

May 28, 2017



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CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP
Seventh Sunday of Easter

May 28, 2017

11:00 AM

PRELUDE

“Prelude in C Major”

Bach

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

WE APPROACH GOD

CHORAL INTROIT

“Clap Your Hands”
Chancel Choir

Daley

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Jesus Christ, the crucified Lord,
calls us to believe the good news of salvation.

His grace is sufficient for us.

Let us enter into God’s new realm rejoicing,

**Not in our own strength,
but in the power of the Holy Spirit.**

Let us worship God together.

***HYMN OF PRAISE NO. 337**

“My Country, ‘Tis of Thee”

America

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Help us God, because in the sunny days of springtime our hearts are almost too in love with the world. You caution us that where our treasure is, that is where our hearts will also dwell. So, in your mercy, pry loose our hands that cling too much to what is limited and limiting. In your forgiveness, restore to us nimble spirits that may enjoy the beauty of nature and human craft, and make us rest upon the greater gifts of the love you reveal to us. Teach us to care about what is temporary, but to build our faith and our actions on what is lasting: the life-giving knowledge of your saving love for the world in Jesus Christ. Amen.

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

***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 of light, send the brightness of your Holy Spirit to us,
that we may have ears to hear and hearts to follow where Christ leads. Amen**

HEBREW SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16 OT 505

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

CHRISTIAN SCRIPTURE READING

John 14:1-14 NT 108

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

SERMON

"God's Roominess"

Teaching Elder James Bernhardt

A MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

***HYMN OF RESPONSE NO. 340**

"This Is My Song"

Finlandia

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

Prayer of the Congregation

**God of new beginnings, thank you for the pathways you make for us,
so that we join the way with others, united in life and ministry through
your amazing and wondrous love. We thank you for Angelle and
Christian, for their faith and for their uniqueness. We rejoice in your
will and way, and look forward with hope and expectation for all you
may show us and do in and through us as your people, in the name of
Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The Hymn of Fellowship

"Blest Be the Tie That Binds" (Verse 1)

***Blest be the tie that binds, our hearts in Christian love;
The fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.***

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 “Lift Every Voice: Let All Rejoice” Haydn
Chancel Choir

*Offertory Response “We Praise You, O God” Kremser
*We worship you, God of our fathers and mothers;
through trial and tempest our guide you have been.
When perils o’ertake us, you will not forsake us,
and with your help, O Lord, our struggles we win.*

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

TAKING GOD’S WORD INTO THE WORLD

*CLOSING HYMN NO. 331 “God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand” National Hymn

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE “O God Who Has Called Us” Daley
Chancel Choir

*POSTLUDE “The Lord is My Light” arr. Page

*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 28, 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: Dale Massing
Ushers: **8:30 AM:** Lee McVey and Louise Martin
11:00 AM Tanner Babb, Brian Buseck, Anna DeBello, John Fair,
Hadley Jones, Jim Perkins, Samantha Wismer
Acolytes: Anna DeBello and Hannah Morrow
Worship Assistant: Wilma Valentz
Sound Board: Jim Allman
Greeters: Dave & Micki Loesel, Worship; Bobbi Jo Fye, Spiritual Nurture & Education
Information Table: Bobbi Jo Fye
Fellowship Time: Micki Loesel
Child Care: Jeglinski Family, Nursery; Melaragno Family, Preschool

A reminder to those scheduled to help next week:

Church Opener: Lee McVey
Ushers: **8:30 AM:** Bill Bremmer and Ritch Marsh
11:00 AM Pam Monaco, Cade Sbrocco, Rachael Sbrocco,
Jonathon Sidorowicz, Mark Smith and Dan Taylor
Acolytes: Lily Babb and Alex Grimm
Worship Assistant: Shawn Babcock
Sound Board: Jonathan Jewell
Greeters: Bobbi Jo Fye, Worship; Sheila Kocan, Spiritual Nurture & Education
Fellowship Time: PW Fellowship Luncheon
Child Care: Framer Family, Nursery; Hutzelman Family, Preschool

OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 28-JUNE 4, 2017

Sunday, May 28	8:30 AM	Celebration of Worship
New Members Join	9:45 AM	Sunday School
Dessert Sunday	10:00AM	Chancel Choir
	11:00 AM	Celebration of Worship
	12:00 PM	Fellowship Time
Monday, May 29		Memorial Day: Office Closed
Tuesday, May 30	10:00 AM	Dessert Tuesday Deadline
Thursday, June 1		IU Preschool Moves In
	8:30 PM	Iftar Dinner
Saturday, June 3	9:00 AM	Walk for Habitat
		SN&E Youth Committee
Sunday, June 4	8:30 AM	Celebration of Worship
Pentecost	9:45 AM	Sunday School
Last Day of Sunday School	10:00 AM	Chancel Choir
	11:00 AM	Celebration of Worship
	12:00 PM	PW Fellowship Luncheon

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

The Sanctuary Flowers are provided by Dave & Micki Loesel in honor of all who serve and have served in the US Armed Forces in defense of our freedom. They would like to share the flowers with you. If you would like a bouquet, please come to the communion table following the service.

WELCOME OUR NEWEST MEMBERS

Christian, Angelle, Isaac (8 years old), and Eliza (5 years old) live in Millcreek. Christian works for SPX FLOW, an industrial company, administering nuclear pump contracts. Angelle works as a Registered Nurse (RN) for St. Vincent Hospital, is an artist, and also runs a small business providing beautifully decorated cakes for those with special dietary needs. Isaac and Eliza attend school at Grandview Elementary. Isaac is a thoughtful and humorous boy (who just turned 8 today!), and Eliza loves to create art, just like her mom. Christian and Angelle are both aware daily of the "bigger picture" nature of the spiritual reality in which we live, and are very happy to find a local community that strives to embody Jesus's message of love and acceptance.

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.

PENTECOST

Pentecost is Sunday June 4. Please remember to wear red!

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.

PW FELLOWSHIP LUNCHEON

As we conclude the Sunday School year, Presbyterian Women will host a Fellowship Luncheon on Sunday, June 4 immediately following the 11 AM service. Volunteers are needed to provide salads. Please contact the church office or sign up at the Information Table. Please plan to join us for sandwiches and salads after worship on June 4!

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.

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. **Today is the last day to place your order.**

EMMAUS SOUP KITCHEN DESSERT TUESDAY

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.

PW RUMMAGE SALE

Drop off of items for the rummage sale will begin June 5 and continue until June 21. We ask that you hold large items, such as furniture, until June 19 if possible. Volunteers are need on June 23-24 for the sale itself. A sign up sheet for volunteers is at the Information Table in the Lobby.

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY WALK

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

We are asking members of our congregation to support our team by making a pledge to Habitat. Walkers, runners and sponsors are encouraged to sign up at the Information Table.

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY 2017

We are still in need of 3 workers on Saturday, October 14 to help with the "The House that Wisdom Built" construction. If you are interested in working, please sign up at the Information Table in the Lobby. Workers must be at least 16 years old and must be able to work all day, from 7:30 AM- 4:30 PM. Deadline to sign up is the end of June.

THIS YEAR'S HABITAT FAMILY

Jose was born in Puerto Rico and moved 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."

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY BOOK SALE

Our second Saturday Project for June will be the Friends of the Library Annual Book Sale. We will be meeting at the Villa Maria Academy Center on W. 8th St. next to West Erie Plaza on Friday, June 9, at 6:00 PM for about an hour to set up tables and unload trucks.

Volunteers also needed 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 tuna and canned spaghetti. 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)

YOUTH

A Sunday program for youth 6th – 12th grades

Today we will continue our 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.

Don't forget to pick up your application for the Immersion Experience!

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.

Adults 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!