

October 4, 2020 18th Sunday after Pentecost

Sermon: The Person God Calls–Walks by Faith Scripture: Genesis 12:1-7; 15:1-8 & Hebrews 11:1-3; 8-12

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LEWISTOWN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Shining the light of the gospel into the heart of Lewistown since 1785

Today's worship service includes liturgy spoken around the world to honor World Communion Sunday.

Prelude	Reflection on "Londonderry Air"	Lasky
	Now Thank We All Our God	Crueger

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 4 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:

- Today is World Communion Sunday and we will celebrate the Lord's Supper during worship. If you join us online, please have bread and juice (or something close to it) so you can take communion with us.
- Kidz Zoom Zone was such a big hit that it will continue online! Kids in pre-K to 5th grade are invited to meet starting at 9:30 AM every Sunday using the LPC worship meeting code through Zoom. It's not too late to join!
- The youth group will meet tonight from 6 pm to 7:30 pm for Bible study, conversation, and as always, fun! 6th – 12 graders will meet on the 3rd floor of the church.
- Rev. Zorn is graciously offering 100 wooden flowers for sale by donation in the narthex, beginning today. Money raised through the sale of these beautiful flowers will be donated to Krislund Camp and Conference Center. You can make your donation directly to the church. Please indicate it is for Krislund.
- During the month of October, we will be collecting a special offering towards Peace and Global Witness. 25% of what we collect will stay in our community for projects that promote peace. Additional monies are used for presbytery and national projects through our denomination.

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

Call to Worship

From the Caribbean

- Leader: We gather to worship together, different people, different lives, different histories.
- All: Yet all children of the same Parent, created lovingly by the Source of all life!
- Leader: We gather to reconnect with one another, different people, different lives, different histories.
- All: Yet all disciples of one Teacher.

Leader: Jesus, the Word made flesh, dwelling among us.

- All: We gather with different joys and sorrows, different hopes and fears. Different people, different lives, different histories.
- Leader: Yet one people with one God, one faith, one baptism. Let us open ourselves to the presence of God at work in us, among us, and through us.

Hymn O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing insert

Call to Confession

Faced with God's goodness we recognize our failings. In the knowledge of God's mercy, we dare tell the truth about ourselves and our world. In the confidence of God's children let us confess our sins.

Please join with me in reading the Litany of Confession by reading what is printed in bold, followed by a time of silent confession.

Litany of Confession

From South Africa

L: For our failure to feel the sufferings of others, and our tendency to live comfortably with injustice, **A: God forgive us.** L: For the self-righteousness which denies guilt, and the self-interest which strangles compassion, **A: God forgive us.**

L: For those who live their lives in careless unconcern, who cry 'Peace, peace' when there is no peace, **A: we ask your mercy**. L: For our failings in community, our lack of understanding, **A: we ask your mercy**.

L: For the times when we are too eager to be better than others, when we are too rushed to care, when we are too tired to bother, when we don't really listen, when we are too quick to act from motives other than love, **A: God forgive us.**

Silent Prayers of Confession

L: Amen.

Declaration of Forgiveness

Know that God loves us. From the very beginning God's loving mercy has been poured out upon us. God loves us like a mother embracing us in her lap; like a father, God watches over us, guiding us each day. On behalf of the Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior, I assure you: we are forgiven, forgive others. We are restored, restore others. We are reconciled with God, be reconciled with others, in the name of the Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer. Amen.

Children's Chat

Pastor Sarah

Prayer for Illumination

Let us pray together as we prepare to hear God's Holy Word: God who speaks, your law is perfect, reviving the soul; your commandment is clear, enlightening the eyes. May your Spirit illumine this Word that our eyes may be opened and our souls revived. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Scripture Readings

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Sermon

The Person God Calls – Walks By Faith

Affirmation of Faith

The Apostles' Creed

We affirm our faith together with PC(USA) mission partners all around the world. (PCUSA video is shown)

I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker 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 into hell. 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.

From Bangladesh

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

Invitation: Without Christ, all that we have is nothing. With Christ, all that we have is everything. Let us offer all that we have to the Lord.

Offertory Amazing Grace

Prayer of Dedication: We give you thanks and praise, O God, for all your good gifts, and above all, for the gift of knowing Christ our Savior. Strengthen us as we continue to strive for the heavenly prize that you offer: eternal and abundant life in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Hymn	Let Us Break Bread Together	insert

Charge and Blessing From the Christian Council of Asia God go with you in all that is gentle. Christ go with you in all that is brave. And the spirit go with you in all that is free. Go now in peace, to love and serve our God. Amen.

Postlude It is Well With My Soul Lav

SERVING IN WORSHIP

Accompanist: Joan Loewen Worship Assistant: Sue Garner Next Week: Doug Garner Children's Chat: Pastor Sarah Next Week: Leah Riden

Wood

Weekly Reflection Page

Please use these questions and prayers throughout this coming week.

Questions for Reflection

Have you been "called" by God before and felt you had no idea where it would lead? What can you learn today, from Abraham's call story, about following God by faith?

Morning Prayer

God of hosts, at the dawning of this day, let your face shine upon me. Restore me, and be my salvation; through Jesus the Lord. Amen.

Evening Prayer

Christ Jesus my Lord, as you have lived with me this day, let me rest with you this night; and when this life has ended, let me live with you forever. Amen.



Giving Report as of 9/27/20

Weekly Need: \$3,056.17 Received: \$3,204.00 YTD Need: \$119,190.62 YTD Received: \$104,612.76

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 for aortic valve and aorta replacement surgery has been scheduled for October 14.
- Brad Siddons: weekly transfusions; cancer treatment
- 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

- Dale & Ruth Ann Henry
- Laura Mowery



WORDS: Charles Wesley (1707-1788), alt. MUSIC: Carl G. Gläser (1784-1829); arr. Lowell Mason (1792-1872)

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Text: African American spiritual Music: African American spiritual BREAK BREAD TOGETHER 10 10 and refrain

SUNDAY WORSHIP

Time: October 4, 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 <u>https://us02web.zoom.us/i/5766618472</u> 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."

MOVING FOR Krislund Fundraiser

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

SEPT. 1 TO OCT. 15, 2020

Find supporters to pledge money based on the number of miles you walk, run, or bike! Go to Krislund.org/MovingForKrislund to register and donate!



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Consider sponsoring Pastor Sarah or McKenzie Donahue as they "move" for Krislund on Saturday, Oct. 17, at 9 am at Rec Park. You can walk with them, too!

If you would like to sponsor by lap or a flat donation, contact Pastor Sarah at pastorsedgwick@gmail.com or call the church office.