



MECHANICSBURG PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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August 6, 2017 • 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time • 9:30 AM

Mechanicsburg Presbyterian Church is a marvelous mixture of God's people. We are strong and weak, sad and joyful, faithful and sinful, graced and searching, young and old, married, single, divorced and widowed. Regardless of who we are, we need one another and we need to celebrate Jesus Christ who lives within us. We're glad you're here!



Vacation Bible School 2017

Along the Road with Jesus

Prelude

Simple Gifts

N. Goemanne, Introduction, I, II

Today's Prelude, Offertory, and Postlude are selected movements from Partita on the tune "Simple Gifts" by Noel Goemanne. This popular tune found at #157 is also known as "Lord of the Dance", Shaker Melody and Shaker Hymn. We will sing it later in worship. Noel Goemanne, born 1926 in Poperinge, Belgium, was arrested during World War II for publicly playing the music of the Jewish composer Felix Mendelssohn. He came to America after marrying in 1952 and worked as a church musician, clinician, and established the Sacred Music program at St. Joseph College in Rensselaer, Indiana. He was also a well-regarded composer. This piece of music was a gift from Arthur (see my recent Cornerstone article).

Welcome & Concerns of the Church

During this time, please take a moment to sign the pew pad and pass it along the pew, taking note of the persons sitting with you so you can greet them warmly by name.

Centering Prayer

***Introit**

*VBS Morning Prayer Song
Praise and thanksgiving let everyone bring;
Unto our God for every good thing.
All together joyfully sing!*

***Call to Worship**

Deuteronomy 6:4-9 (Shema)

Hear, O Israel:

The Lord is our God, the Lord alone. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul and with all your might. Keep these words that I am commanding you today in your heart. Recite them to your children and talk about them when you are at home and when you are away, when you lie down and when you rise. Bind them as a sign on your hand, fix them as an emblem on your forehead and write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.

Let us worship together!

Let us share God's story!

***Hymn #462**

I Love to Tell the Story

HANKEY

If you have a prayer request you would like to share with the pastors, please fill out a card from the pew rack and pass it to the center aisle where an usher will collect it.

***Prayer of Praise and Adoration**

Almighty God, we love to tell your story! We give thanks for the words passed down from generation to generation reminding us of Jesus and his love. Today we will once again hear about 'The Catch and the Call'; 'Raising the Roof'; 'The Big Picnic'; 'Mary and Martha'; and 'On the Road to Morning'. We give thanks for these stories and so many others that proclaim your glory, your mercy, and your love. Amen.

***Response #581**

Glory Be to the Father

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, Amen.*

***The Passing of God's Love and Peace**

The Peace of Christ be with you... **And also with you.**

Proclaiming the Word

We experience the Word of God.

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Lesson

Luke 4:14-15

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This is the Word of the Lord... **Thanks be to God.**

Anthem

2017 VBS

All children and helpers who were involved with VBS are invited to come forward.
We invite children to remain in worship. There is a nursery available for infants through 5 year olds.

Along the Road with Jesus



1. The Catch and the Call
—Luke 5:1-11

**Refrain: *Along the road with Jesus, come follow, follow, everyone.
Along the road with Jesus, come with us, and sing this song.***

Who's that sailing out to sea?

Jesus, sailing on Galilee.

Calling Peter, James, and John, and saying,

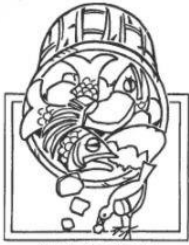
"Follow, fisher folk follow me.



2. Raising the Roof
—Luke 5:17-26

Refrain: *Along the road with Jesus, come follow, follow, everyone.
Along the road with Jesus, come with us, and sing this song.*

See the crowd all gathered round,
Jesus teaches in a tiny town.
Paralyzed man and the Pharisee hear Christ say,
"Rise and walk, from sin be free."



3. The Big Picnic
—Luke 9:10-17

Refrain: *Along the road with Jesus, come follow, follow, everyone.
Along the road with Jesus, come with us, and sing this song.*

Far away from the nearest town,
Jesus sits all the people down.
Blesses the fish and breaks the bread, and we see
multitudes of people fed.



4. Mary and Martha
—Luke 10:38-42

Refrain: *Along the road with Jesus, come follow, follow, everyone.
Along the road with Jesus, come with us, and sing this song.*

Mary sits at the teacher's feet
Martha cooks and makes things neat.
She wants Mary to do her part, but Mary
listens to Jesus with her mind and heart.



