

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.

JOYS AND CONCERNS

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 grant us thy peace.*

SERMON

"Christian Community, Part II: No Worries"

Rev. David A. Jones

\* OUR OFFERING AND OFFERTORY "God Will Take Care of You"

R. Anderson

\* THE 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 "All of Life is Filled with Wonder" (insert)

\* SILENT MEDITATION

POSTLUDE "His Eye Is On The Sparrow"

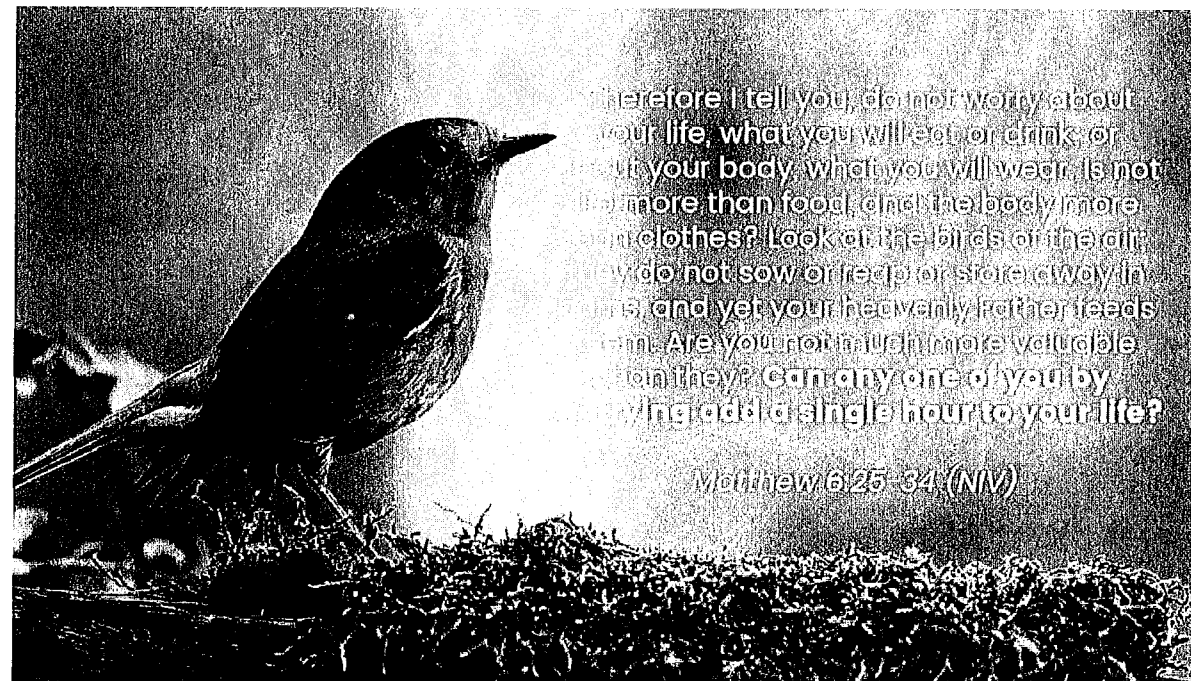
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Rev. David A. Jones, Pastor



Ten O'Clock  
Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 17, 2023

**Reader:** Susan Fisher

**God is Still Speaking ...**

*"Worry is like a rocking chair – it keeps you moving but doesn't get you anywhere."*

- Corrie Ten Boom

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE "My Shepherd Will Supply My Needs" G. Martin

\* SOLEMN DECLARATION AND SUNG AMEN

\* CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: God has done great things for us, filling us with grace.

**People: As God fed our ancestors in the wilderness, God is our source of hope today.**

Pastor: Offer your hearts to God and place your trust in the Creator of all things.

