



**August 9, 2020**  
**10<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

**Sermon:** Be Careful What You Wish For

**Scripture:** Psalm 105:1-6, 16-22, 45b;  
Matthew 14:22-33

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# LEWISTOWN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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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!**

Cry out with joy to the Lord, all the earth. Worship the Lord with gladness. Come into God's presence with singing! For the Lord is a gracious God, whose mercy is everlasting; and whose faithfulness endures to all generations.

Welcome to Zoom online worship service with Lewistown Presbyterian Church. Today is August 9 and I am Rev. Sarah Sedgwick. I am glad you have joined us this morning.

Let us begin with a few announcements:

- Please don't forget that YOU have a FREE subscription to Right Now Media and have access to thousands of video and print resources to support your faith journey. Everyone received an invitation link that offers instructions on registering online. If you have missed your link, contact Susan Ferguson, Ginny Westover or Pastor Sarah and they will send you another invitation link. On your Right Now Media account you can also find the church worship services and "Bible School in a Bag."
- The Fellowship Committee is hosting a CHURCH PICNIC on Tuesday night, September 15 at the GREEN PAVILION in Derry Township Park. Mark your calendars and join us for much-needed fellowship and fun!
- We would like to wish Rev. Bob Zorn and Joyce Dixon a happy belated birthday! Their birthdays are on August 8 (they are the same age 😊).

Let us praise God as we join together in the Call to Worship, led by Alex Garner.

## **Call to Worship**

L: God speaks peace to the faithful, to those who turn to God in their hearts.

**A: Surely salvation is at hand for those who fear God.**

L: Where God dwells, steadfast love and faithfulness meet; righteousness and peace kiss each other.

**A: Faithfulness springs up from the ground and righteousness looks down from the sky.**

L: God gives what is good, so let us respond with abundant praise!

Join with me in our first hymn, "Crown Him with Many Crowns."

**Hymn**

Crown Him with Many Crowns

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### **Call to Confession**

God makes no distinctions among us. The same Lord is Lord of all and is generous. Indeed, everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved. Confessing our sins, we depend on God's generosity and grace.

Let us confess our sin and receive new life by reading together the Prayer of Confession, following by a time of silent confession:

### **Prayer of Confession**

**Gracious God, you call us to step out in faith, trusting in you for all things. We respond to your command but then sink in doubt and fear. We hide from the challenges of bold discipleship. We are not able to fulfill your commandments, for our purposes are never in full accord with yours. Forgive us, we pray, when we confess with our lips but do not believe in our hearts. Help us to practice our faith in all circumstances. Lift us out of sin into the arms of your mercy. We pray in the name your Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

### **Silent Prayers of Confession**

L: Amen.

### **Assurance of Pardon**

Jesus is Lord! God raised him from the dead and we are saved through him. This is the good news we believe in our hearts and confess with our mouths: **In Jesus Christ we are forgiven! This is the good news to share with all people!**

**Children's Chat**

Ginny Westover

## **Prayer of Illumination**

As we prepare to hear scripture read, let us pray together:

**Gracious God, your word is very near, on our lips and in our hearts. As this Word is read and proclaimed, by the power of your Holy Spirit, make it become in us the word of faith. Then send us in joy to bring this word to others who also need the good news of salvation. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## **Scripture Readings**

Psalm 105:1-6, 16-22, 45b  
Matthew 14:22-33

## **Sermon**

Be Careful What You Wish For

## **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 to the dead. 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 and Offerings, Prayer of Dedication**

Because God cares for all without distinction and is generous to all beyond measure, so we, God's people, are to care for all with generosity and gladness. We bring our offerings to be used for God's good purposes in the church and in the world. Let us pray:

Generous God, we thank you for your call and claim upon our lives. Because there is so much more we can become, and so much more we can do, we pray that our faith will increase; that our practice of generosity will be enlarged; and that our joy in believing will encourage others as we share with them the good news of Jesus Christ; in whose name we pray. Amen.

**Hymn**            In Christ There Is No East or West            insert

**Charge and Blessing**

Step out in faith, trusting that the God who has called you is able to keep you from falling and holds you in love. And may the steadfast love and faithfulness of God surround you; the peace of Christ enfold you; and the Holy Spirit encourage you; now and forever. Amen.

