



September 13, 2020
15th Sunday after Pentecost

Sermon: Forgiving Like Jesus
Scripture: Psalm 103:1-13; Matthew 18:21-35

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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!

Welcome to our Zoom online worship service this morning. Today is September 13 and I am Rev. Sarah Sedgwick from Lewistown Presbyterian Church. I am glad you have joined us to worship the Holy Trinity – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Let us begin with a few announcements:

- Beginning this morning, children will be invited to their own Zoom gathering from 9:30 AM to 10 AM during Sundays in September. The 30 minute, **Kidz Zoom Zone** will include a Bible story, sharing with one another and a fun craft. Use the same Zoom meeting code as our worship Zoom code. Hope to see our young ones there!
- **The Mission and Evangelism Committee** invites you to help them collect school supplies for our Backyard Ministries' kids. You can donate mechanical pencils, 1 subject notebooks, and folders to the church office. The supplies we collect will be given to kids at Lawler Place during their "Back to School" Family Picnic on Sunday, September 20. You can also bring donations to the church picnic on September 15. Or call the church office and request a pickup of your donation. Let's ALL help local kids start school right!
- Youth group is meeting this evening from 6 pm to 7:30 pm on the 3rd floor of the church. All 6th through 12 graders are invited to attend.
- Don't forget to participate in "Moving for Krislund Fundraiser," now until October 15. Krislund has faced a year with no campers and very few retreat guests, but their expenses remain constant. 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.

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

Call to Worship

L: People of God, bless the Lord,

A: bless God's holy name.

L: For as the heavens are high above the earth,

A: so great is God's steadfast love for us.

L: Let us give thanks for God's love as we sing together,
"For the Beauty of the Earth."

Hymn

For the Beauty of the Earth

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Call to Confession

As loving parents have compassion for their children,
God has compassion for us.

Confident in God's love, let us confess our sins.

Join with me in the reading of the prayer of confession,
followed by a time of silent confession.

Prayer of Confession

Gracious and loving God, you lived for us, but we have not lived for you. You have forgiven us, but we have not forgiven others. You have loved us, but we have not loved ourselves nor have we loved one another. Take pity on us and forgive us, God. Help us to forgive. Help us to live for you. Help us to love through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Silent Prayers of Confession

L: Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Friends, the Lord is merciful and gracious,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

Thanks be to God!

Children's Chat

Elaine Siddons

Prayer for Illumination

As we prepare to hear scripture read, let us pray together:
Holy God, your Word is strong and leads our feet to your holy dwelling place. Strengthen and guide us with your Word through the power of your Holy Spirit; in Jesus' name. Amen.

Scripture Reading

Psalm 103:1-13; Matthew 18:21-35

Sermon

Forgiving Like 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 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

God is unfailing in blessing and love. With thankful hearts, let us offer up to God a portion of what God has given us. Let us pray:

O God, we thank you for these gifts. Multiply them, and enable the world of love and the righteousness of your kingdom in the world. We thank and we praise you. Amen.

Hymn

Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me

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Charge and Blessing

Go in peace,
practice forgiveness,
live the gospel,
in the name of Jesus, our Lord.
And 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: Danny Garner Next Week: Alex Garner Children's Chat: Elaine Siddons Next Week: Ginny Westover

Giving Report as of 9/6/20

Weekly Need: \$3,056.17

YTD Need: \$110,022.09

Received: \$3,380.00

YTD Received: \$95,511.76

Weekly Reflection Page

Please use these questions and prayers throughout this coming week.

Questions for Reflection

Forgiveness is a hard thing. When has someone forgiven you? Is there someone you need to forgive or ask forgiveness?

Morning Prayer

Gracious and loving God, thank you for this day. Strengthen my resolve to love and show mercy throughout the day. Lead my feet to your holy dwelling place, and guide the work I have to do for today. In Jesus' name I pray. Amen.

Evening Prayer

Merciful God, thank you for keeping me in the safety of your arms and for new mercies and the glory you showed through the day. Keep my family and me through the night. I thank and praise you! In Jesus' name I pray. 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

- Bill Sisson: upcoming surgery in Sept. for aortic valve and aorta replacement surgery. Bill has been increasingly fatigued in recent weeks, among other symptoms.
- Denise Beltzner: scleroderma and lupus
- Linda Miller: now at home; continued prayers for healing
- Debbie: breast cancer
- Sandy Northern: recovering from chemotherapy
- 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, 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
(Philippines), Camp Krislund, Adventures in Mission &
BuildinGuate

Families of the Week

- Sharon Havice
- Dave Noss

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.

438 Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me

1 Rock of A - ges, cleft for me, let me hide my - self in thee.
 2 Not the la - bors of my hands can ful - fill thy law's de - mands.
 3 Noth - ing in my hand I bring; sim - ply to thy cross I cling;
 4 While I draw this fleet - ing breath, when my eye - lids close in death,

Let the wa - ter and the blood from thy wound - ed side which flowed
 Could my zeal no res - pite know, could my tears for - ev - er flow,
 na - ked, come to thee for dress, help - less, look to thee for grace;
 when I soar to worlds un - known, see thee on thy judg - ment throne,

The score consists of two systems of music. Each system has a vocal line in the treble clef and a bass line in the bass clef. The key signature is one flat (B-flat) and the time signature is 3/4. The lyrics are printed below the vocal line.

Though scholars discredit the story that this hymn was written when the author found shelter under a large rock during a thunderstorm, the popular appeal of that conjecture perhaps lies in the energy of this plea and the vividness of its imagery drawn from many biblical sources.

TEXT: Augustus M. Toplady, 1776, alt.
 MUSIC: Thomas Hastings, 1830, alt.

TOPLADY
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FORGIVENESS

be of sin the dou - ble cure, cleanse from guilt and make me pure.
 all for sin could not a - tone. Thou must save, and thou a - lone.
 foul, I to the foun - tain fly; wash me, Sav - ior, or I die.
 Rock of A - ges, cleft for me, let me hide my - self in thee.

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SUNDAY WORSHIP

Time: September 13, 2020 9:30 AM, Kidz Zoom Zone; 10:00 AM Fellowship Time; 10:30 AM Worship

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This is the most convenient option

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/5766618472>

When prompted Enter Password: 4561

ONE TAP MOBILE (iPhone) Be sure you have the Zoom App first

Meeting ID: 576 661 8472

Password: 4561

DIAL BY USING YOUR LANDLINE

Call 1-312-626-6799

Meeting ID: 576 661 8472 followed by #

Password: 4561 followed by #

Find us on ZOOM for 10 am LIVE Fellowship Time; 10:30 AM Recorded Worship. Meeting ID is 576 661 8472; Password is 4561. Questions about connectivity? Contact Elder Susan Ferguson at slf615@gmail.com or 717-250-5774. She is HAPPY to help you connect by phone, tablet or computer.

Worship at other times - Go to YouTube.com and search for the Lewistown Presbyterian Church channel for recorded worship services. Watch the recorded worship services on Facebook at Lewistown Presbyterian or LPC Friends. Or use your free subscription to RIGHT NOW Media and find worship services under “Libraries – Lewistown Presbyterian Church.”

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