**People: We will sing our thanks and praise for God's presence in our lives.**

\* HYMN #575 (Green Hymnal) "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms"

\* CALL TO CONFESSION

\* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Creating God, because we live in a fast-paced world, we spend more time trying to keep up with tomorrow, but we forget what you have done for us today. Our faith is often pushed to the back of the closet, to make room for all the fears we wear so easily. As you clothe us with your grace and mercy, may we share with those who have so little. As our hearts overflow with your love and wonder, may we offer them as gifts to everyone we meet. As you feed us with your joy and hope, may we welcome those who are filled with tears and pain.**

*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.*

\* WORDS OF GRACE AND MERCY

This is the good news: as God has clothed creation in wonder, we will be clothed in transformative grace. As God has poured abundance upon the earth, we will have peace and joy poured into our lives. May we always be aware of the healing, the blessings, and the forgiveness God has brought to our lives. **Thanks be to God! Amen!**

SPECIAL MUSIC "Autumn Pastorale" D. L. Moore  
Cindy Johnson

CHILDREN'S SERMON

THE SCRIPTURES (insert)  
Old Testament Exodus 16: 1 – 7, 13 – 15, 31, 35  
\*Gospel Matthew 6: 25 - 34

\* 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.

## All of Life is Filled With Wonder

Sung to the tune of "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"  
Words written by Carolyn Winfrey Gillette © 2010

All of life is filled with wonder, so we thank you, God of love  
For the crash of evening thunder,  
clearing clouds, then stars above;  
For the night that turns to glowing  
as we feel the morning mist,  
God, we praise and thank you, knowing  
every day we're truly blessed.

For the joy of daily waking, for the gift of each new day,  
For the smell of fresh bread baking,  
for the sound of children's play,  
For the ways we seek to serve you as we work and volunteer,  
God we humbly praise and thank you  
for your presence with us here.

For the ways we're blessed with plenty  
love and laughter, neighbors, friends,  
Nature's wonders, seasons' bounty,  
life in you that never ends,  
For the ones who've gone before us,  
giving witness to your way.

We rejoice in all you give us every moment, every day.

For your love in times of trouble,  
for your peace when things are tough,  
For your help when hardships double,  
for your grace that is enough,  
For a stranger's gentle kindness, for a doctor's healing skill  
God, we thank you that you bless us,  
and you bless your world as well.

For the baby in the manger, for the cross and empty tomb,  
For each time a searching stranger  
finds at church a welcome home  
For your kingdom's great surprises  
poor ones lifted, lost ones found  
God, we thank you! Hope still rises,  
for your gifts of grace abound.

# Scripture

# Readings

and

# Closing

# Hymn

For

# September 17<sup>th</sup>, 2023

## **Exodus 16: 1 – 7, 13 – 15, 31, 35**

The whole congregation of the Israelites set out from Elim; and Israel came to the wilderness of Sin, which is between Elim and Sinai, on the fifteenth day of the second month after they had departed from the land of Egypt. The whole congregation of the Israelites complained against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness. The Israelites said to them, "If only we had died by the hand of the Lord in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the fleshpots and ate our fill of bread; for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger."

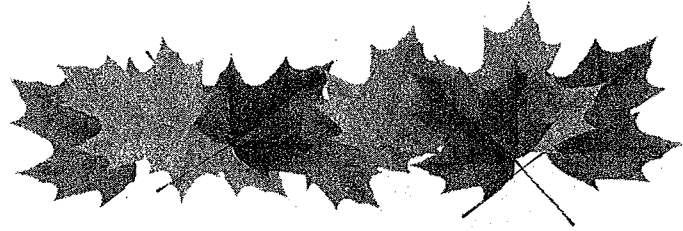
Then the Lord said to Moses, "I am going to rain bread from heaven for you, and each day the people shall go out and gather enough for that day. In that way I will test them, whether they will follow my instruction or not. On the sixth day, when they prepare what they bring in, it will be twice as much as they gather on other days." So Moses and Aaron said to all the Israelites, "In the evening you shall know that it was the Lord who brought you out of the land of Egypt, and in the morning you shall see the glory of the Lord, because he has heard your complaining against the Lord. For what are we, that you complain against us?"