**Postlude**

<b>SERVING IN WORSHIP</b>
<b>Accompanist:</b> Joan Loewen <b>Worship Assistant:</b> Alex Garner <b>Next Week:</b> TBD <b>Children's Chat:</b> Ginny Westover <b>Next Week:</b> Joan Loewen

**Giving Report as of 8/2/20**

Weekly Need: \$3,056.17	YTD Need: \$94,741.24
Received: \$2,005.00	YTD Received: \$84,891.76

## **Weekly Reflection Page**

*Please use these questions and prayers throughout this coming week.*

### **Questions for Reflection**

Can you recall other biblical stories, or a story from your own life, when God reached out to rescue or to overcome doubt and fear with the gift of increased faith?

### **Morning Prayer**

Holy God, the new day begins with such promise. Help me to enter into this day with joy and confidence in your power and goodness. Whatever challenge I may face, help me to trust in your presence, remembering that you are stronger than any difficulty or threat. If you will surround me in the embrace and affection of steadfast love and faithfulness, of righteousness and peace, then I will be lifted up and strengthened to follow you. In Christ's name, I pray. Amen.

### **Evening Prayer**

Gracious God, favor me with the sheer silence of your presence at the end of this day. Quiet any voices of fear and doubt that would trouble me, toss and turn me. Grant me, and anyone who enters the night hours with anxiety or pain, your perfect peace. Favor your children with calm and rest, with healing and renewal, as we sleep and dream in your arms of mercy. In your Son's dear name, I pray. Amen.



## **PRAYER GUIDE**

### **Our Community**

- For those who are struggling with isolation and a decrease in paid work hours. Those homeless, struggling with addiction and unemployed

### **For Our Programs and Growth**

- Our Pastor, Rev. Sarah Sedgwick, church staff, Deacons, Elders, Choirs, & Volunteers

### **Those Who Grieve**

- Family and friends of Ida Wheeler, who died this week

### **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
- Kyler Sheetz: 6-year-old, malignant melanoma
- 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**

- Carl Haldeman
- April Paige

## Crown Him with Many Crowns 268

1 Crown him with man - y crowns, the Lamb up - on his throne;  
 2 Crown him the Lord of love; be - hold his hands and side;  
 3 Crown him the Lord of peace, whose power a scep - ter sways  
 4 Crown him the Lord of years, the po - ten - tate of time;

hark, how the heaven-ly an - them drowns all mu - sic but its own!  
 rich wounds, yet vis - i - ble a - bove, in beau - ty glo - ri - fied:  
 from pole to pole, that wars may cease, ab - sorbed in prayer and praise.  
 cre - a - tor of the roll - ing spheres, in - ef - fa - bly sub - lime.

A - wake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,  
 no an - gel in the sky can ful - ly bear that sight,  
 His reign shall know no end; and round his pierc - ed feet  
 All hail, Re - deem - er, hail! For thou hast died for me;

and hail him as thy match - less King through all e - ter - ni - ty,  
 but down - ward bends his burn - ing eye at mys - ter - ies so bright.  
 fair flowers of par - a - dise ex - tend their fra - grance ev - er sweet.  
 thy praise shall nev - er, nev - er fail through - out e - ter - ni - ty.

This text is so familiar that it is easy to miss all its paradox, mystery, suffering, and beauty; it rewards careful reading and meditation outside corporate worship. The tune's composer, chapel organist at Windsor Castle, had much experience in creating a royal sound.



## In Christ There Is No East or West 318

1 In Christ there is no east or west, in  
 2 In Christ shall true hearts ev - ery - where their  
 3 Join hands, dis - ci - ples of the faith, what -  
 4 In Christ now meet both east and west; in

him no south or north, but one great fel - low -  
 high com - mu - nion find; his ser - vice is the  
 e'er your race may be. All chil - dren of the  
 him meet south and north. All Christ - ly souls are

ship of love through - out the whole wide earth.  
 gold - en cord close - bind - ing hu - man - kind.  
 liv - ing God are sure - ly kin to me.  
 one in him through - out the whole wide earth.

This text formed a very small part of an elaborate Christian missionary pageant in the early 20th century, yet it has endured while the grander aspects of that production have faded away. It is set to a simple 19th-century tune that does not get in the way of its message.

## **SUNDAY WORSHIP**

Time: August 9, 2020 10:00 AM Fellowship Time; 10:30 AM Worship  
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