Third Sunday after Pentecost FATHER'S DAY - Festival of the Christian Home

Sunday, June 18, 2023

Theme: Transformation Begins with Call



After Jesus called Matthew and the others, Jesus summoned all the twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to cure every disease and every sickness." Matthew 10:1

GATHERING

Prelude:

"All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!" Oliver Holden

Greeting and Welcome to Worship

Call to Worship Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19

Leader: I love the LORD, because he has heard my voice and my supplications. People: Because the Lord inclined his ear to me, therefore I will call on him as long as I live.

Leader: What shall we return to the LORD for all his bounty to us.

People: We will pay our vows to the LORD in the presence of all God's people. We will offer to the LORD a thanksgiving sacrifice and call on God's name.

Leader: We are your servants; You have loosed our bonds.

*Hymn: #634 "To God Be the Glory" (see download)

*Prayer of the Day

Gracious God, Creator of the earth and all its people, make us ever mindful of our connection to You and to one another. We see the deep need for healing within our land and our world—for individuals, families, and communities. We are dismayed by the far reaches of sin and disharmony of which we, too, are a part. Forgive us, Lord, touch us by your Spirit, and bring healing. Call us to common ground and a common spirit. We offer our sincere willingness, asking only for the opportunity to touch others with healing grace and the opportunity to serve you, through your Son, Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit, AMEN.

Affirmation Our Faith - "Faith of Our Fathers"

(Written by Frederick William Faber, Church of England and later joining the Roman Catholic Church to influence Roman Catholics to sing like the Protestants. He wrote 150 hymns, this being the best known.) (see insert) (see download)

SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Leader: The Peace of Christ be with you. **People: And also with you.** (*Offer the "wave of peace" to those around you or greet those you comfortably can*)

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

Special Music "My Lord, What a Morning" African American Spiritual John Shuler

Scripture: Matthew 9:35-10:8, (9-23)

Sermon: **"Following After"**

*Hymn: #792 "There Is a Balm in Gilead" (see download)

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

Offering of Tithes and Gifts

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Ever Creating God, continue to call us and may our gifts bring honor to your name in this place and beyond. Grow in us compassionate living and bring hope to the world You love. AMEN Sharing Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People

*Hymn: #817 "We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight" (see download)

*Charge and Benediction

Leader: Holy God, Three in One, you are our eternal hope, our companion in life, our liberating power.



People: Lead us in your mission, baptizing and teaching in your blessed name, so that all may worship you to the end of the age.

Postl	ude
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"Aina' That Good News" William L. Dawson, composer and "Every Time I Feel the Spirit" Arranged by John Shuler

The End of Worship The Beginning of Service

*Those who are able, please stand

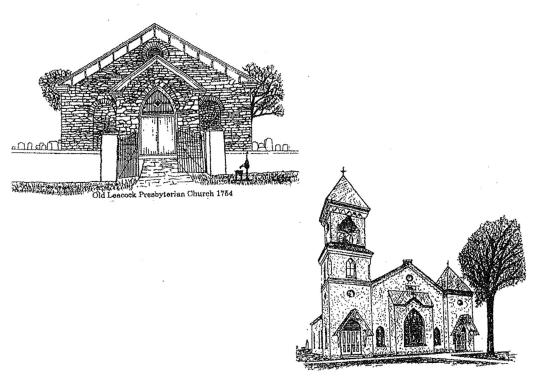
Rev. James Shuler, Interim Pastor Mrs. Dianne Yuninger, Organist/Choir Director

<u>Prayers of the Congregation</u> Prayer Person this week: Ellen E. Barnes

The Sanctuary Flowers are in Loving Memory of John Herman Brackbill Given by cousin Jim

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