

***August 20, 2017***



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

August 20, 2017

10:00 AM

PRELUDE

“Little Prelude in C”

Bach

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

**WE APPROACH GOD**

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

Love is patient; love is kind;

**Love is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude.**

Love does not insist on its own way;

**Love is not irritable or resentful;  
it does not rejoice in wrongdoing,  
but rejoices in the truth.**

Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

**Love never ends.**

**\*HYMN OF PRAISE NO. 693**

“Though I May Speak”

Gift of Love

**\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Lord, have mercy, have mercy. It is as though our lives are disrupted by the devil, and we are tormented. You stand with us and among us, and so we are anguished by our failures. What has been said we cannot take back, or undo what has been done, or make right the agony we have caused. The past haunts us, the present is uncertain, and the future holds many fears.

Yet, the faith you have planted in us reaches out for your favor, and returns us to your presence, and fills us with assurance of your mercy. Forgive us, and save us, and restore us to right minds and loving hearts. In Christ, have mercy, we pray. Amen.

**\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

**\*ACT OF PRAISE NO. 616**

“Our God Is an Awesome God” (sing 2 times)

Mullins

***Our God is an awesome God who reigns  
from heaven above with wisdom, power, and love;  
our God is an awesome God!***

**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**

**Your word, O Lord, is a lamp for our feet and a light to our path.  
Send out your light and truth, that they may lead us, Lord. Amen.**

**CHRISTIAN SCRIPTURE READING**

Matthew 15:10-28; NT 17

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

**SERMON**

“The Unexpected Voice”

Teaching Elder James Bernhardt

**WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD**

**A MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION**

**\*HYMN OF RESPONSE NO. 318** “In Christ There Is No East or West”

St. Peter

**CONCERNS OF THE COMMUNITY**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER** (debts)

**RECEPTION OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

Offertory Anthem

“Come Thou Fount (I Will Sing)”

Tomlin

Gregg Rabenold, Soloist

\*Offertory Response No. 698 “Take, O Take Me as I Am” (sing 2 times)

Bell

***Take, O take me as I am; summon out what I shall be;  
set your seal upon my heart and live in me.***

**\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**TAKING GOD’S WORD INTO THE WORLD**

**\*CLOSING HYMN NO. 773**

“Heaven Shall Not Wait”

Heaven Shall Not Wait

**\*CHARGE AND BEDICTION**

**\*BENEDICTION RESPONSE**

“May the Love of the Lord”

Lim

***May the love of the Lord rest upon your soul.***

***May God’s love dwell in you, throughout every day.***

***May God’s countenance shine upon you and be gracious to you.***

***May God’s Spirit be upon you as you leave this place.***

**\*POSTLUDE**

Fantasia on “Aurelia”

Wesley

\*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, August 20, 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 are invited and welcome to stay in the service, in whatever manner befits their person: they should feel free to squirm, whine, dance, sing, cry, pray, or otherwise make themselves known. 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: Jim Perkins  
Ushers: **8:30 AM:** Colleen Loeslein and Mac Pollard  
**10:00 AM:** Paul Carpenedo, Tom Lewis, Halle Martin, Nolan Martin, Ron May, Matt McGill, Ken Reitingner, Lorah Momeyer, David Sundberg  
Worship Assistant: Wilma Valentz  
Sound Board: Mark Smith  
Greeters: Jane MacEwen, Worship  
Information Table: Pam Monaco  
Fellowship Time: Gwen & Mark Smith

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

Church Opener: Matt McCullough  
Ushers: **8:30 AM:** Lee McVey and Louise Martin  
**10:00 AM:** Tanner Babb, Brian Buseck, John Fair, Hadley Jones, Jim Perkins, Samantha Wismer  
Worship Assistant: Bobbi Jo Fye  
Sound Board: Jim Allman  
Greeters: Fremer Family, Worship  
Information Table: Paula Reade  
Fellowship Time: Nancy Fye

## OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 20-27, 2017

Sunday, August 20	8:30 AM	Celebration of Worship
	10:00 AM	Celebration of Worship
	11:00 AM	Fellowship Time
Tuesday, August 22		IU 5 Preschool Open House
Wednesday, August 23	7:00 PM	Worship, Music & Fine Arts
Thursday, August 24	11:30 AM	Elizabeth Circle
Sunday, August 27	8:30 AM	Celebration of Worship
	10:00 AM	Celebration of Worship
	11:00 AM	Fellowship Time
	12:30 PM	Parent & Teen Pool Party & Picnic

### SANCTUARY FLOWERS

The Sanctuary Flowers are provided by Georgi Harrington in memory of loved ones.

### THIS WEEK'S SPECIAL MUSIC

The gathering music at the early service is provided by Mason and Max Melaragno. They have both been playing piano for 7 years and will be in 5<sup>th</sup> grade at Montessori Regional Charter School this fall. Mason will play *Little Brown Church on the Hill*, *In the Sweet By and By* and *New World Symphony*. Max will play *My Faith Looks Up to Thee*, *What a Friend* and *By the Babylonian River*.

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

### NOMINATING COMMITTEE NEEDS YOUR ASSISTANCE

The Church Officer Nominating Committee would appreciate your input. If you have suggestions of Waysiders who you think would serve well as Elders, Deacons, or Trustees, please submit their names on one of the forms that can be found on the table in the Lobby. **Deadline for submissions is September 17.** Self-nominations are also welcome.

