiry Olbrich; Charles & Chris Harklerode

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise 12

1 Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,
 2 Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,
 3 To all, life thou giv - est, to both great and small.
 4 Thou reign - est in glo - ry; thou dwell - est in light.

in light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,
 nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, thou rul - est in might:
 In all life thou liv - est, the true life of all.
 Thine an - gels a - dore thee, all veil - ing their sight.

most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,
 thy jus - tice, like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove;
 We blos - som and flour - ish like leaves on the tree,
 All praise we would ren - der; O help us to see

al - might - y, vic - to - rious, thy great name we praise.
 thy clouds, which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.
 then with - er and per - ish; but naught chang - eth thee.
 'tis on - ly the splen - dor of light hid - eth thee!

The opening line of this hymn was inspired by the three divine attributes listed in 1 Timothy 1:17 (King James Version), and it continues by considering how God's life exceeds our own finite existence. The text is well set to a Welsh melody shaped by many three-note units.

This Is My Father's World 370

1 This is my Fa-ther's world, and to my lis - tening ears all
 2 This is my Fa-ther's world. O, let me ne'er for - get that

na - ture sings, and round me rings the mu - sic of the spheres.
 though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the rul - er yet.

This is my Fa-ther's world; I rest me in the thought of
 This is my Fa-ther's world. The bat - tle is not done: Je -

rocks and trees, of skies and seas, his hand the won - ders wrought.
 sus who died shall be sat - is - fied, and earth and heaven be one.

When pastor of a Presbyterian church in Lockport, New York, the author of this text referred to his morning walks as "going out to see my Father's world." The tune created for these words is based on an English melody the composer learned from his mother when he was a boy.

SUNDAY WORSHIP

Time: August 23, 2020 10:00 AM Fellowship Time; 10:30 AM Worship
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