5. On the Road to Morning
—Luke 24:13-35

Refrain: *Along the road with Jesus, come follow, follow, everyone.
Along the road with Jesus, come with us, and sing this song.*

Stranger on the Emmaus road,
Meets two disciples with a heavy load.
When they think their journey's done, like us, their
journey's only just begun. (REPEAT REFRAIN)

Responding to the Word

We affirm our faith and commitment to the Word of God.

*Declaration of Faith

The Apostles' Creed

The word 'catholic' refers to the entire Christian church; 'quick' means living:

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, And in Jesus Christ his only 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 hell; 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.

Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer

Offering of Tithes & Gifts

Worshippers: Please place the top sheet of the fellowship pads in the offering plates.

Offertory

Simple Gifts

N. Goemanne, III, V

***Doxology**

OLD HUNDREDTH

***Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise Him all creatures here below;
Praise Him above ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.***

***Prayer of Dedication**

*This morning we dedicate the donations to the Health Ministry Program at Christ Lutheran Church in Harrisburg. This is a medical outreach service that provides care to patients in the Allison Hill district of Harrisburg who would otherwise fall through the cracks of the healthcare system.
Thank you for your generosity to this important program!*

Bearing & Following the Word

We declare the Word of God throughout the week.

***Hymn #157**

I Danced in the Morning

LORD OF THE DANCE

***Charge & Benediction**

***Choral Response #157, Refrain**

I Danced in the Morning

LORD OF THE DANCE

***Dance, then, wherever you may be; I am the Lord of the Dance, said he,
And I'll lead you all, wherever that may be, and I'll lead you all in the dance, said he.***

***Postlude**

Simple Gifts

N. Goemanne, VII

*** Please greet one another in Christ's name ***

VISITORS: Welcome! Information about MPC can be found in the packets in the pews. If you are interested in additional information, please ask anyone around you or contact one of the pastors. Fair trade coffee and snacks are served after worship in the Gathering Area just outside the Sanctuary doors. This is also where you will find the restrooms, including baby changing stations. Children's worship kits are located in the back of the Sanctuary.

The flowers are placed to the glory of God in honor of John and Emily (Honafius) Savage on their recent marriage by Jim Honafius; and may God's blessings be upon the young people of our church for they are our future by Ted and Gail Foor. The yellow rose in the Sanctuary symbolizes the presence of the Holy Spirit in our midst.

We extend our Christian love and sympathy to Barbara Showers and Kiera Richards on the death of their daughter and mother, Danielle Eckert. Danielle grew up here at MPC and entered the Church Triumphant July 24, 2017. *Blessed are those who see the Lord face to face.*

Congratulations Rich Trouton and wife Lauren, who proudly announced the adoption of two little sisters, Gloria and Madison. The adoption ceremony took place on August 3 and will be celebrated at a picnic/party at the county park on August 12. It will be attended by all the adoptees and their family and guests. All are thrilled. Rich is the son of Tom and Montienne Trouton and grew up here at MPC.

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More People Caring

Participating in Worship:
Greeters: VBS Children
Ushers: VBS Children, Bev Coleman
Nursery: Laura, Lucy & Danielle Martin
Fellowship Host: Rick & Bev Coleman
Church to Pray for: Paxton Presbyterian Church, Harrisburg, PA

WEEK OF AUGUST 6 - 13, 2017

SUN	9:30 AM	Worship Service
	10:45 AM	New Member Class
MON	11:30 AM	Downtown Daily Bread
	1 PM	Love Quilters
	7 PM	Deacons
TUE	9:30 AM	New Hope Youth
	12 N	Ecu. Food Pantry
WED	9 AM	Presby Peelers
	9:30 AM	Corn Prep for Peach Festival
THU	9:30 AM	New Hope Youth
	6:30 PM	B. S. Dist. Roundtable
	7 PM	Untapped Conversations
FRI	6:15 AM	Men's Friday Fellowship
SUN	9:30 AM	Worship
	9:30 AM	Reception of New Members



A New Member Class will be held **today** following worship in the Conference Room (lunch will be provided). New members will be received into the congregation during the worship service on August 13th.

Giant Gift Cards – Orders will be taken this morning for Giant gift cards. Proceeds will go to support the MPC mission trips.

Healing & Wholeness – If you wish to receive prayers, the laying on of hands and/or anointing with oil for you or another, walk up to the waiting church leaders by the prayer room at the left side of the Sanctuary during the postlude and express your need. Petitions are offered for healing and wholeness (physical, mental and spiritual) for ourselves and for others. This time is for concerns, burdens and grief, as well as for the need of feeling God's presence in one's life.

