

**July 23, 2017**



**WAYSIDE PRESBYTERIAN  
CHURCH**

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**CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP**  
**Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

July 23, 2017

10:00 AM

PRELUDE

“Air”

Mouret

**GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**WE APPROACH GOD**

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

We begin our worship of God this day with me reading the first paragraph of Paul's letter to the Colossians. We can imagine it being read to them for the first time on a Lord's Day many years ago. All would have come to church to hear what Paul had to say to them.

*In our prayers for you we always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, for we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love that you have for all the saints, because of the hope laid up for you in heaven. You have heard of this hope before in the word of the truth, the gospel that has come to you. Just as it is bearing fruit and growing in the whole world, so it has been bearing fruit among yourselves from the day you heard it and truly comprehended the grace of God. This you learned from Epaphras, our beloved fellow servant. He is a faithful minister of Christ on your behalf, and he has made known to us your love in the Spirit.*

**\*HYMN OF PRAISE NO. 316**

“Where Charity and Love Prevail”

Twenty-Fourth

**\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

2 Corinthians 11:28: And, besides other things, I am under daily pressure because of my anxiety for all the churches.

**Was Paul talking about our church?**

1 Corinthians 11:18: For, to begin with, when you come together as a church, I hear that there are divisions among you; and to some extent I believe it.

**Was Paul talking about our church?**

1 Corinthians 1:10: Now I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you be in agreement and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same purpose.

**Was Paul talking about our church?**

Let us pray:

**O Christ, the Head of the Church, even on our best days we fall short of being your Body on earth. By your grace enable us to begin again today to serve you.**

**\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Amazing grace how sweet the sound that saved a church like ours. **Amen.**

**\*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

Teaching Elder Keith Sundberg

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

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

**Holy Spirit, the Word written is a gift; the Word read is a gift; the Word heard is a gift. We come in search of your gift to us this day. Amen.**

### CHRISTIAN SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 13:24-30, [36-43]; NT 14,15

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

### SERMON

"Seeds and Weeds"

Teaching Elder Keith Sundberg

## WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

### A MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION

### \*HYMN OF RESPONSE NO. 754

"Help Us Accept Each Other"

Baronia

### CONCERNS OF THE COMMUNITY

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

### RECEPTION OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory Anthem

"We Are One Lord"

Pethel

Gregg Rabenold, Soloist

\*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. 753

"Make Me a Channel of Your Peace"

Prayer of St. Francis

### \*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

**\*BENEDICTION RESPONSE**      “Lord, Make Us More Holy”      African-American Spiritual  
***Lord, make us more patient; Lord make us more patient;  
Lord make us more patient, until we meet again;  
patient, patient, patient, until we meet again.***

**\*POSTLUDE**      “Fanfare”      Mouret

\*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 23, 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: 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

Worship Assistant: Mary Marsh

Sound Board: Andy Potocki

Greeter: Jane Hess, Worship

#### **A reminder to those scheduled to help next week:**

Church Opener: Jim Perkins

Ushers: **8:30 AM:** Mardy and Jim Marsh

**10:00 AM:** Missy Grimm, Kitty Menges, Natalie Thompson &  
Beth van Helden

Worship Assistant: Linda Lorah

Sound Board: Matt McGill

## OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK OF JULY 23-30, 2017

Sunday, July 23	8:30 AM	Celebration of Worship
	10:00 AM	Celebration of Worship
	11:00 AM	Fellowship Time
Monday, July 24-Friday July 28	10:00 AM – 1:00 PM	Vacation Bible School
Monday, July 24	12:30 PM	Second Harvest Mobile Food Bank
Thursday, July 27	11:30 AM	Elizabeth Circle
Sunday, July 30	8:30 AM	Celebration of Worship
Dessert Sunday	10:00 AM	Celebration of Worship
VBS Kids Sing	11:00 AM	Fellowship Time

### SANCTUARY FLOWERS

The Sanctuary Flowers are provided by K. Lynn Bowen in memory of her husband Dick Bowen.

### TODAY'S SPECIAL MUSIC

Our thanks to Gregg Rabenold for sharing his talents with us today. Gregg currently serves as an Elder and chair of the Generosity Team.

### 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.

### 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.

### THESE DAYS

One of the benefits of being a connected church with PC (USA) is a quarterly booklet entitled *These Days*. These booklets of daily devotions for living by faith are available on the Information Table, in the library and in the Parlor. Wednesday nights they are also available in Fellowship Hall. Free will offerings to help defray the cost of these wonderful little books are greatly appreciated.

### DEALING WITH PERSONAL, FAMILY OR SPIRITUAL ISSUES? WE CAN HELP!

The Deacons are proud to sponsor booklets on a variety of issues. Are you a teen or child wondering how to handle a bully at school? A child facing the prospect of moving a parent to a nursing home? Dealing with illness or grief or just the pains of growing older? Check out the pamphlets in the lobby for these and other topics. If there is a subject for which there is no pamphlet but you'd like one, please contact Karen Shor in the office.

Deacons are also available to provide transportation to medical appointments or to Sunday worship, meals for families who could use a break from cooking due to medical or family issues and other support. If you have a need and would like support, please contact Karen Shor in the office or Mark Smith, Moderator of Deacons. The Deacons will help with the utmost discretion.

Of course, both James and Keith are available for counseling if you feel a pamphlet just isn't enough. Contact either of them to set up a time to meet either at Wayside, your home or another location of your choosing. These and all their counseling services are, of course, confidential.

## **GENEROSITY OPPORTUNITIES**

### **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.

### **SERVING DINNER AT EMMAUS SOUP KITCHEN**

Volunteers are needed to assist with serving dinner at Emmaus Soup Kitchen, 218 E. 11<sup>th</sup> St. and Holland St. at 3:00 PM Wednesday, August 9. If you would like to help, please sign up at the Information Table in the Lobby.

### **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**

The harvest has begun! We've already harvested some truly beautiful cucumbers & hot peppers. Produce is on the counter in the kitchen. Donations go to support Second Harvest Food Bank.

Please sign up for a week this summer to weed, water and collect produce in our vegetable garden. There is a sign up sheet at the Information Table. Karen Shor will send out reminders when your week arrives.

### **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. If you were on the list last year, there is no need to sign up again. If you don't want to stay on the list, please contact Karen Shor.

### **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](mailto:gregg.rabenold@gmail.com) or [james@wayside-erie.org](mailto:james@wayside-erie.org). Forms are on the Information Table in the Lobby.

## SCRIP ORDERS

Purchasing gift cards through our Scrip cards program is a great way for you to contribute to Wayside. A percentage of your gift card purchase will go to the Wayside general fund. An order placed on Sunday will be received by the following Sunday. Stop at the Information Table today to place your order.

### 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 cereal and soup. 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 PRE-REGISTER: VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

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!**

### SUMMER ENDS SOON: MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday school will return on Sunday, September 10 beginning at 9:45 AM. If your child will be attending Sunday school for the first time, please contact Keith or Karen Shor in the office so we can make sure s/he is registered in the correct class.

All volunteers over age 18 or older must have their clearances. If you don't know if you have valid clearances, please contact Karen Rae at 833-7653 or email her at [steward@wayside-erie.org](mailto:steward@wayside-erie.org).

If your child is 3 years old or younger, please register her/him for the preschool and/or childcare program. Families with children who utilize childcare may sign up in the Nursery for the dates they would like to volunteer or contact Karen Shor at 833-7653 or at [wpc@wayside-erie.org](mailto:wpc@wayside-erie.org). We would like to have the schedule for the year available by September 10 so please sign up soon!