

September 6, 2020 14<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

**Sermon: Speaking Like Jesus** 

Scripture: Ezekiel 33:7-11; Matthew 18:15-20

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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!

Welcome to our Zoom online worship service this morning. Today is September 6 and I am Rev. Sarah Sedgwick from Lewistown Presbyterian Church. I am glad you have joined us to worship our Lord and Savior.

Let us begin with a few announcements:

- 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 fun craft. Use the same Zoom meeting code as our worship Zoom code. Hope to see our young ones there!
- 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 <a href="http://krislund.org/movingforkrislund">http://krislund.org/movingforkrislund</a> or call Krislund (814) 422-8878 for more information.
- The Mission and Evangelism Committee invites you to help them collect school supplies for our Backyard Ministries' kids. Starting today 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!

- September 15 is coming soon 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!
- There will not be youth group this Sunday. They will resume next Sunday, September 13.
- Today we offer congratulations to Rev. Zorn and his wife, Carol as they celebrated their 67<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary yesterday. I'd also like to wish my husband, Jim, a happy 5-year anniversary that we celebrate today.
- Pauli and Art Belfiore are celebrating the birth of a new granddaughter, Blair Frances born to their daughter Allison and son-in-law Arthur. Congrats to the entire family!

Let us worship God together as we join in the Call to Worship.

### Call to Worship

L: Listen! The Lord calls out to us, offering life!

A: Teach, lead, turn us to your ways, O God.

L: Walk in the paths of God's commandments with delight.

A: Teach, lead, turn us to your ways, O God. With our whole heart, we will turn to you and live!

L: In gratitude, let us worship the Lord our God, as we join together in our first hymn, "God of Grace and God of Glory."

Hymn

God of Grace and God of Glory

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#### Call to Confession

Amid the countless things that human beings cannot fully comprehend about God, there stands this: God so loves us as to bathe us with grace and feed us with mercy and forgive us our sins. Confident in the love of God, let us pray together, followed by a time of silent confession.

# **Prayer of Confession**

Lord God, while we were still slaves to sin, you died for our salvation. Yet we still worship the false gods of the world, forgetting that you are Lord. Loving worldly wealth, we have not loved you with our whole heart nor loved our neighbors as ourselves. Trusting worldly strength, we have not trusted your word nor followed the Word-made-flesh. Forgiving by worldly norms, we have

not shown mercy to others as you have shown mercy to us. Forgive us yet again, we pray in Christ's name. Amen.

# **Silent Prayers of Confession**

L: Amen.

#### **Assurance of Pardon**

Friends, hear the good news of the gospel:

Who is in a position to condemn?

Only Christ. And Christ died for us;

Christ rose for us; Christ reigns in power for us;

Christ prays for us.

Friends, believe the good news of the gospel:

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

#### Children's Chat

Pastor Sarah

# Prayer for Illumination

Let us pray together as we prepare to hear God's holy word:

Holy Spirit, as your word is read and preached, pass among your gathered people, opening the minds to increase understanding, opening hearts to bind us together in your love. In Jesus' name we ask it. Amen.

Scripture Reading

Ezekiel 33:7-11; Matthew 18:15-20

Sermon

Speaking Like Jesus

#### Affirmation of Faith

The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

# **Celebration of Holy Communion**

Invitation

Prayer of Thanksgiving 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.

Blessing of the Elements & Communion of the People Prayer after Communion

# Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Let us be glad in our Maker and rejoice in our King. Let us praise God's name with dancing and music; let us bring to God our tithes and offerings. Let us pray:

Ever-present God, just as Jesus promised to be among us when two or three gather in his name, be among us now that these offerings may become instruments of your love and justice. In the name of Jesus, we pray. Amen.

**Hymn** Breathe on Me, Breath of God

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# **Charge and Benediction**

God's commandments are an invitation to daily faithfulness. Love God and your neighbor every day, and you will fulfill all that God intends.

And may the love of God pursue you; the grace of Christ overtake you; and the Holy Spirit flow through you; as love fills all in all.

#### **Postlude**

# **Weekly Reflection Page**

Please use these questions and prayers throughout this coming week.

