

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

SERMON

Rev. Dr. Carrie Call

*PRESENTATION OF OUR OFFERINGS AND DOXOLOGY

Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise Him, all creatures here below. Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host. Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*OUR LORD'S PRAYER – (using debts and debtors)

*BENEDICTION AND THREEFOLD AMEN

*HYMN “God of Futures Yet Unfolding” (Insert)

*CONGREGATIONAL BENEDICTION “Shalom To You” (Insert)

*SILENT MEDITATION

POSTLUDE “Eternal Father, Strong to Save” Whiting/Spencer/Dykes

*Please stand as you are able

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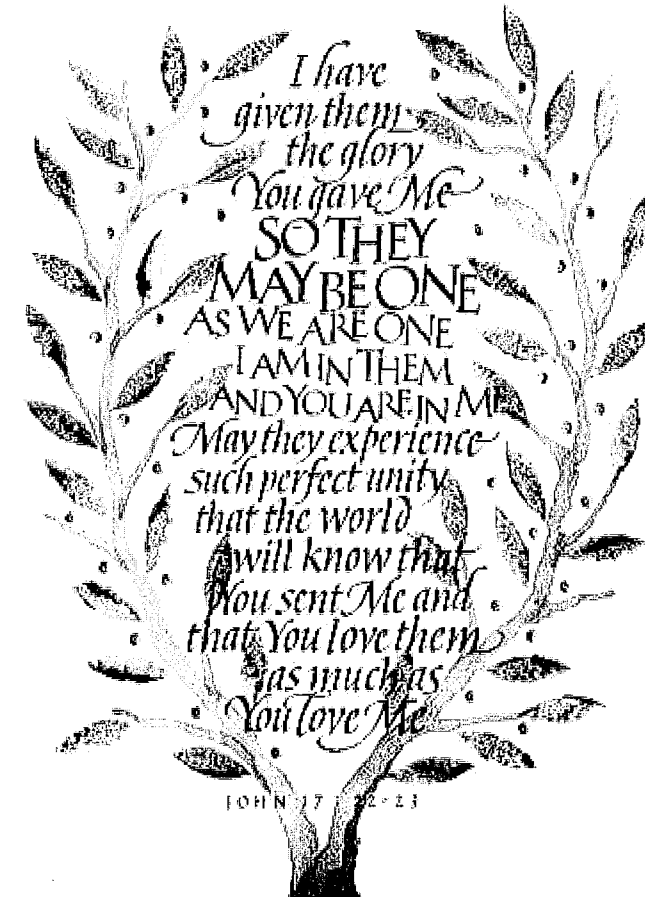
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Nine O'Clock
Seventh Sunday of Easter

May 29, 2022

Liturgist: Dawn Shultz
Reader: Sarah Blauch

God is Still Speaking ...

"As we express our gratitude, we must never forget that the highest appreciation is not to utter words but to live by them"

- John F. Kennedy

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE "Let There Be Peace on Earth" Miller/Jackson

*SOLEMN DECLARATION AND SUNG AMEN

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: Let us recognize that God is within and among us this day.

People: We praise God with great joy and we are grateful for the grace in which we stand.

Pastor: God raises us on eagles' wings and draws us into a beloved community.

People: We will listen for God's commandments and seek to do all that God requires.

* HYMN "God, Our Nation Feels The Loss" (Insert)

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Loving God, we often fail to recognize that you are always with us. We are the ungodly ones who deny your love by our failure to love others. We deny your law by our failure to live by it. We struggle to believe in your promises. We appear more burdened than joyful in the midst of your wondrous gift of life. We rarely pause to give you the thanks you deserve. We need your forgiveness this day, and help us to focus our vision onto the people you have called us to be...

Silent confession...

*KYRIE ELEISON

*Lord, have mercy upon us. Lord, Have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.*

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

God's favor rests on us. Sincere confession is met with caring acceptance. God hears the prayers of our hearts and grants us peace the world cannot give. While we were yet sinners, Christ died for us, that we might have access to the grace in which we stand. God has loosened our bonds and freed us to share God's glory. **Thanks be to God! Amen!**

SPECIAL MUSIC "Eternal Life" Olive Dungan
Jeff Clouser

CHILDREN'S SERMON

THE SCRIPTURES

New Testament Acts 16: 16 - 34
*Gospel John 17: 20 - 26

*THE GLORIA PATRI

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost: as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

*PROCLAIMING OUR FAITH - The Apostle's Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ his only begotten Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into Hades; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Acts 16: 16 – 34

One day, as we were going to the place of prayer, we met a slave-girl who had a spirit of divination and brought her owners a great deal of money by fortune-telling. While she followed Paul and us, she would cry out, "These men are slaves of the Most High God, who proclaim to you a way of salvation." She kept doing this for many days. But Paul, very much annoyed, turned and said to the spirit, "I order you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her." And it came out that very hour.

But when her owners saw that their hope of making money was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the marketplace before the authorities. When they had brought them before the magistrates, they said, "These men are disturbing our city; they are Jews and are advocating customs that are not lawful for us as Romans to adopt or observe." The crowd joined in attacking them, and the magistrates had them stripped of their clothing and ordered them to be beaten with rods. After they had given them a severe flogging, they threw them into prison and ordered the jailer to keep them securely. Following these instructions, he put them in the innermost cell and fastened their feet in the stocks.

