

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER RESPONSE

"Hear Our Prayer"

*Hear our prayer, O Lord. Hear our prayer, O Lord.
Hear our prayer, O Lord, and give us your peace.*

MESSAGE

Reflecting on Missions

Kathy Follett, Vickie Ristenbatt, Peg Scholl, Pastor Dave

* 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

* LORD'S PRAYER (using debts and debtors)

* BENEDICTION AND THREEFOLD AMEN

* HYMN #589 (Green Hymnal) "Here I Am, Lord"

* SILENT MEDITATION

POSTLUDE

"Jesus Is All the World to Me"

W.L. Thompson

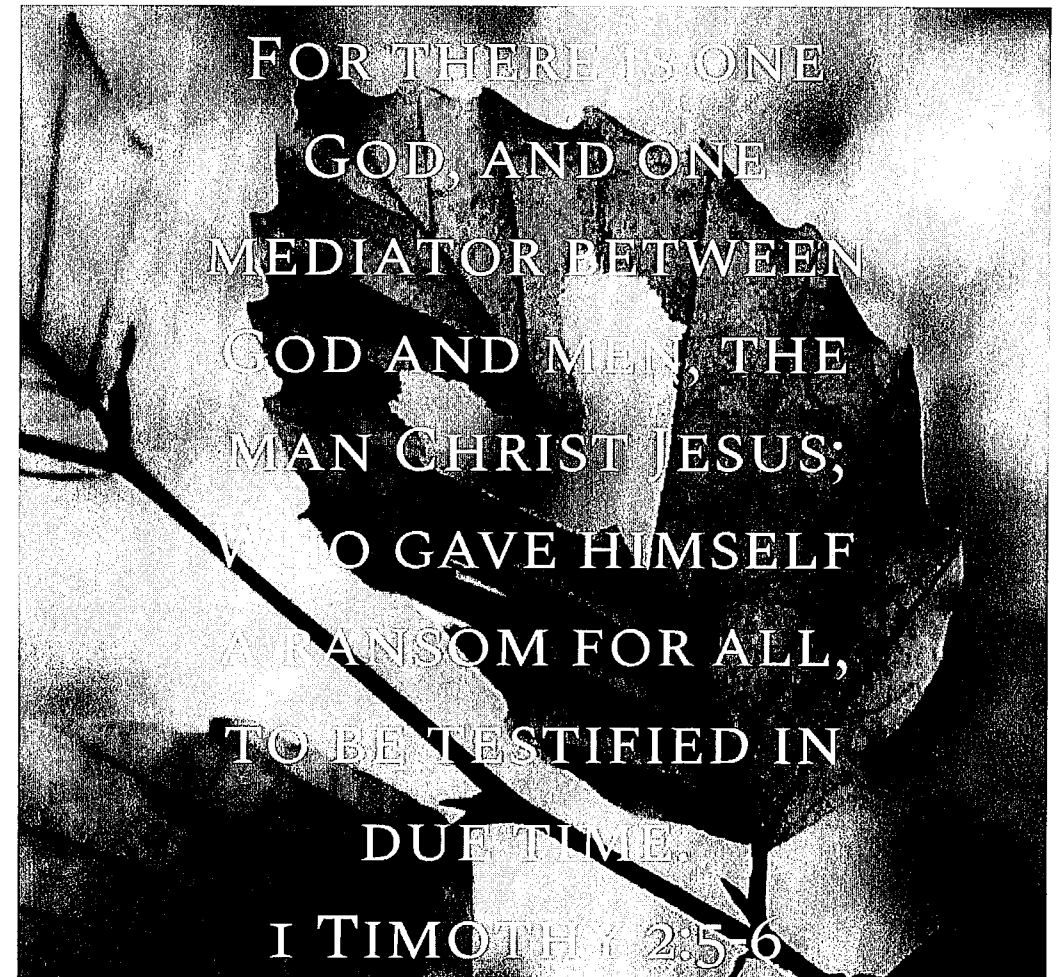
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Nine O'Clock
Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 18, 2022

Reader: Deborah Follett

God is Still Speaking ...

"God is looking for willing hearts. God has no favorites. You do not have to be special, but you have to be available."

- Winkie Pratney

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE "Be Thou My Vision" R. Lau

* SOLEMN DECLARATION AND SUNG AMEN

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: My friends, we are called to lives of prayerful awareness of ourselves, of our community, and of the world.

People: We gather to praise the living God, who hears and answers the outpouring of our prayers.

Pastor: May we be awakened to the voice of Christ who calls us to faithfulness.

People: May our faith be seen in using God's resources and resourcefulness in serving the world.

