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CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP
Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 16, 2017

10:00 AM

PRELUDE

“Meditation”

Wagner

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

WE APPROACH GOD

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

God, your word is a lamp to our feet and a light to our path.

**Your word is our heritage, setting out a way for us to go,
and promising us joy everlasting.**

***HYMN OF PRAISE NO. 366**

“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”

Hyfrydol

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Faithful God, your word falls like seed on hardened ground when our worldly
anxiety and attachment to security crowd out your place in our lives.**

**Forgive our frail and human ways. Cultivate in us a spirit of trust and faithfulness.
For you are our hope for all the pathways ahead. In Christ, we pray. Amen.**

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Brothers and sisters, when the world and our own actions overwhelm us, God is
forgiving. So be at peace, for God restores and strengthens you, and waters your soul in
its parched and hardened places.

**Happy are those who come into God’s presence, for we will be
satisfied with the goodness of God and rejoice in the love of
God throughout all our days.**

***ACT OF PRAISE NO. 595**

“Holy, Holy, Holy”

Arentine Santo

***Holy, holy, holy. My heart, my heart adores you!
My heart knows how to say to you: you are holy, Lord!***

WE HEAR GOD’S WORD

GOSPEL FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

**God, your word goes out and does not return empty but prospers that for which it was
sent. By your Spirit, open our minds to your word this day, so we might walk according to
your ways; for the sake of Jesus, in whose name we pray. Amen.**

CHRISTIAN SCRIPTURE READING

Romans 8:1-11; NT 157

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

SERMON

“Setting Our Minds”

Teaching Elder James Bernhardt

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

A MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION

***HYMN OF RESPONSE NO. 815**

“Give to the Winds Thy Fears”

Festal Song

ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

OPENING LITANY

There are varieties of gifts, but it is the same Spirit who gives them.

There are different ways of serving God but it is the same Lord who is served.

God works through each person in a unique way, but it is God's purpose that is accomplished.

To each is given a gift of the Spirit to be used for the common good.

Together, we are the body of Christ, and individual members of it.

PRESENTATION OF THE OFFICERS-ELECT

THE CONSTITUTIONAL QUESTIONS

THE LAYING ON OF HANDS AND PRAYER

God of Grace, you have called us to a common ministry, invited us to be ambassadors of Christ, and trusted us with your ministry of reconciliation. Grant your blessings on these newly ordained and installed officers of Wayside Presbyterian Church. Give them the ability to discern your will for us and the courage to act on their faith. And may all of us rightly follow where they rightly lead us, so that together we may declare your wonderful deeds and show your love to the world, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE DECLARATION AND WELCOME

THE COMMISSIONING OF A TRUSTEE

CONCERNS OF THE COMMUNITY

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

RECEPTION OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory Anthem

“I Surrender All”

arr. Curry

*Offertory Response No. 710

“We Lift Our Voices”

Liles

***We lift our voices; we lift our hands;
we lift our lives up to you: we are an offering.
Lord, use our voices; Lord, use our hands;
Lord, use our lives; they are yours: we are an offering.
All that we have, all that we are, all that we hope to be,
we give to you, we give to you. We lift our voices;
we lift our hands; we lift our lives up to you:
we are an offering; we are an offering.***

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

TAKING GOD'S WORD INTO THE WORLD

*CLOSING HYMN NO. 307 "God of Grace and God of Glory" CWM Rhondda

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE "Lord, Make Us More Holy" African-American Spiritual
*Lord, make us more loving; Lord make us more loving;
Lord make us more loving, until we meet again;
loving, loving, loving, until we meet again.*

*POSTLUDE "Joyful Dance" Wagner

*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, July 16, 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.

Some of our teens have been trained to be buddies for children with challenges. The teens are available during worship and Sunday school to allow parents to have some time to themselves. Speak with Keith if you would welcome this new ministry.

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: Tom Momeyer

Ushers: **8:30 AM:** Colleen Loeslein and Mac Pollard

10:00 AM: Paul Carpenedo, Tom Lewis, Haile Martin, Nolan Martin,
Ron May, Matt McGill, Lorah Momeyer and David Sundberg

Worship Assistant: Linda Lorah

Sound Board: Jim Allman

Greeter: Lenora Lewis, Worship

Childcare: Bobbi Jo Fye

A reminder to those scheduled to help next week:

Church Opener: Dale Massing

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

10:00 AM: Tanner Babb, Brian Buseck, John Fair, Hadley Jones,
Jim Perkins and Samantha Wismer

Sound Board: Andy Potocki

OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK OF JULY 16-23, 2017

Sunday, July 16	8:30 AM	Celebration of Worship
Installation of Officers	10:00 AM	Celebration of Worship
	11:00 AM	Fellowship Time
	11:20 AM	New Member Class
Tuesday, July 18	7:00 PM	Prayer Shawl Ministry
Wednesday, July 19	5:00 PM	Budget Committee
Thursday, July 20 – Monday, July 23		ServErie
Friday, July 21- Monday, July 23		Youth Immersion Mission
Sunday, July 23	8:30 AM	Celebration of Worship
	10:00 AM	Celebration of Worship
	11:00 AM	Fellowship Time

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

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

WELCOME OUR SUBSTITUTE ORGANIST

Our guest organist/choir director once again is Laurie Hitt. Laurie teaches music in Fairview and is a good friend of this congregation. Welcome back, Laurie.

LIFE TOUCH PICTURES NOW AVAILABLE

If you had your picture taken during our photo sessions in April and May and have not yet received your free 8 x 10 picture, they are now available in the church office during the week. Please stop by the church at your convenience and Karen Shor will be happy to help you.

