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CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 21, 2017

11:00 AM

PRELUDE

“Petite Prelude and Fughetta”

Butler

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

WE APPROACH GOD

CHORAL INTROIT

“Clap Your Hands”
Chancel Choir

Daley

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Psalms 1: 1-3

Happy are those who do not follow the advice of the wicked,
or take the path that sinners tread, or sit in the seat of scoffers;
but their delight is in the law of the LORD,
and on his law, they meditate day and night.

They are like trees
planted by streams of water, which yield their fruit in its season,
and their leaves do not wither.
In all that they do, they prosper.

***HYMN OF PRAISE NO. 405**

“Praise God for This Holy Ground”

Heymonystraat

***INVOCATION**

Life-giving God, Easter day has come and gone but the paraments remind us that we are still in the season. If each Sunday is a “little” Easter, then should we - could we – visit the tomb again and again? Would that something that died in us, was lost to us, be found resurrected, and restored to life? Grant us courage to go and look once more. In Jesus’ name we pray, Amen.

***ACT OF PRAISE**

“Morning Has Broken”

Bunessan

***Sweet the rain’s new fall sunlit from heaven,
like the first dewfall on the first grass.
Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden,
sprung in completeness where God’s feet pass.***

WE HEAR GOD’S WORD

GOSPEL FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

Teaching Elder Keith Sundberg

(Following the time with children, our young people through kindergarten age may be excused to child care)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

O God, this story will mean different things to each of us. The sermon will have even more diverse interpretations. This prayer is between each of us and you; so that we might understand what you want us to learn. Grant us receptive ears and hearts. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

CHRISTIAN SCRIPTURE READING

John 14:15-21; NT 109

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

"The Personal Presence"

Teaching Elder Keith Sundberg

A MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

***HYMN OF RESPONSE NO. 286**

"Breathe on Me, Breath of God"

Trentham

CONCERNS OF THE COMMUNITY

INVITATION TO PRAYER

"Hear Thou Our Prayer"
Chancel Choir

Daley

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER (debts)

RECEPTION OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory Anthem

"Lord of the Wind and the Sea"
Chancel Choir

Larson

*Offertory Response

"We Praise You, O God"

Kremser

***We praise you, O God, our Redeemer, Creator;
in grateful devotion our tribute we bring.
We lay it before you; we kneel and adore you;
we bless your holy name; glad praises we sing.***

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

TAKING GOD'S WORD INTO THE WORLD

***CLOSING HYMN NO. 292**

"As the Wind Song"

Wairua Tapu

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

***BENEDICTION RESPONSE**

"O God Who Has Called Us"
Chancel Choir

Daley

***POSTLUDE**

"Rondo Finale"

Butler

*Everyone who is able may stand

Bold lettering is to be read responsively by the congregation
Bold lettering that is italicized is to be sung by the congregation

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WAYSIDE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday, May 21, 2017

WELCOME

"I will show love to those who were called unloved and, to those who were called 'not-my-people', I will say 'you are my people' and they will answer, 'you are our God'." (Hosea 2:23)

Wayside Presbyterian Church (PCUSA) is a place where the mind is nourished as well as the spirit, and where we affirm the dignity and worth of every person. As we are all created in the image of God, we believe discrimination is incompatible with Christ's Gospel of unconditional love. While we celebrate our Presbyterian identity, we acknowledge that we are not alone on the path to understanding God. We invite conversations that move us to seek a deeper understanding of life in the Spirit.

Be who you are and be welcome here.

FOR OUR CHILDREN

Childcare is available during the entire worship hour for infants and preschool children. Children may remain for the entire service or take advantage of childcare (kindergarten and younger). Children's worship activity bags are available for children remaining in the worship service. Please return them following worship.

CHALLENGED CHILDREN AND YOUTH

If sound is unsettling to your child or youth, ask the usher at the back of the sanctuary for earplugs.

SERVICE NOTES

A hearing enhancement system is available for those who have a need. An usher will be happy to provide you with a receiver this morning. Large print bulletins are also available.

