

# September 27, 2020 17<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

Sermon: Fueled by Anger Scripture: Jonah 3:1-10; Philippians 2:1-13

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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 27 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:

- Kidz Zoom Zone was such a big hit that it will continue online! Beginning October 4, kids in pre-K to 5<sup>th</sup> grade are invited to meet starting at 9:30 am using the LPC worship meeting code through Zoom. It's not to late to join!
- The youth group will meet tonight from 6 pm to 7:30 pm for Bible study, conversation, and as always, fun! 6<sup>th</sup> – 12 graders will meet on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor of the church.
- Session has approved that in-person worship will begin next 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. Online access to worship by Zoom will still be provided, too.
- 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.

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

# **Call to Worship**

- L: Praise the Lord who is our provider.
- A: The Lord is our hope. Our trust is in God.
- L: God brought us out of bondage and has made us free.
- A: The Lord is our hope. Our trust is in God.
- L: Glorious are the deeds of our God, and mighty are his acts.
- A: The Lord is our hope. Our trust is in God.
- L: Let us join together in our first hymn, "We Praise You, O God."

| Hymn | We Praise You, O God | insert |
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#### Call to Confession

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor, trusting in the promise of forgiveness.

Please read with me the Prayer of Confession, followed by a time of silent confession.

#### **Prayer of Confession**

Almighty God, we have been wandering in the wilderness of sin. We have complained in the face of your mercy. We have been selfish and conceited in the face of your sacrifice. We have not done your will. Teach us humility. Teach us gratitude. Infuse your spirit into our beings so that we might be reconciled to you. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

#### **Silent Prayers of Confession**

L: Amen.

# **Declaration of Pardon**

People of God, our sins are forgiven. The Lord is loving, and we are reconciled to God. Therefore, let us humble and surrender ourselves to the will of God for the glory of God. **Alleluia! Amen!** 

# Children's Chat

Maryann Haines

# **Prayer for Illumination**

Let us pray for illumination as we hear the reading of God's Word: O God, fill us with your Spirit and humble our hearts so that we can hear your Word and respond faithfully. Amen. Scripture Reading

#### Sermon

#### **Affirmation of Faith**

Colossians 1:15-20

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Jesus Christ is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible. All things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn of the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross. 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**

The works of the Lord are wondrous indeed. Let us offer back to God a portion of what has been given to us, for the glory of God's name. Let us pray:

O God, use these gifts to do your will in the world and prepare us for your coming kingdom. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

#### Hymn Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah insert

#### **Charge and Blessing**

Beloved, let this mind be in you that was also in Christ Jesus. Love the Lord and serve others for the glory of God. And may the God who is always near bless and keep you on your journey. Glory; honor; and praise be to the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, now and always.

#### SERVING IN WORSHIP

Accompanist: Joan Loewen Worship Assistant: Ginny Westover Next Week: Sue Garner Children's Chat: Maryann Haines Next Week: Pastor Sarah Sedgwick

#### Giving Report as of 9/20/20

Weekly Need: \$3,056.17 Received: \$2,702.00 YTD Need: \$116,134.43 YTD Received: \$101,408.76

Stewardship is not just a financial matter; it is a spiritual matter. As someone suggested we should pray after we dedicate the offering during our worship services, "Lord, no matter what we say or do, here is what we think of you." [Stewardship Facts, National Council of Churches]

#### Weekly Reflection Page

Please use these questions and prayers throughout this coming week.

#### **Questions for Reflection**

What does it mean to do the will of God? Has God ever shown up in the middle of your complaining (like Jonah)?

#### **Morning Prayer**

Dear God, thank you for this day. Guide my mind in your way and help me to do your will. All praise, honor, and glory is yours. Amen.

#### **Evening Prayer**

Dear God, thank you for providing for my needs. Thank you for always being with me. Keep me through the night and put a song of praise on my lips when I rise again. 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 for aortic valve and aorta replacement surgery. Bill has been increasingly fatigued in recent weeks, among other symptoms.
- 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**

- Jordan Helsel-Miles
- Bruce & Barbara Nielsen

ADORATION



The author wrote this text when only nineteen years old in response to a request from the organist of the Brick Presbyterian Church in New York City, who wanted another Thanksgiving text to sing to this Dutch tune. He regarded the usual text (see no. 336) as too full of conflict.

TEXT: Julia C. Cory, 1902, alt. MUSIC: Neder-landtsch Gedenck-Clanck, 1626; harm. Eduard Kremser, 1877 KREMSER 12.11.12.11 (this tune in a lower key, 336)



Few Welsh hymns are as well known or loved as this 18th-century text that did not gain its popular tune until the early 20th century. In both its original text and in English translation, it is a stirring hymn of pilgrimage filled with vivid imagery from Hebrew Scripture.

TEXT: William Williams, 1762; stanza 1, trans. Peter Williams, 1771; stanzas 2–3, trans. William Williams, 1772 CWM RHONDDA MUSIC: John Hughes, 1907 8.7.8.7.8.7.

# SUNDAY WORSHIP

Time: September 27, 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.