



September 20, 2020
16th Sunday after Pentecost

Sermon: Running Away
Scripture: Jonah 1:1-15; Philipians 1:21-30

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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 20 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:

- 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 youth group will be helping at the Backyard Ministries Family Picnic at Lawler Place tonight. Youth should meet there at 4:45 PM. If you need more information, call Ginny or Pastor Sarah.
- Session has approved that in-person worship begin on Sunday, October 4. Masks are recommended and social distancing will be followed. We will be celebrating World Communion Sunday with individual communion cups and wafers you will pick up when arriving.
- McKenzie and I will be participating in the "Moving for Krislund Fundraiser." We will be walking for pledges on Saturday, October 17, starting at 9 AM and invite you to join us at Rec Park. We'll meet in the parking lot near the pool. Let me know by email or by phone if you would like to join us or would like to sponsor us. Krislund Camp has been a wonderful place for fun and Christian learning, so let's support them during this challenging year of COVID-19.
- Panorama deadline for October's newsletter is Thursday, September 24.

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

Call to Worship

L: Whether we embrace God's call in our lives or try to avoid it,

A: God is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love.

L: Whether we are long-timers or latecomers in the life of faith,

A: God is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love.

L: Whether our lives in Christ are comfortable or bring hardship,

A: God is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

L: Let us praise God's name forever and join in our first hymn, "Our God, Our Help in Ages Past."

Hymn

Our God, Our Help in Ages Past

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Call to Confession

Because we do not always live our lives in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, we confess before God and one another our sins and shortcomings. In repentance, let us turn toward God's grace and mercy.

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

Prayer of Confession

God of abundant goodness, we confess that we want your grace for ourselves but often wish punishment and exclusion on others. We judge the efforts and motives of others while ignoring the faults of our own. Forgive us; we pray, when we let jealousy overtake us. Forgive us, we pray, when we are petty even in the presence of your generosity. Forgive us, we pray, when we feel slighted by you. May we ask once again for your mercy? Will you help us to be more merciful toward another? We pray in the name of Christ Jesus, by whose grace we are saved. Amen.

Silent Prayers of Confession

L: Amen.

Declaration of Pardon

L: God extends to us mercy beyond our deserving, grace beyond our ability to earn it.

A: God has granted us the privilege of believing in Christ; therefore, we will live as grateful and forgiven people! Thanks be to God!

Children's Chat

Ginny Westover

Prayer for Illumination

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

Let the wisdom of your Word, O God, rain down on us like manna and feed us that we may be strengthened to do the work to which we are called, for the glory and honor of your name. Amen.

Scripture Reading

Jonah 1:1-15; Philippians 1:21-30

Sermon

Running Away

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 and Offerings

Great is God’s mercy toward us. Let us offer a portion of what God has given with humble and grateful hearts. Let us pray:

Lord, accept our thanksgivings and offerings, and do what you choose with what already belongs to you. In Christ’s name we pray. Amen.

Hymn There is a Place of Quiet Rest insert

Charge and Blessing

Live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ,
and stand firm in the Spirit.
And may the generous grace of Christ attend you,
the astounding love of God find you,
and the surprising movement of the Holy Spirit guide you,
everywhere and always.
Amen.

Postlude

SERVING IN WORSHIP
Accompanist: Joan Loewen Worship Assistant: Alex Garner Next Week: Ginny Westover Children’s Chat: Ginny Westover Next Week: Maryann Haines

Giving Report as of 9/13/20

Weekly Need: \$3,056.17	YTD Need: \$113,078.26
Received: \$3,195.00	YTD Received: \$98,706.76

Weekly Reflection Page

Please use these questions and prayers throughout this coming week.

Questions for Reflection

Several Bible stories, like Jonah's, remind us that God will often call us to difficult work. What difficult "work" have you been called to do as a disciple of Christ?
Did you embrace it or avoid it?

Morning Prayer

Dear God, thank you for this day. Help me to hear others as I know that you always hear me. Open my heart and help me give myself with grateful praise to things you have set before me today. In Jesus' name I pray. Amen.

Evening Prayer

Dear God, thank you for always being with me. Rest now in me, God, so that I will wake in the morning with praise and thanksgiving on my lips. 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.

Our Nation

- For western states battling fires; for the November election of public servants.

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

- Jan Headings
- Scott, Leah, Caleb, Dylan & Chelsea Noerr

687 Our God, Our Help in Ages Past

(Psalm 90)

1 Our God, our help in a - ges past, our
 2 Be - neath the shad - ow of thy throne thy
 3 Be - fore the hills in or - der stood, or
 4 A thou - sand a - ges in thy sight are

hope for years to come, our shel - ter from the
 saints have dwelt se - cure; suf - fi - cient is thine
 earth re - ceived its frame, from ev - er - last - ing
 like an eve - ning gone, short as the watch that

storm - y blast, and our e - ter - nal home:
 arm a - lone, and our de - fense is sure.
 thou art God, to end - less years the same.
 ends the night be - fore the ris - ing sun.

5 Time, like an ever rolling stream,
 bears all our years away;
 they fly forgotten, as a dream
 dies at the opening day.

6 Our God, our help in ages past,
 our hope for years to come,
 be thou our guard while life shall last,
 and our eternal home.


Many people sing this hymn unaware that it paraphrases Psalm 90, partly because this text speaks so immediately to the human condition. Since the middle of the 19th century, it has usually been joined to this tune named for the London parish where the composer was organist.

There Is a Place of Quiet Rest 824

Near to the Heart of God



1 There is a place of qui - et rest, near to the heart of God,
 2 There is a place of com - fort sweet, near to the heart of God,
 3 There is a place of full re - lease, near to the heart of God,



a place where sin can - not mo - lest, near to the heart of God.
 a place where we our Sav - ior meet, near to the heart of God.
 a place where all is joy and peace, near to the heart of God.

Refrain



O Je - sus, blest Re - deem - er, sent from the heart of God,



hold us, who wait be - fore thee, near to the heart of God.

A Presbyterian campus pastor and choir director in Missouri wrote this simple but moving hymn in response to the death of two young nieces from diphtheria. By distilling such personal grief into the shared assurances of faith, these words have brought comfort to many.

SUNDAY WORSHIP

Time: September 20, 2020 9:30 AM, Kidz Zoom Zone; 10:00 AM Fellowship Time; 10:30 AM Worship

FROM YOUR COMPUTER OR LAPTOP – CLICK ON THE HYPERLINK BELOW

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.”



No internet access for online Zoom worship?

Join us in-person as we bring worship outdoors and record for Sunday mornings!

Thursdays at 5 pm
September 17 and 24

Grace United Methodist
Church Pavilion ~ Lewistown
101 Logan Street

Park in the Grace UMC lot and meet us at their pavilion.
Masks and social distancing required.

*If you would like to attend and need transportation,
please call the church office and we will help arrange a ride.*

POP-IN TO OUR POP-UP WORSHIP!

MOVING FOR KRISLUND FUNDRAISER

WALK, RUN OR BIKE TO RAISE MONEY
FOR KRISLUND, A CAMP AND
RETREAT CENTER IN CENTRE
COUNTY, PA!

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