About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them. Suddenly there was an earthquake, so violent that the foundations of the prison were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened and everyone's chains were unfastened. When the jailer woke up and saw the prison doors wide open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself, since he supposed that the prisoners had escaped. But Paul shouted in a loud

voice, "Do not harm yourself, for we are all here." The jailer called for lights, and rushing in, he fell down trembling before Paul and Silas. Then he brought them outside and said, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" They answered, "Believe on the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household." They spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house. At the same hour of the night he took them and washed their wounds; then he and his entire family were baptized without delay. He brought them up into the house and set food before them; and he and his entire household rejoiced that he had become a believer in God.

John 17: 20 – 26

Jesus said, "I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word, that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one, I in them and you in me, that they may become completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me. Father, I desire that those also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory, which you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world.

"Righteous Father, the world does not know you, but I know you; and these know that you have sent me. I made your name known to them, and I will make it known, so that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them."

TENDER THEY LIE

Written by Amos Disasa

Tender they lie,
numbered to nineteen
fated to find eternal rest
where innocence was once expressed
during hopscotch and homeroom.
Their right to carry
on with the final days of school
undisturbed by evil, GONE.

Tender they lie,
waiting for black Texas night
to bury the devil of this day.
Too soon to say resurrection –
stolen hope heals the slowest, or never.
We grieve for parents in Uvalde
and for us, so quick to lament what
we fail to prevent.

Tender they lie,
the prayers we spill
with nowhere to go.
On this night there are no survivors.
Only creation quivers
as God's children weep and whisper
mercy, mercy, mercy.

Lord be tender
hear our prayer. Amen.

GOD, OUR NATION FEELS THE LOSS

Sung to the tune of "For the Beauty of the Earth"

God, our nation feels the loss
as our children pay the cost
for the violence we accept,
for the silence we have kept.
Rachel weeps for children gone;
God of love, this can't go on!

Jesus, Lord, we hear you say,
"Don't turn little ones away!"
May we build a kinder land
where our children understand:
Every child here matters more
that the guns we clamor for.

Holy Spirit, wind and flame,
send us out in Jesus' name.
May we shout and say, "Enough!"
May we build a world of love –
till the sounds of weapons cease,
till our young can grow in peace.

This hymn was written in remembrance of the
beloved children of God who died in the school
shooting at Robb Elementary School in
Uvalde, Texas

Written by Carolyn Winfrey Gillette
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GOD OF FUTURES YET UNFOLDING

God of futures yet unfolding,
ever making all things new:
grant us pathways in our wand'ring,
light when darkness dims our view.
Open doors when dread defeats us.
Set discouraged captives free.
God of futures yet unfolding,
help our blinded eyes to see.

God of ev'ry fresh creation,
tend us with a gard'ner's hand.
On your people pour your Spirit,
water on a thirsty land:
'til we spring like grassy meadows,
poplar trees by flowing streams.
God of ev'ry fresh creation,
reawaken Eden's dreams.

God of resurrection splendor,
burn away the haze of fear.
Clear our hearts to face tomorrow,
bright with hope's unfading cheer.
Through the future's vast unfolding,
in each new creation's breath,
God of resurrection splendor,
shine in triumph over death!

Mary Louise Bringle, Text: GIA Publications

Shalom to You

Unison D Em A7 D

Sha - lom to you now, sha - lom, my friends.

Bm Em A7 D

May God's full mer - cies bless you, my friends.

G Em A F#m

In all your liv - ing and through your lov - ing,

Bm Em A7 D

Christ be your sha - lom, Christ be your sha - lom.

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ST. MARK'S PRAYER LIST

John and Yvonne Null

Andy Shearer

Sue Kline and Family

Glenn and LuAnn Schneider

Ed Reppert and Family

Deb Weise

Diane Vogel

Nancy Freed

Deb Ellis

The People of Ukraine

Victims and families of all the shootings

ST. MARK'S ANNOUNCEMENTS **Schedule for Week of May 29, 2022**

Sunday Service – 9:00 AM

Sunday – Adult Sunday School – 10:15 AM (Fellowship Hall)

Sunday – Choir Rehearsal – 10:30 AM

The bulletins are sponsored by the Congregation to the Glory of God.

The following dates are available for flowers: July 3, 24 and 31 and August 7. The following dates are available for the bulletins: July 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 and August 7, 14 and 21, and 28. Please call the office if interested in sponsoring the flowers or bulletins for the dates listed above. 717-273-0151 between 9:30 AM & 1:30 PM – Monday – Friday.

There will be a second town hall immediately after church on June 5th. What is the purpose of these town halls? This is an opportunity for us as a congregation to brainstorm where we'd like to head going forward. Ideas for anything pertaining to the church are welcome. Come and bring some innovative ideas. Thanks.

There is a sign-up sheet for Fellowship Day for the Ladies on June 25, 2022, in narthex. Brunch and paint party from 10 AM to 12 PM.

Yvonne Null is at Cedar Haven now. Her address is: Cedar Haven Healthcare Center, 590 S. 5th Ave., Room 108F, Lebanon, PA 17042

Kid's Kamp registration forms are in the narthex.

SAVE THE DATE:

July 18-21, 2022 – Kid's Kamp (Pine Acres)

August 21, 2022 – Church Picnic (Pine Acres)

Conference Call information:

Dial (215) 383-1625 Enter conference code: 569284

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