

October 25, 2020

Reformation Sunday

Honoring the 225th Huntingdon Presbytery Anniversary

Sermon:

The Person God Calls: Is Never Alone

Scripture:

Isaiah 43:1-7; 1 Timothy 6:11-16; 20

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~Respond by reading the words printed in **BOLD** during our
worship together~

Prelude

Processional
Reflection

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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 October 25, 2020 and I am Rev. Sarah Sedgwick from Lewistown Presbyterian Church.

Today we remember Reformation Sunday. On Reformation Sunday, we return to the core of our faith: **God loved us first, and God continues to shower us with grace and mercy.**

Today we also recognize and celebrate the 225th Anniversary of Huntingdon Presbytery. Let us give thanks today for the ministry and mission work that has occurred within our presbytery over the years.

Let us begin with a few announcements:

- Following our worship service today, we will be serving a take-out Community Luncheon. Stop by the 3rd Street door to get a great chili lunch prepared by the Tuesday Night Small Group!
- Calvary Church has invited LPC to join them for a Trunk or Treat on Saturday, October 31, from 5 PM to 7 PM at the Bon-Ton parking lot. Decorate your car (nothing scary, please) and bring some candy to pass out. If interested, email Lisa Snyder at lmsnyder61@gmail.com. First United Methodist Church and Sacred Heart Catholic Church will be joining, too.
- Rev. Zorn's wooden flowers are still for sale by donation. Donations towards the flowers will be given to Krislund Camp and Conference Center. Flowers are in the narthex along with donation envelopes.

- Please consider making a donation to the special Peace and Global Witness offering we will collect through the end of this month. 25% of what is collected remains in our church.
- Stewardship letters and pledge cards will be mailed this week. Prayerfully consider how God is calling you to give your treasures to God's church in 2021. Pledges will be dedicated during our November 15 worship service.
- The youth group will meet tonight at Lawler Place at 5 PM for some Fall fun with the children involved in Backyard Ministries. Youth will lead songs, pumpkin activities and a Bible story. The evening will finish at 6:30 PM.
- Before we are led in the Call to Worship by Tara Merry, please view our new Serving as an Officer video, created by Cole Cullen.

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

Call to Worship

Based on Psalm 90

Leader: Lord, you have been our dwelling place in all generations. Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever you had formed the earth and the world, from everlasting to everlasting you are God.

All: For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when it is past, or like a watch in the night.

Leader: You sweep them away; they are like a dream, like grass that is renewed in the morning; in the morning it flourishes and is renewed; in the evening it fades and withers.

All: So, teach us to count our days that we may gain a wise heart.

Leader: Let us thank the Lord for his faithfulness each and every day.

Hymn

The Church's One Foundation

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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.

Please read with me the Prayer of Confession, followed 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.

Declaration 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:

All: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven! This is the good news to share with all people!

Choral Anthem

Canon of Thanks

Donald Moore

Children's Chat

Susan Ferguson

Prayer for Illumination

Let us pray for illumination as we hear the reading of God's Word:

Come, Holy Spirit,
in the Word of God,
as the breath of life,
amidst your people gathered here,
into our hearts and minds.

Stir us to know the happiness of life in your blessings.
Amen.

Scripture Readings

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Sermon

The Person God Calls: Is Never Alone

Litany of Praise: 225th Anniversary of Huntingdon Presbytery

Today we celebrate the 225th anniversary of Huntingdon Presbytery.

Many, O Lord, are thy wonderful works.

For 225 years God's Word has been proclaimed in this area of Pennsylvania.

Many, O Lord, are thy wonderful works.

For 225 years the sacraments have been celebrated in this area of Pennsylvania.

Many, O Lord, are thy wonderful works.

Countless children, parents and grandparents have been part of Huntingdon Presbytery.

They are more than can be numbered.

Countless prayers of supplication, thanksgiving and praise have been offered in Huntingdon Presbytery.

They are more than can be numbered.

Countless witnesses have gone out from our presbytery to spread the gospel in local communities and throughout the world. **They are more than can be numbered.**

All of our activities, all of our sacraments and all of our doxologies we offer up in praise to God.

Many, O Lord, are thy wonderful works; they are more than can be numbered.

With thanksgiving for the past, with joy in the present, and with hope for the future we celebrate this anniversary with our brothers and sisters in Christ.

Many, O Lord, are thy wonderful works; they are more than can be numbered.

Adapted from www.reformedworship.org; RW #26

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

In honor of Huntingdon Presbytery's 225th Anniversary, the Huntingdon Presbytery Anniversary Committee invites churches and individuals to make a financial offering to the "Partnership for the Presbytery" fund.

The "Partnership for the Presbytery" is a fund created for churches to support the ministry and mission work of the presbytery.

Weekly Reflection Page

Please use these questions and prayers throughout this coming week.