In the evening quails came up and covered the camp; and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. When the layer of dew lifted, there on the surface of the wilderness was a fine flaky substance, as fine as frost on the ground. When the Israelites saw it, they said to one another, "What is it?" For they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, "It is the bread that the Lord has given you to

eat." The house of Israel called it manna; it was like coriander seed, white, and the taste of it was like wafers made with honey. The Israelites ate manna forty years, until they came to a habitable land; they ate manna, until they came to the border of the land of Canaan.

## **Matthew 6: 25 – 34**

Jesus said, "Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith? Therefore do not worry, saying, 'What will we eat?' or 'What will we drink?' or 'What will we wear?' For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. "So do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring worries of its own. Today's trouble is enough for today."



**POEM FROM CHARLOTTE WENGERT FOR HER  
GRANDSON, HEATH EDWARD RHOADS,  
AND FOR ANYONE ELSE THAT HAS  
LOST A LOVED ONE**

*God saw you getting tired  
When a cure was not to be  
So He wrapped His arms around you  
And whispered "Come to Me"  
You didn't deserve what you went through,  
So He gave you needed rest.  
God's garden must be beautiful  
He only takes the best.*



### ST. MARK'S PRAYER LIST

Andy Shearer

Deb Weise

Ken and Charlotte Wengert

Lynn Balmer

David Ansalvish (Cindy Johnson's Brother)

Rod Nissley (Deb Ellis' son)

David Minnich (Friend of Deb Ellis)

Earl Whorley

Stephanie Wagner (Faye Fox's niece)

Jeffrey Clouser

Mary Hilton (Peg Scholl brother's mother-in law)

Trudy Berkheimer

John Blanda (Lynn Balmer's brother-in-law)

Jeanette Heim

Ed Olden

Nancy Freed

Lois Smith

Shirley Shaak

Members from our church family who are shut-in or home bound

The People of Ukraine

The People of Morocco

The People of Libya

### ST. MARK'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### Schedule for September 17, 2023

Sunday      Choir Practice – 8:30 AM  
                  Koffee Klatsch – 9:30-10AM and 11-11:30 AM  
                  Worship Service – 10:00 AM  
                  Fellowship & Hospitality Committee Meeting–after church (Fellowship Hall)

Monday      Christian Ed Committee Meeting – 6:30 PM  
                  Good Samaritan Committee Meeting – 6:30 PM

Wednesday Bible Study – 10 AM and 6:30 PM

The flowers on the Communion Table are presented in memory of Heath Edward Rhoads, grandson of Charlotte and Ken Wengert.

**Flowers and Bulletins** – Dates available for flowers are: October 1, 22 and 29. Dates available for bulletins are: September 24, October 1, 22 and 29. Please contact the office if interested.

**Boscovs "Friends Helping Friends" Coupons** – are now being sold in narthex. The proceeds of this fundraiser benefits our Christmas Family Gala. Coupon is \$5 and you get a 25% shopping pass on October 18, 2023. Any questions, please contact Diane Vogel.

**Blanket Sunday** – Envelopes will be in your bulletin Sunday, October 1, 2023. Members, please remember to put your name and church number on envelope if paying cash and you want it posted to your account. Let's "Blanket the World in Love." Thank you.

**Endowment and budget requests** – are due by October 8<sup>th</sup>. Please hand them into the office.

**7<sup>th</sup> Annual Toiletries and Socks Collection Drive** – see container in narthex. Benefits Making A Difference of Lebanon and SARCC. Donations taken from September 1-24<sup>th</sup>.

**Women's Small Group** – Our sessions will start Tuesday, September 26<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30 PM. Participants should complete the week one devotional prior to the 26<sup>th</sup> and if you have not received your book, please check with MJ.

#### **SAVE THE DATES:**

October 1, 2023 – Holy Communion and Potluck Lunch and Blanket Sunday  
 October 8, 2023 – Hoss's Day – Fundraiser  
 November 11, 2023 – Community Meal  
 November 13, 14, 15, 2023 – Candy Making

Conference Call information:  
 Dial (215) 383-1625 Enter conference code: 569284  
 Press\* when asked for your attendee pin