Thanks to those who helped with the service today:

Church Opener: Jim Perkins

Ushers: **8:30 AM:** Bill Bremmer and Colleen Loeslein

11:00 AM Paul Carpenedo, Tom Lewis, Haile Martin, Nolan Martin, Ron May,
Matt McGill, Ken Reitingner, Lorah Momeyer, David Sundberg

Acolytes: Owen McCullough and Tom Sesler

Worship Assistant: Linda Lorah

Sound Board: Jack Grimm

Greeters: Tom Momeyer & Family, Worship; Bobbi Jo Fye, Spiritual Nurture & Education

Information Table: Micki Loesel

Fellowship Time: Lois May

Child Care: Stack Family, Nursery; Lorie & Ryan Marsh Family, Preschool

A reminder to those scheduled to help next week:

Church Opener: Dale Massing

Ushers: **8:30 AM:** Lee McVey and Louise Martin

11:00 AM Tanner Babb, Brian Buseck, Anna DeBello, John Fair,
Hadley Jones, Samantha Wismer

Acolytes: Sara DeBello and Hannah Morrow

Worship Assistant: Wilma Valentz

Sound Board: Jim Allman

Greeters: Dave & Micki Loesel, Worship; Gene Sundberg, Spiritual Nurture & Education

Information Table: Bobbi Jo Fye

Fellowship Time: Micki Loesel

Child Care: Jeglinski Family, Nursery; Melaragno Family, Preschool

OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 21-28, 2017

Sunday, May 21	8:30 AM	Celebration of Worship
	9:45 AM	Sunday School
	10:00 AM	Chancel Choir
	11:00 AM	Celebration of Worship
Monday, May 22	12:00 PM	Fellowship Time
	12:30 PM	Second Harvest Mobile Food Bank
Tuesday, May 23	1:00 PM	Newsletter Collating
Wednesday, May 24	12:00 PM	Naomi Circle
	7:00 PM	Worship, Music & Fine Arts
Thursday, May 25	11:30 AM	Elizabeth Circle
	7:00 PM	Nominating Committee
Sunday, May 28 New Members Join	8:30 AM	Celebration of Worship
	9:45 AM	Sunday School
	10:00AM	Chancel Choir
	11:00 AM	Celebration of Worship
	12:00 PM	Fellowship Time

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

The Sanctuary Flowers are provided by the Flower Fund in memory of Paul and Grace Zarenko.

JOIN US FOR A VERY SPECIAL EVENT

Thursday, June 1 at 8:30 PM our friends from the Turkish Cultural Center and their director, Bunjamin Aysan, want to share Iftar Dinner with us at Wayside. This is the meal at sundown for Muslims who are observing the daylong fast for the month of Ramadan. This is a great way to continue to build bridges between our faiths and across our community. If you would like to attend, please sign up at the Information Table. Have questions? See James.

CHANCEL CHOIR REMINDER

Beginning today and continuing through June 4 our Sunday rehearsals will be held at 10:00 AM. Thursday rehearsals are over until fall.

SUMMER WORSHIP HOURS

Summer worship hours begin on Sunday June 11. We will have our usual early service at 8:30 AM but our later service will be at 10:00 AM. Both services will be held in the Sanctuary. And don't forget to mark your calendar for our Worship On the Beach at 10:00 AM on August 6. There will be no early service that day. Worship will be followed by a pot luck picnic.

LUNCH BUNCH

The next meeting of the Lunch Bunch will be Thursday June 8 at 12:30 PM at the Courtyard Marriott Shoreline Grille, just off the Bayfront Highway at the Marriott. If the weather permits, we'll eat outside. Please contact Linda Lorah (450-2108) or Annette Rothschild (836-0835) to reserve your space.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

BREAD FOR THE WORLD OFFERING OF LETTERS THANK YOU

Presbyterian Women extend a big **THANK YOU** to everyone who participated in the **Bread for the World Offering of Letters!** This year we sent **246 personalized and 18 signed letters to our Congressmen. WOW!** That is a total of 264 letters asking our congressmen to adequately fund programs that address hunger. We shared with them that our faith calls us to urge them to make public investments that will reduce hunger. These letters matter! Thank you for taking the time to join in this year's Offering of Letters.

CIRCLE NEWS

The next meeting of **Sophia Circle** will be Friday June 9 at 7:00 PM. Please let hostess Nicki Jares know if you will attend. **Naomi Circle** will meet on Wednesday May 24 at noon. **Elizabeth Circle** will meet on Thursday May 25 at 11:30 AM. Both meetings will be held in the Parlor.

GENEROSITY OPPORTUNITIES

GERANIUMS FOR PENTECOST

The Worship, Music, & Fine Arts committee is again asking the church family to contribute toward red geraniums to grace the Sanctuary on Pentecost, June 4. **They will then be planted around the church to beautify the grounds throughout the summer.** Please sign up at the Information Table. Cost is still only \$5.00 per plant. **Deadline is next week, May 28.**

EMMAUS SOUP KITCHEN DESSERT MONDAY

Calling all Wayside Bakers! Tuesday, May 30 is Wayside's day to provide desserts to the Emmaus Soup Kitchen. Please bring your desserts to Wayside when you have time and put them in the freezer in the kitchen, clearly marked "Emmaus Soup Kitchen Dessert". All desserts will be delivered to the Soup Kitchen by Wayside Deacons on Tuesday May 30. Any desserts not at Wayside by 10:00 AM on Tuesday, May 30 can be taken directly to Emmaus Soup Kitchen, 218 E. 11th St. Thank you in advance for helping to care for others.

