



November 8, 2020
23rd Sunday after Pentecost

Sermon:

Every Good Gift – Generous Time & Talents

Scripture:

Ecclesiastes 3:1-8; Romans 12:1-8

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LEWISTOWN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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heart of Lewistown since 1785

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

Prelude

Brother James' Air
Toccata Francais

Ashdown
Young

Welcome and Announcements

L: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all!

All: And also with you!

This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it. A good morning to everyone as we gather in person and online by Zoom for worship.

Today we welcome Certified Lay Pastor, Judi Bookhamer, to our service as she joins us to provide today's sermon and lead worship.

We begin our service with a few announcements:

- Christmas Cards 2020: The Deacons have provided a basket in the narthex to collect Christmas cards for our shut-ins. The Christmas Card list is in the back of the bulletin and there is a copy by the card basket. Please bring in your cards by Sunday, December 13, and the Deacons will deliver them. If you are unable to bring the cards to church, please let the church office know and a Deacon will pick them up for you.
- If you are able help keep our Backyard Ministry kids warm this winter, please consider donating towards our annual collection. If you want to shop, please call Lynn Curry at 717-250-5957, and she will give you a size for a girl or boy. Financial donations are greatly appreciated from those who would rather let us do the shopping. As of right now, we have 56 children who need our help!
- Stewardship pledges will be dedicated next week during our worship service. Please consider how God may be calling you to increase your pledge or begin pledging this year.
- The youth group will meet tonight at 6 PM on the 3rd floor of the church. Youth in grades 6th to 12th are invited to attend for an evening of Bible study and fellowship.

- Today we give thanks to God for all connected to our church who are veterans of our U.S. Armed Forces. Would all veterans please stand so that we can offer our appreciation with applause and a small token.

Let us worship God with our whole selves as we join together in the Call to Worship.

Call to Worship

Psalm 70:4

Leader: Rejoice and be glad!

All: For God is our salvation.

Leader: Rejoice and be glad!

All: For God is great.

Leader: God is worthy to be praised! Let us stand and sing our praises together.

Hymn

His Eye Is on the Sparrow

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Call to Confession

Beloved, we are called to live in right relationship with God by loving one another.

Therefore, let us confess our sins to the One who pardons our offenses.

Please join with me in reading the Prayer of Confession, followed by a time of silent confession.

Prayer of Confession

Loving God, we confess that we have sinned against you by not honoring you or loving one another. When we ignore injustice in the world our worship brings you no delight. Make haste to help us that we may stand in right relationship with you and the whole of your creation and sing your praises through the mercy of Christ, our resurrected Savior. Amen.

Silent Prayers of Confession

L: Amen.

Declaration of Forgiveness

Sisters and brothers, God has made a way where there was no way. In Christ Jesus evil and death have been vanquished, and we live in a state of grace. Believe the gospel: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. **Thanks be to God!**

Choral Anthem

Great is our God

C. Courtney

Children's Chat

Miranda Shoop

Prayer for Illumination

Let us pray together as we prepare to hear God's holy word: O God, send your Spirit to move in our world and stir the water of our souls that we may desire a word of instruction that awakens us to the joy of your coming reign. Amen.

Scripture Readings

Ecclesiastes 3:1-8; Romans 12:1-8

Sermon

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Affirmation of Faith

Let us stand and affirm our faith together through the reading of God's Word:

This is the good news which we have received, in which we stand, and by which we are saved, if we hold it fast: that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day, and that he appeared first to the women, then to Peter, and to the Twelve, and then to many faithful witnesses. We believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God. Jesus Christ is the first and the last, the beginning and the end; he is our Lord and our God. Amen.

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

As we prepare our hearts to bring our intercessions to our Savior, please remember those who remain listed in our prayer guide. Let us pray to the One who knows our every need.

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

Invitation: God is a gracious giver who opens the door to all who seek the wisdom of God's ways. Therefore, let us offer the gifts of our life and labor and come into God's courts with praise. Your tithes and offerings can be placed in the plates at the back of the sanctuary.

Offertory Meditation on "Lauda Anima" Ashdown
Prayer of Dedication: O great and loving God, we give you thanks that you have given your faithful people a love for justice and the gift of generosity. Bless these gifts and with them reveal your righteousness as we await the coming of your peace. Amen.