Questions for Reflection

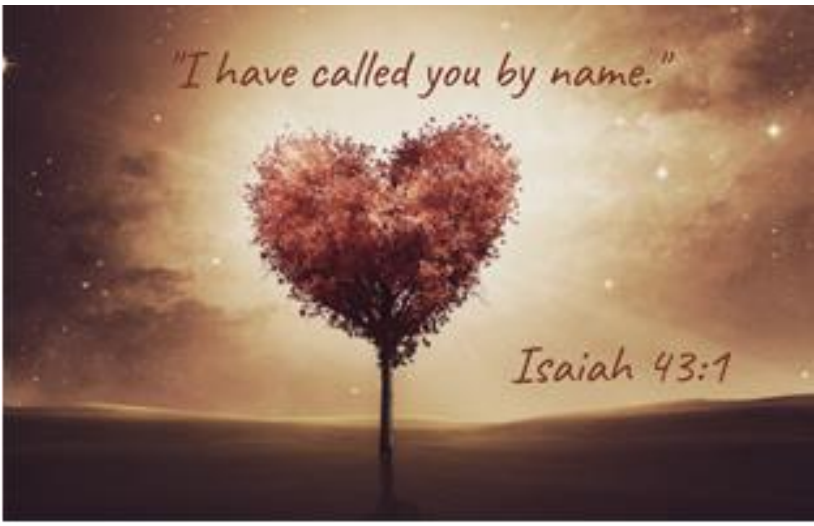
Who has "mentored" you in your faith journey? Do they know the impact they have made upon your faith? Let them know this week! Who might you "mentor" to help grow in their knowledge of Jesus Christ?

Morning Prayer

From everlasting to everlasting you are God. Carry me today in your steadfast love that I may rejoice and be glad all my days, living life fully without fear of the end. Amen.

Evening Prayer

Eternal God, a thousand years in your sight are life this day gone by, years swept away like a dream. May I rest in the assurance that even in the sleep of death, I will be awakened to an eternal morning, through the power of Christ, the resurrection. So let it be.



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 the November election of public servants.

For Our Ministry Leaders

- Rev. Sarah Sedgwick, staff, deacons, elders, & volunteers

Prayer Requests

- Bill Sisson: Recovery from surgery for aortic valve and aorta replacement surgery done on Oct. 20
- Brad Siddons: weekly transfusions; cancer treatment; abscessed tooth
- Ryan Dixon: cancer
- Denise Beltzner: scleroderma and lupus
- Linda Miller: now at home; continued prayers for healing
- Debbie: breast 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, Lavonne Ball
- Shirley Home (Shirleysburg): Carl Knepp
- 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

- Doris Hoverter
- David Moore

The Church's One Foundation 321

1 The church's one foundation is Jesus Christ her Lord.
 2 Elect from every nation, yet one o'er all the earth,
 3 Though with a scornful wonder this world sees her oppressed,
 4 Mid toil and tribulation, and tumult of her war,
 5 Yet she on earth has union with God, the Three in One,

She is his new creation by water and the word.
 her charter of salvation: one Lord, one faith, one birth.
 by schisms rent asunder, by heresies distressed,
 she waits the consummation of peace forevermore:
 and mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won:

From heaven he came and sought her to be his holy bride.
 One holy name she blesses, partakes one holy food,
 yet saints their watch are keeping; their cry goes up: "How long?"
 till with the vision glorious her longing eyes are blest,
 O happy ones and holy! Lord, give us grace that we,

With his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.
 and to one hope she presses, with every grace endued.
 And soon the night of weeping shall be the morn of song.
 and the great church victorious shall be the church at rest.
 like them, the meek and lowly, may live eternal-ly.

This hymn was one of twelve written by an English curate to affirm the articles of the Apostles' Creed with biblical allusions such as 1 Corinthians 3:11 here. Though not created for this text, the tune was joined to it in 1868, and the two have been inseparable ever since.

Blest Be the Tie That Binds 306

1 Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in
 2 Be - fore our *Fa - ther's throne we pour our
 3 We share our mu - tual woes; our mu - tual
 4 When we are called to part, it gives us
 5 From sor - row, toil, and pain, and sin we

Chris - tian love. The fel - low - ship of
 ar - dent prayers. Our fears, our hopes, our
 bur - dens bear. And of - ten for each
 in - ward pain; but we shall still be
 shall be free; and per - fect love and

kin - dred minds is like to that a - bove.
 aims are one, our com - forts and our cares.
 oth - er flows the sym - pa - thiz - ing tear.
 joined in heart, and hope to meet a - gain.
 friend - ship reign through all e - ter - ni - ty.

*Or "Maker's"

Written to express a pastor's unwillingness to leave a beloved congregation, this hymn is frequently used as an expression of Christian fellowship, especially at the conclusion of the Lord's Supper. The tune is attributed to an influential Swiss musician and publisher.

SUNDAY WORSHIP

Time: October 25, 2020 9:30 AM, Kidz Zoom Zone; 10:00 AM Fellowship Time; 10:30 AM Worship

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Join Zoom Meeting

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Meeting ID: 576 661 8472

Password: 4561

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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.”



Prayer Service

For our country, its people and
its leaders.

As we enter a troubling election in
America, let's come together for
A non-partisan, non-denominational
Service of Prayer.

Trinity U.C.C. on Oak St.
Sunday November 1st, 2020
7:00 - 8:00 pm
Pastor Craig Munnell