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY WALK

Over 25 community organizations participate in Highmark's Walk for a Healthy Community, which will take place at Beach 11 on Presque Isle State Park Saturday June 3 beginning at 9:00 AM. We will join Jim Haas' Faith Walk Team in raising money for the expenses for The House That Wisdom Built. Last year our team raised almost \$700.00 and our goal is to exceed that this year.

We hope to have at least 20 participants again this year, but you don't have to get your own sponsors! We are asking members of our congregation to support our team by making a pledge to Habitat for you! Walkers and runners are encouraged to sign up at the Information Table.

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY- 2017

"The House that Wisdom Built" will be worked on beginning September 7 and will be completed on October 28. Construction will be Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays during that 8-week period. **Wayside has signed up to work Friday, September 8, Saturday, September 9, Friday, October 13 and Saturday, October 14.** If you are interested in working one of those days, please sign up at the Information Table in the lobby beginning Sunday, May 7th. Workers must be **at least 16 years old**. All workers must be able to work all day, from **7:30 AM- 4:30 PM**. We need to have all our workers signed up by the end of June, so please check your calendars and indicate your interest soon. We are allowed only **4 workers each day**.

THIS YEAR'S HABITAT FAMILY

Jose was born in Puerto Rico and mover to the Bronx, NY with his parents at a young age where Katherine was born. They met in high school and have been together ever since.

Two years ago they moved to Erie from the Bronx with their family, now consisting of Kayle (6), Matthew (2), Lila (1), and Louis (2months). They chose Erie to be close to family here, and because the fast pace of a big city, safety concerns, poor educational opportunities and high cost of living became too much for them. They are very happy with the environment Erie has provided to raise their children. Jose works as a shift supervisor at Walmart and would like to own his own construction company. Katherine is a stay at home mom and wants to finish her cosmetology degree someday.

Before joining Habitat the dream of owning their own home seemed far off. Their faith is a big part why they stay so positive. They are eager to learn from others and when asked what they have

gained from Habitat they said "stability, networking, life skills and providing a great example for our kids."

SUMMER MUSIC

The summer "special music" calendar is quickly filling up! Please see Dawn Weborg to secure a date for a vocal solo, duet or instrumental piece.

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY BOOK SALE

Our second Saturday Project for June will be assisting the Friends of the Library with their annual book sale. We will need help on Friday June 9 beginning at 6 PM and lasting about an hour. We will be meeting at the Villa Maria Academy Center on W. 8th St. next to West Erie Plaza to set up tables and unload trucks.

We will also need volunteers on Saturday June 10 to put out books from 9 AM to noon. There is no limit to the number of volunteers for Saturday, so please sign up. This would be a great family project.

Signup sheets for both days are on the Information Table in the Lobby.

WEEKLY GIFTS TO THE WEST MILLCREEK FOOD PANTRY

Next week's suggested items for the Food Pantry are mac and cheese and peanut butter. Non-perishable items such as diapers, feminine hygiene products, toiletries and pet foods are always appreciated. Checks should be made out to "West Millcreek Food Pantry".

A NEW WAY TO HELP WAYSIDE

Erie Gives 2017 will take place on **Tuesday, August 8** between the hours of 8:00 AM and 8:00 PM. This year, Wayside will be one of the non-profits to whom you can donate. We would like you to consider making your weekly, monthly, quarterly or annual donation to Wayside on that day.

When you donate through their website during this 12-hour period of giving, The Erie Community Foundation will match a percentage of each donation you make to Wayside. Just imagine your money growing as soon as you donate it! Stay tuned for more details.

Spiritual Nurture and Education (SN&E)

ISSUES OF FAITH

Today Tom Weber and Abdullah Washington will present their "1000", a new film about Erie.

YOUTH

A Sunday program for youth 6th – 12th grades

Today we will have training for interested teens on how to be an aide to children with challenges. This is a new ministry in our church that will provide care for parents as well as their child.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

This year's program, entitled *Digging for Treasure: Parables Revealed*, will begin Monday, July 10 from 10 AM to 1:00 PM. Dig into a VBS that's all about Jesus' parables and the treasure to be found in his words. At first, Jesus' parables seem simple. But it takes listening and digging deeper to discover the treasures of the kingdom of heaven.

Parents and Teens are needed to teach, cook, lead games, make crafts, and sing! Please sign up at the Information Table as we plan for a great week together.