Hymn We Give Thee But Thine Own insert

Charge and Blessing

You are God's servants, gifted with dreams and visions, upon you rests the grace of God like flames of fire. Love and serve the Lord in the strength of the Spirit. And may the peace of Christ be with you, the strong arms of God sustain you, and the power of the Holy Spirit strengthen you in every way. Amen.

Postlude Toccata on "Hymn to Joy" Macchia

SERVING IN WORSHIP
Accompanist: Joan Loewen Worship Assistant: Ginny Westover Next Week: Alex or Danny Garner Children's Chat: Miranda Shoop Next Week: Ginny Westover

Today we welcome **Certified Lay Pastor, Judi Bookhamer**, to our worship service while Pastor Sarah and Jim are away. Judi is a member of The Presbyterian Church of Clearfield and has been happily married to her best friend, Mike, for 30 years. Judi is a proud mom to Corey and Ian. She is a high school mathematics teacher currently teaching AP Statistics and AP Computer Science. She says, "Most importantly, I have been a student of the Bible all my life and I love Jesus with all my heart. I am thrilled to be worshipping with you and so grateful to be sharing God's Word with you."

Please give Judi a wonderful Lewistown Presbyterian Church welcome today!

Weekly Reflection Page

Please use these questions and prayers throughout this coming week.

Questions for Reflection

What gifts, if any, do you feel like you have ignored or haven't used out of fear, lack of time or indifference? What would it look like for you to exercise those gifts?

Morning Prayer

Creator of all, I awake to the day you have made with praise on my lips, for your Spirit gives me breath. May I live this day for the sake of Jesus, the light of the world, the apple of my eye, my beginning and end. Amen.

Evening Prayer

Creator of all, you make the night for peace and rest. In the moon and stars we see the reflection of your eternal light, so whether we live or whether we die, we know that we belong to you. Keep watch over those who work through the night; give peace to those who cannot sleep. Let me surrender all anxiety and fear to your loving embrace, that I may awake to serve you with joy. Amen.



Giving Report as of 11/1/20

Weekly Need: \$3,056.17

YTD Need: \$134,470.87

Received \$2,355.00

YTD Received: \$126,336.76

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 the November election of public servants

For Our Ministry Leaders

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

Prayer Requests

- Bill Sisson: Recovery from surgery 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

01/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

- John Irrgang
- Violet Miller

The rose on the communion table is in honor of the birth of Briggs Denver Steininger, born Oct. 23, 2020, to Bobby and Emma Steininger; Proud grandmother is Suzan McClure.



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Lavonne Ball
Donald Black
Nancy Bowman
Nancy Carter
Jean Clark
Shirley Ferguson
Audrey Hassinger
Doris Hoverter
Mary Lou Ingram
John Irrgang

Carl Knepp
Lois Notestine
Thiry Olbrich
April Paige
Joan Renaldi
Shirley Setzler
Brad Siddons
Marsha Soult
Lowell & Dottie Stephens
Virginia Warfel

Addresses for you to send cards:

Rev. Cindy & Dave Carlisle
8 Crabapple Court
Lake in the Hills, IL 60158

Dr. Eric & Becky Hinderliter
1311 Climbing Rose
Cary, NC 37518

Rev. Larry & Nancy Chottiner
642 Alcott Drive
Mount Joy, PA 17552

Phyllis Hinderliter
76 Partridge Circle
Carlisle, PA 17013

Rev. James & Devon Thomas
382 Shaw Road
Ridley Park, PA 19078

661 Why Should I Feel Discouraged?

His Eye Is on the Sparrow



1 Why should I feel dis-cour-aged? Why should the shad-ows come?
 2 "Let not your heart be trou-bled," his ten-der word I hear,
 3 When-ev-er I am tempt-ed, when-ev-er clouds a-rise,



Why should my heart be lone-ly and long for heaven and home,
 and rest-ing on his good-ness, I lose my doubts and fears;
 when song gives place to sigh-ing, when hope with-in me dies,



when Je-sus is my por-tion? My con-stant friend is he:
 though by the path he lead-eth but one step I may see:
 I draw the clos-er to him; from care he sets me free:

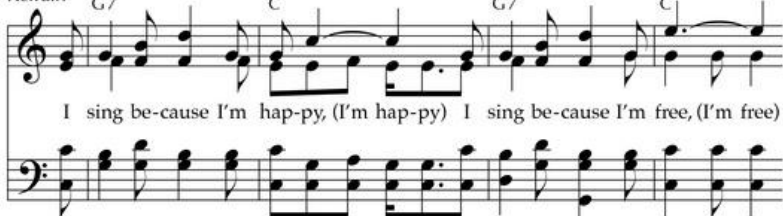


his eye is on the spar-row, and I know he watch-es me;



his eye is on the spar-row, and I know he watch-es me.

Refrain



I sing be-cause I'm hap-py, (I'm hap-py) I sing be-cause I'm free, (I'm free)



for his eye is on the spar-row, and I know he watch-es me.

We Give Thee but Thine Own 708

1 We give thee but thine own, what - e'er the gift may be;
 2 May we thy boun-ties thus as stew-ards true re - ceive,
 3 The cap-tive to re - lease, to God the lost to bring,
 4 And we be - lieve thy word, though dim our faith may be;

all that we have is thine a - lone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.
 and glad - ly, as thou bless - est us, to thee our first - fruits give.
 to teach the way of life and peace: it is a Christ - like thing.
 what - e'er we do for thine, O Lord, we do it un - to thee.

Each successive stanza here expands the implications of the familiar affirmation of the first one. Much more than a concern with money, stewardship shapes our relationship with God and with other people. Despite this tune's name, no source has been found in Schumann's works.

THANK YOU TO OUR VETERANS!

Honor Roll 2020

As we celebrate Veteran's Day this week, we offer thanks and appreciation to those who have defended our freedoms by serving our country.

- **Don Black**, U.S. Navy
1944-1946 on board ship in Pacific Ocean
- **Lynwood Clinger**, U.S. Air Force 1969-1970 McGuire AFB New Jersey
- **David Eichenlaub**, U.S. Navy 1967-1972 Brooklyn Navy Yard, USS Dixon AS37
- **Kenneth Fisher**, US Marine Corps., 1962-1966, Camp Lejeune, NC, 6th Fleet Med Cruise, Puerto Rico & NAS Pensacola, FL
- **Ryan Fultz**, U.S. Navy 1986-1992 Panama & Mayport, FL
- **Christopher C. Griffith**, U.S. Army, 2009-2017
- **Tom Gross**, U.S. Army 1961-1963 Philippines
- **Carl Haldeman**, U.S. Air Force 1955-1959 France
- **Kevin Hardin**, U.S. Air Force, 1982-1988 Keesler Air Force Base Biloxi, MI
- **Rich Harper**, U.S. Air Force, 1977-1981 Eglin Air Force Base, Fort Walton Beach, FL
- **Donald Hirakis**, U.S. Army 1953-1955 Germany
- **John Irrgang**, Army Air Corp 1953-1958 Eglin Air Force Base, Florida
- **Doug Knudson**, U.S. Navy 1989-1993 NAS Lemoore, California
- **Bruce Nielsen**, U.S. Marine Corps 1957-1961 Quantico, VA, Pendleton, CA & Pickle Meadows, CA; 1961-1964 (Reserve) Philadelphia, PA
- **David Noss**, U.S. Army 1968-1969, Vietnam
- **Larry O'Dell**, U.S. Air Force Captain 1955-1959 Turkey, Wright Paterson Dayton, OH
- **James Sedgwick**, U.S. Air Force, 1991-1996, Elmendorf Anchorage, AK & Bolling Washington, DC
- **Leon Smith**, U.S. Army Reserves 1969-1975
- **Lowell Stephens**, U.S. Air Force 1953-1958 Korea and Europe
- **John "Jack" M. Wilson**, U.S. Navy 1951-1955 Mediterranean & North Atlantic

Our apologies if anyone was missed on this list. Please let the church office know your information so it can be added.

SUNDAY WORSHIP

Time: November 8, 2020 9:30 AM, Kidz Zoom Zone; 10:00 AM Fellowship Time; 10:30 AM Worship

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