The Nominating Committee welcomes your suggestions and will give prayerful consideration to any names submitted.

### IU 5 EARLY INTERVENTION PRESCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

IU 5 will be hosting an open house for their Early Intervention Preschool on Tuesday August 22 from 10:00 AM until 2:00 PM. We hope you will take the opportunity to meet our newest residents!

### SUMMER WORSHIP HOURS ENDING

We will return to our regular worship hours on Sunday September 10. Worship will be at 8:30 AM and 11:00 AM. Sunday School will begin at 9:45 AM. We hope you'll join us!

### FAMILY OUTING AT ASBURY WOODS

The Wayside on Wednesday (WOW) program for September 20 will be a family outing at Asbury Woods, 4105 Asbury Road. We will meet at Wayside at 4:00 PM. Families that wish to meet at Asbury Woods should arrive there no later than 4:30 PM. All families and children of all ages are welcome. Cost is \$5 per child. Weather permitting, our fellowship potluck dinner will take place that evening at Asbury Woods as well beginning at 6:00 PM. If you are interested in taking part, please sign up at the Information Table or on your Worship + 2 form.

## **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. 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 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 or check your Worship + 2 insert to be put on the email list(s).

### **YOUTH LEADERSHIP OPPORTUNITY**

The Presbyterian General Assembly is offering a significant opportunity for young people in the congregation between the ages of 17 and 23 as of June 16, 2018 – the first day of the General Assembly gathering. This provides an opportunity to be a Young Adult Advisory Delegate to General Assembly for the year 2018. General Assembly will meet from June 16 to 23, 2018 in St. Louis. For the young person committed to Jesus Christ with demonstrated leadership gifts, General Assembly service offers a view of the church and an opportunity for growth that is truly unique. Not only will the YAAD participate in a multitude of decisions but he/she will also come to know about 150 YAADs from across the country.

If you or your son/daughter are interested in more information, please contact Keith or James. **Applications must be postmarked by September 30, 2017.**

### **SECOND HARVEST MOBILE FOOD BANK**

The next Mobile Food Bank will be held Monday, August 28. Volunteers will meet at the Federated Church, 11995 Main St. in East Springfield just off Route 20 West at **12:15 PM (NOTE the new time)**. Volunteers should park in the parking lot behind the church as the people getting the food park in the lot in front. If you would like to help, please sign up at the Information Table in the Lobby.

### **SECOND SATURDAY PROJECT AT SECOND HARVEST**

Our Second Saturday project for September takes us to the Second Harvest Food Bank on Saturday, September 9 from 9 AM until noon. This is a great way for people of all ages to meet and work together. We have had volunteers as young as 9 and as young at heart as 74. Please sign up at the Information Table in the Lobby or on the Worship +2 insert if you would like to help.

### **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.

### **SECOND HARVEST FARM GLEANING PROJECT**

Farm Gleaning is going full speed! This program gleans fruits and vegetables from local farms after the regular harvest. Picking dates and locations will vary through October. Children under age 9 may participate with adult supervision and qualify 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.

## FELLOWSHIP DINNERS

Our first Fellowship Dinner will be Wednesday September 13 beginning at 6:00 PM. No reservations are needed and everyone is invited! Free will offerings are welcome to offset costs. If you would like to cook the dinner of your choice during the coming year, please contact Bobbi Jo Fye for available dates.

## WEST MILLCREEK FOOD PANTRY SPECIAL REQUEST

For the remainder of the summer we are asking you to bring in cereal. This is a special request from the food pantry. 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)*

### **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!

## **PARENT & TEEN PICNIC & POOL PARTY**

Parents and teens from 6<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> grade are invited to attend a picnic and pool party at the home of the Morrows, 4638 Basswood Drive (off Asbury) on Sunday, August 27, from 12:30-3:30 PM. Meat and drinks will be provided. All are asked to bring a dish to share.

Part of the time will include a discussion of youth ministry as we think about what we would like to offer. **Please sign up at the Information Table, on your Worship + 2 form or contact Karen Shor in the office so we can plan food and drinks.**

## **WOW (WAYSIDE ON WEDNESDAY) KIDS' CLUB**

The WOW Kids' Club is a Wednesday program for youth from 2nd to 5th grade beginning at 4:00 PM. The children participate in choir and have a variety of activities and service projects throughout the year. The first session will be on Wednesday September 13. If your child would like to participate, please contact Keith or Karen Shor in the office.

## **WAYOUTH**

WaYouth is a youth group program for youth 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grades beginning Wednesday evenings at 6:00 PM. WaYouth Choir begins at 4:45 PM. The first session will be on Wednesday September 13. If your child would like to participate, please contact Keith or Karen Shor in the office.

## **ADULT EDUCATION PROGRAM**

"The Way of Prayer" is a class for any who are interested in learning more about prayer and praying. James Bernhardt will lead this class. Sign up now and commit to a class on either Sunday mornings at 9:45 AM or Wednesday evenings at 6:30 PM in the church Parlor. The first Sunday class will be September 10 and the first Wednesday class will be September 13. This is an 11 week course. There will be reading and prayer work to do in preparation for each class. The cost for the participant book is \$10.00, payable to Wayside. Signup at the Information Table, on your Worship +2 form or contact Karen Shor in the office.