Blessing of the Backpacks – On Sunday, August 20, we will be blessing backpacks before the start of the 2017-2018 school year. Students (and teachers!) are invited to bring backpacks, book bags, etc., to receive a blessing as they begin the journey of another year.

Untapped Conversations will meet Thursday at the Lancaster Brewing Company in Harrisburg at 7 PM.

He Brews men's Bible study group will meet August 17, 7 PM, at Marzoni's Brick Oven & Brewing Co. on Ritter Road, Mechanicsburg.

Love Quilters are continuing through the summer will meet tomorrow at the home of Gail McVitty. Our next meeting will be on September 11.

The MPC Board of Deacons is asking for your help with "our" Syrian refugee family in Harrisburg, the Al Rahals. Three of their seven children are still in diapers. We would like to collect diapers (sizes 4 and 6) and wipes to help them out. We're happy to report that father Maner now has a job, but his income is stretched to the limit to take care of such a large family. Please leave your donations on the table in the Conference Room. Thank you so much for your past and on-going generosity.

Please continue to keep the search for a new Christian Educator in your prayers. We thank the committee (Jim Honafius, Ted Foor, Tim Wonder, Kim Parent) for all of their hard work!

Financial Statements for the first half of the year are available in the Gathering Area. Please pick up your statement on your way home this morning.



Vacation Bible School

The following VBS teachers, teens and many others have helped make this an enjoyable week for approximately 80 children and youth from our church and community.

Planning Team – Susan Karakantas, Caryn Rufo, Carrie Allio, Mary Speedy

Registration – Connie Sutton

Cherubs/ 3 Year Olds: Carrie Allio, Karen Taylor

Thomas/4 Year Olds: Larry Lichty

Joanna/Kindergarten – Emeline Lucas

Philip/Gr. 1 – Matt Stern

James/Gr. 2 – Rich Blessing

Andrew/Gr. 3 – Lanny Nesbitt

Mary, Mother of John Mark/Gr. 4&5 – Jenny Hajnik

Story Tellers – Mark Allio, Kathryn Johnston

Music – Mark McKeever

Games – Mike Morret, Mackenzie Morret

Crafts – Holly Andersen

Passport Agent – Karen Zang

Snacks – Erin Brooker, Dianne Nesbitt

Photos – Kathie Carmines

Adult Volunteers – Jess Antenucci, Sharon Chizar, Mike Daft, Marian Eichinger, Ted & Gail Foor, Lisa Gebhardt, Daniel Hajnik, Pat & Gary Heintzleman, Joanne Miller, Shawna Stover, Jim Speedy, Prudie Taney

Teen Helpers

Ava Antenucci

Owen Brewer

Kristopher Brooker

Jossy Fry

Trevor Fry

Alyssa Gebhardt

Kaleigh Gebhardt

Sydney Gray

Molly Kleinert

Danielle Martin

Ian McCurdy

Sean McCurdy



Peach Festival Saturday, August 26, 4-6:30 PM Pre-Peach Festival Help Needed

Sign-up today to **VOLUNTEER** to help with Peach Festival preparations and/or for the day of the festival.

Wednesday, August 9 – 9:30 AM in the church kitchen – husk, cut and freeze corn

Tuesday, August 22 – 1 PM in the church kitchen – chicken pickin’

Friday, August 25 – beginning at 9 AM in the church kitchen – pare peaches and bake pies

Saturday, August 26 – 3:45 - 6:45 PM – shifts of an hour and half to serve, clean tables, etc.

Prior to Friday, August 25 – Make pie shells at home (tin pie plates provided in kitchen) and return by **9 AM**

Friday. Any questions call Pat Heintzleman (717-766-2001 or 717-802-2880).

If you are interested in helping, PLEASE just “**SHOW UP!**” Any questions – contact Suzy Brenner (717-497-2745 or email suzy2745@gmail.com).

Soup sign-up sheets are available in the Gathering Area.

We are taking **Pre-Orders** for the Chicken Corn Soup. The cost is \$6/quart (limit 2 qts.). You may pre-order soup today and August 13 and 20 following services or contact Suzy Brenner. Let us know if you are bringing a container (marked with your name) for your soup or if we need to provide containers. ***Due to limited refrigerator space, orders MUST be picked up at the Peach Festival by 6 PM.*** You may also call **Suzy Brenner (717-497-2745)** to place your order. Soup **will NOT** be sold by the quart at the Peach Festival.

WE APPRECIATE YOUR SUPPORT FOR OUR PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN’S PROGRAMS!