NEW MEMBER CLASS TODAY

A Membership Class will be held today, Sunday, July 16, at 11:20 AM. Gather for lunch and a two-hour class about Christ's invitation to membership in the church, your journey of faith, Presbyterian particulars, the "way" of Wayside, and a tour of the facility.

SUMMER WORSHIP

Mark your calendar for our **Worship On the Beach** at Perry Monument on **August 6 at 10:00 AM**. There will be no early service that day. Worship will be followed by a potluck picnic. "Main course", dessert, drinks and table service will be provided. Please sign up at the Information Table so we know how many will be attending and let us know what kind of salad or vegetable dish you will bring.

IU PRESCHOOL

Northwest Tri-County Intermediate Unit 5 (IU5) has begun their early intervention preschool program at Wayside. Please give the staff, students and parents a real Wayside Welcome.

The preschool childcare room is again available. If you use the room, please be sure to return any toys to where you found them.

GENEROSITY OPPORTUNITIES HELP WITH RIDES NEEDED

Many of you have met Elisabeth and her daughter Mika. They are in need of rides to church on Sundays for the later service and to vacation bible school. They live near GE and Mika needs to use her car seat. If you or someone you know would be willing to join the group who is helping with transportation, please contact Mark Smith, Keith or Karen Shor in the office as soon as possible.

WORSHIP HELPERS NEEDED

Each Sunday Waysiders fill a variety of roles both prior to, during, and after services. There are plenty of opportunities to serve and, for newer members, a great chance to meet your fellow congregants! If you would like to help in any capacity, please sign up at the Information Table.

WAYSIDE SUMMER VEGETABLE GARDEN

Please sign up for a week this summer to weed, water and collect produce in our vegetable garden. There is a signup sheet at the Information Table. Produce will be available in the lobby later in the summer. A freewill offering will be accepted for any produce you take. Proceeds will go to Second Harvest Food Bank. We appreciate your support.

LAST CHANCE SERVERIE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The outreach committee is moving forward with plans to participate in this broad community effort to support Erie Schools by becoming a Church Sponsor of this summer's project at Erie High School (formerly Central Career & Technical School).

From Thursday, July 20 to Sunday, July 23, ServErie volunteers will be making critical repairs and updates to Erie High School to assist with repairs after the fire and in anticipation of the additional students that will attend there in the fall. A small army of community members will be cleaning, painting classrooms and hallways, repairing bathrooms, updating exterior doors, replacing ceiling tiles, landscaping the surrounding property, and much more. This project will also be part of the Youth Immersion Experience.

If you are interested in helping with this worthwhile project, please sign up at the Information Table.

EMMAUS SOUP KITCHEN DESSERT MONDAY

Calling all Wayside Bakers! Monday, July 31 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 Monday July 31. Thank you in advance for helping to care for others.

FARM GLEANING JUNE-OCTOBER

Volunteers are needed for our annual Erie Farm Gleaning Project. This program gleans fruits and vegetables from local farms after the regular harvest. Picking dates and locations will vary during the months of June through October. Children under age 9 may participate with adult supervision. This project qualifies for school service hours. No commitment is required. Work when you are able. If you are interested in receiving emails about these opportunities, please sign up in the Lobby.

SEED MONEY FOR MISSION – MULTIPLY YOUR TALENT CHALLENGE

We are looking for individuals or families to take an active part in using talents to contribute to mission this summer. Wayside will be funding people by giving \$25, \$50 or \$100 to individuals, families or friendship groups to see how this money might be multiplied by your talents and creativity. The money may be used to raise additional funds or to provide goods or services for someone in need. We will tally all the stories and provide a full report and celebrate the results this fall.

If you or your family or you and your friends would like to participate please fill out a form and turn it in at the office or send an email to: gregg.rabenold@gmail.com or james@wayside-erie.org. Forms are on the Information Table in the Lobby.

SOME MORE WAYS TO HELP WAYSIDE

- Erie Gives 2017 is **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.

- Wayside is now a charity on AmazonSmile! To donate to Wayside Presbyterian Church of Erie, start each shopping session at <http://smile.amazon.com>. Similar to our Scrip Program, Amazon will donate 0.5% of the price of your eligible purchases. There are quite a few churches called Wayside, so be sure you choose “Wayside Presbyterian Church of Erie.”
- Wayside is registered as a charity at Gordon Food Service (GFS). Tell them you want to donate to Wayside Presbyterian Church of Erie and a portion of your purchase will come to us!

WEEKLY GIFTS TO THE WEST MILLCREEK FOOD PANTRY

Next week’s suggested items for the Food Pantry are spaghetti and sauce. 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”.

Spiritual Nurture and Education (SN&E)

LAST CHANCE TO SIGN UP

AN IMMERSION EXPERIENCE: “STORIES FROM THE EAST”

July 21-23, rising ninth graders through high school graduates are invited to an experience like no other here in Erie. Our mission trip this year will be in our hometown. As we would in other cities, our time will include service projects, times to reflect, and the meeting of new people. Unlike some of our other trips, there will be a more visceral experience of homelessness and poverty in our own backyard.

The Outreach Committee has underwritten the weekend so the cost per family is only \$50 per youth. A completed form and payment will hold a place for those who want to go.

Please pick up your registration form at the Information Table and return it to Keith with your check as soon as possible.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL: NOTE DATE CHANGE

This year’s program, entitled *Digging for Treasure: Parables Revealed*, **Monday, July 24 through Friday July 28** 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. Cost is \$15 per child or a maximum of \$30 per family. Registration forms are on the Information Table.

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!