



August 30, 2020
13th Sunday after Pentecost

Sermon: Following Jesus
Scripture: Psalm 26:1-8; Matthew 16:21-28

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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!

This is the day the Lord has made; Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Welcome to our Zoom online worship service this morning. Today is August 30 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:

- September 15 is just a few weeks away and we don't want you to forget to attend our annual church picnic. Let us know you are attending by calling the church office. A picnic dinner is being prepared and it sounds delicious! We'll meet at 5:30 PM at Kish Park in the Green Pavilion. You don't want to miss it!
- Today we will host another bagged lunch for our monthly Community Luncheon. Please stop by for a lunch at the 3rd Street door at 11:30 am. Lunch will include a chocolate treat!
- You can help support Camp Krislund! Just as 2020 has provided both challenges and opportunities for most of us, Krislund has also faced a year with no campers and very few retreat guests, thus no income while required expenses continue. Krislund is sponsoring "Moving for Krislund Fundraiser" September 1 to October 15. You can walk, run or bike to raise money. Find supporters to pledge money based on the number of miles you walk, run or bike. Visit <http://krislund.org/movingforkrislund> or call Krislund (814) 422-8878 for more information. Additional information will be in the September Panorama, too.
- We would like to wish Rev. Bob and Carol Zorn, Happy Anniversary!! Saturday, September 5th is their 67th anniversary!

- The youth group will be meeting tonight on the 3rd floor of the church from 6 PM to 7:30 PM. All youth in grades 6th to 12th are encouraged to attend.
- Starting September 13, children will be invited to their own Zoom gathering from 9:30 am to 10 am. The 30 minute, Kidz Zoom Zone, will include a Bible story, sharing with one another, and a really fun craft. Use the same Zoom meeting code as our worship Zoom code. Hope to see our young ones there!

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

Call to Worship

L: Sing a song of thanksgiving.

A: Declare God's wondrous deeds.

L: For the Lord dwells among the people;

A: the glory of God abides with us.

L: Let us sing a song of praise as we join together in the hymn, "Holy God, We Praise Your Name."

Hymn

Holy God, We Praise Your Name

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Call to Confession

Trusting in the power of God to save, let us 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

Holy God, we confess that our love for you and for others has not been genuine. We have not held fast to what is good, and we have lagged in affection for our brothers and sisters. We have not been patient in suffering, nor have we persevered in prayer. We have repaid evil with evil and have failed to live peaceably with all. Forgive us our sin, free us from fear of the power of evil and help us trust in the power of your everlasting goodness; through Jesus Christ. Amen.

Silent Prayers of Confession

L: Amen.

Declaration of Pardon

Friends, hear the good news:

Christ has broken the power of sin and evil
and has opened to us the way of eternal life.

In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

Thanks be to God! Amen!

Children's Chat

Lynn Curry

Prayer for Illumination

Let us join together in the Prayer of Illumination:

By the power of your Spirit, O Lord, make your
Word become a joy to us and the delight of our hearts. Amen.

Scripture Readings

Psalm 26:1-8; Matthew 16:21-28

Sermon

Following Jesus

Affirmation of Faith

The Apostles' Creed (Traditional)

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord. Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended into hell. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, 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; 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: Let us give as God has so abundantly given to us. Join me in prayer:

Almighty God, receive these gifts that we offer with grateful hearts and use us for your ministry in the world, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Hymn

O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go

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Charge and Benediction

Let us take up our cross to follow in the way of Jesus, our Lord. Let us go in peace to love and serve.

May the blessing of God be with you,
the love of Jesus fill you,
and the power of the Holy Spirit sustain you,
now and forevermore.

Postlude

SERVING IN WORSHIP
Accompanist: Joan Loewen Worship Assistant: Kari Cullen Next Week: TBD Children's Chat: Lynn Curry Next Week: Pastor Sarah Sedgwick

Giving Report as of 8/23/20

Weekly Need: \$3,056.17	YTD Need: \$103,909.75
Received: \$2,160.00	YTD Received: \$91,227.76

Weekly Reflection Page

Please use these questions and prayers throughout this coming week.

Questions for Reflection

What does it mean for me to take up my cross and follow Jesus? How do I practice that in my daily life? How is the cross I'm asked to bear related to the cross of Jesus?

Morning Prayer

Lord Jesus, I do not know what crosses may arise before me, but give me courage to resist systems of injustice, strength to reject structures of oppression, and wisdom to unmask powers of evil, that I may live as a faithful disciple who life belongs to you. Amen.

Evening Prayer

Lord Jesus, if I have lived this day for worldly gain, re-center my life, set me on the path of sincere discipleship, and lead me in the way that leads to eternal life. 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

- Rich & Betsy Harper
- Larry & Linda O'Dell

4 Holy God, We Praise Your Name



1 Ho - ly God, we praise your name; Lord of all, we
 2 Hark! The glad ce - les - tial hymn an - gel choirs a -
 3 All a - pos - tles join the strain as your sa - cred
 4 Ho - ly Fa - ther, Ho - ly Son, Ho - ly Spir - it:



bow be - fore you. All on earth your scep - ter claim;
 bove are rais - ing; cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim,
 name they hal - low; proph - ets swell the glad re - frain,
 three we name you, while in es - sence on - ly one;



all in heaven a - bove a - dore you. In - fi - nite your
 in un - ceas - ing cho - rus prais - ing, fill the heavens with
 and the bless - ed mar - tyrs fol - low, and from morn to
 un - di - vid - ed God we claim you, and a - dor - ing,



vast do - main, ev - er - last - ing is your reign.
 sweet ac - cord: "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord!"
 set of sun, through the church the song goes on.
 bend the knee while we own the mys - ter - y.



Based on an 18th-century German metrical version of a celebrated 5th-century Latin hymn, *Te Deum laudamus*, this abbreviated 19th-century English paraphrase is sung by both Protestants and Roman Catholics. It is set here to the tune composed and named for the German version.

O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go 833

1 O Love that wilt not let me go, I rest my
2 O Light that fol-lowest all my way, I yield my
3 O Joy that seek-est me through pain, I can-not
4 O Cross that lift-est up my head, I dare not

wea-ry soul in thee; I give thee back the life I owe, that
flick-ering torch to thee; my heart re-stores its bor-rowed ray, that
close my heart to thee; I trace the rain-bow through the rain, and
ask to fly from thee; I lay in dust life's glo-ry dead, and

in thine o-cean depths its flow may rich-er, full-er be.
in thy sun-shine's blaze its day may bright-er, fair-er be.
feel the prom-ise is not vain that morn shall tear-less be.
from the ground there blos-soms red life that shall end-less be.

This intense hymn of commitment to God (addressed as Love, Light, and Joy) closes with an invocation of the ultimate testimony to those attributes (the Cross). The composer, a Scotsman, named this specially-composed tune for the 11th-century patroness of Scotland.

SUNDAY WORSHIP

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