* HYMN #431 (Green Hymnal) "Shine, Jesus, Shine"

* CALL TO CONFESSION

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Everlasting God, we confess how we have not lived as your people. We serve many masters – work, wealth, power, addictions – yet find no hope in them. We hear the cries of the poor, but we shut the doors of our hearts to them. We ridicule those who expose their hopes and dreams to us. Forgive us and heal us of our brokenness. Make us well, so that by our healing, we might be the hope and love others need in their lives...

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

We can let go of the pain, the bitterness, and the anger of our lives so that we can be kind, tender-hearted, and gentle towards each other; forgiving others as God has forgiven us. We are God's beloved children, and will model God's grace and love in our hearts.

Thanks be to God! Amen!

CHILDREN'S SERMON

MEDITATION IN SONG "You Raise Me Up" J. Groban
Kathy Follett – Piano Cindy Johnson - Organ

THE SCRIPTURES (see insert)

New Testament 1 Timothy 2: 1 - 7
*Gospel Luke 16: 1 - 13

* 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.

1 Timothy 2: 1 – 7

First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone, for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity. This is right and is acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.

For there is one God; there is also one mediator between God and humankind, Christ Jesus, himself human, who gave himself a ransom for all — this was attested at the right time. For this I was appointed a herald and an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

Luke 16: 1 – 13

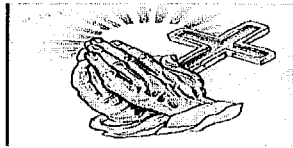
Then Jesus said to the disciples, "There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was squandering his property. So he summoned him and said to him, 'What is this that I hear about you? Give me an accounting of your management, because you cannot be my manager any longer.' Then the manager said to himself, 'What will I do, now that my master is taking the position away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. I have decided what to do so that, when I am dismissed as manager, people may welcome me into their homes.' So, summoning his master's debtors one by one, he asked the first, 'How much do you owe my master?' He answered, 'A hundred jugs of olive oil.' He said to

him, 'Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it fifty.' Then he asked another, 'And how much do you owe?' He replied, 'A hundred containers of wheat.' He said to him, 'Take your bill and make it eighty.' And his master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly; for the children of this age are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light. And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of dishonest wealth so that when it is gone, they may welcome you into the eternal homes.

"Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much; and whoever is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much. If then you have not been faithful with the dishonest wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? And if you have not been faithful with what belongs to another, who will give you what is your own? No slave can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth."

**For God has not given
us a spirit of fear, but of
power and of love and
of a sound mind.**

2 Timothy 1:7



ST. MARK'S PRAYER LIST

Andy Shearer

Deb Weise

Diane Vogel

Ken and Charlotte Wengert

Eva Miller

Lynn Balmer

Adria Ortiz (Cindy Johnson's Granddaughter)

Debbie Conzelmann

Kay Peiffer

Isaiah Witters

Bud Kneasel (Candy Wentzel's brother)

Matthew Day

Chuck Warfel

Friends, Family and Colleagues affected by Covid

Flood Victims in Kentucky and Texas

The People of Ukraine

Victims and families of all the shootings

ST. MARK'S ANNOUNCEMENTS **Schedule for Week of September 18, 2022**

Sunday – Koffee Klatsch – 8:30 – 9 AM and 10 – 10:30 AM

Worship Service – 9:00 AM

Adult Sunday School – 10:15 AM

Choir Rehearsal – 10:30 AM

Wednesday – Bible Study – 10 AM and 6:30 PM

Thursday – Evangelism Committee Meeting – 7 PM

Bell Rehearsal – 7:30 PM

The following dates available for flowers: October 2, 23 and November 27. Available dates for bulletins are: October 2, 23 and 30 and November 13, 20 and 27. 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.

Koffee Klatsch sign up sheet for snacks/treats in narthex. Please sign up if you want to bring in treats.

Making A Difference of Lebanon, 6th Annual Toiletries and Socks Collection Drive – Container is in narthex. See sign on table for items needed.

Boscovs – Friends Helping Friends Coupons – will be on sale in the narthex today. The coupon is for October 19th. The price is \$5.00. These coupons benefit the Fellowship and Mission Committee.

Hoss's Steak and Sea House Coupons for October 9, 2022 are in narthex.

Kid's Team and Youth have a busy day October 9th. Kid's Team will be heading to Corn Cob Acres while Youth will be going to Field of Screams. For more information, see the board in the narthex or check with Kathy.

SAVE THE DATES:

September 20, 2022 – Women's Study Group – 6:30 PM

October 2, 2022 – Worldwide Communion and Blanket Sunday

October 9, 2022 – Hoss's Day

Kid's Team – Corn Cob Acres

Youth – Field of Screams

Conference Call information:

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

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