### **Questions for Reflection**

Has there been a time in your own life when conflict or an offense caused breaks in relationship? How does the commandment to love God and to love our neighbor as ourselves inform our own handling of disagreement and division?

### **Morning Prayer**

Good morning, God. Thank you for the invitation to live faithfully today, walking in your paths, loving my neighbor. This day is new, unmarred by missteps or words misspoken, so I pause in this newness to remember your commandments and to delight in them. Help me to follow you all through this day. Keep my feet from stumbling or wandering down other trails so that I honor you and others in word and deed. In Christ I pray. Amen.

## **Evening Prayer**

Loving God, as I have put on Christ in my words and deeds today, now let me rest in Christ's light and presence as the evening comes. Awake or asleep, you watch over me, and I am grateful you love me so. I turn my whole heart to you in love, and my heart is full of love and care for my family and friends and for all those whom you have made my neighbor. In the quiet hours of sleep, mend in me whatever is unresolved from the day now past, and wake me with the morning light, and with your grace yet again. Amen.

#### **SERVING IN WORSHIP**

Accompanist: Joan Loewen
Worship Assistant: Pastor Sarah
Next Week: TBD

Children's Chat: Pastor Sarah Next Week: Elaine Siddons

Giving Report as of 8/30/20

Weekly Need: \$3,056.17 YTD Need: \$106,965.92 Received: \$ 904.00 YTD Received: \$92,131.76

#### **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

# **Our Mission Partners**

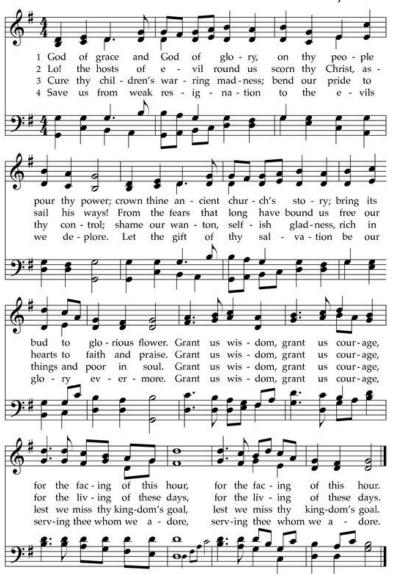
- Shelter Services
- Habitat for Humanity
- Backyard Ministries
- Heart 2 Heart Program
- LUMINA Center

## **Families of the Week**

- Audrey Hassinger
- Lois Notestine

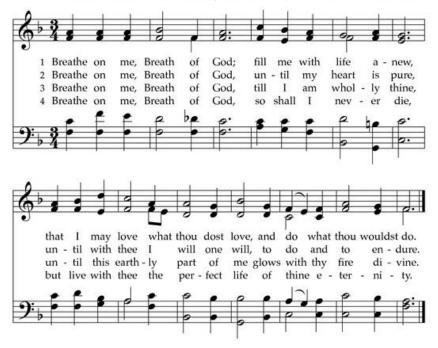
- SFC William Corson
- SGT John Dietz
- SSGT Tyler Treaster
- Leah & Francis Daytec
- Camp Krislund
- Adventures in Mission & BuildinGuate

# 307 God of Grace and God of Glory



This stirring hymn used at the opening of Riverside Church in New York in 1930 was penned by its widely-known and influential pastor, and it has gained a firm place in English-language hymnals around the world. The Welsh tune name honors the Rhondda Valley in Glamorganshire.

# Breathe on Me, Breath of God 286



In both Hebrew and Greek, the words for "spirit" can equally well be translated as "breath" or "wind," so it is very appropriate to address the Holy Spirit as the "Breath of God." This tune by an English organist has become the customary one in North American hymnals.

TEXT: Edwin Hatch, 1878 MUSIC: Robert Jackson, 1888 TRENTHAM SM

#### SUNDAY WORSHIP

Time: September 6, 2020 10:00 AM Fellowship Time; 10:30 AM

Worship

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This is the most convenient option

Join Zoom Meeting

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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 3 (Communion served), 10, 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.

Until we all can worship in-person on Sundays in the church sanctuary, we ask that only those unable to access online worship services join us on Thursday evenings. This helps us to monitor the number of people gathering together.

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!

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