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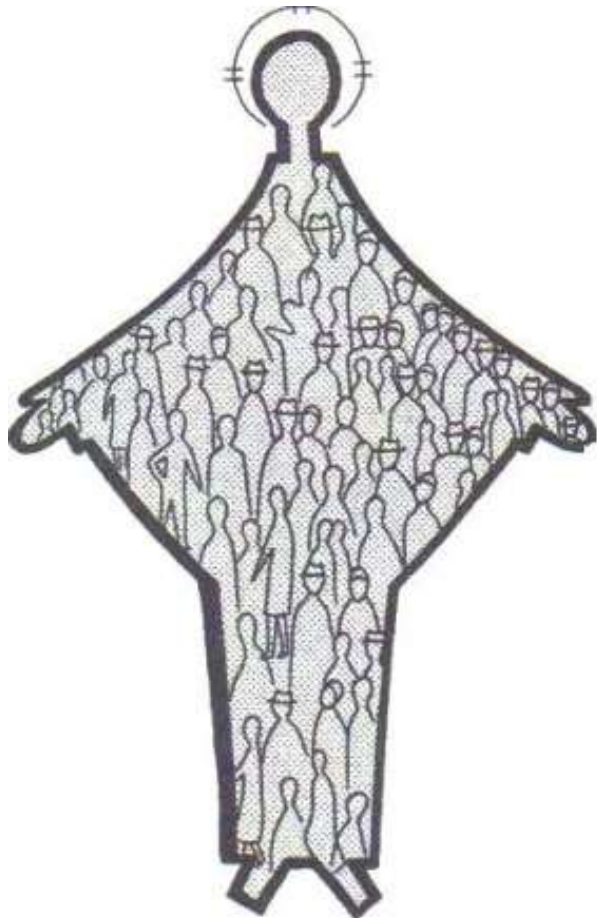
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CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP
Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 27, 2017

10:00 AM

PRELUDE

“Vox Angelica”

arr. Wilson

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

WE APPROACH GOD

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Our help is in the name of God who made heaven and earth.

God is at work in our lives.

We present ourselves to God to discern what is the will of God.

We transformed by the renewing of your minds.

We seek what is good and acceptable in God’s sight.

***HYMN OF PRAISE NO. 2**

“Come, Thou Almighty King”

Italian Hymn

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Loving God, our walk of faith is less a path of ease than it is a struggle to remain upright.

We confess our need for your support, graciously offered to those who seek forgiveness.

We trip up in the pursuit of developing faith as we stub our spiritual toes on neglected prayer and casual commitment.

We slip upon the slighting words and thoughts generated by unadmitted prejudice.

We skid into an easy selfishness, one that allows us to defer considering how our actions have an impact on others.

We stumble over ethical decisions that pull us toward difficult understandings, that demand genuine changes of heart and practice.

We fall headlong into making unholy choices that harm others by ignoring their plight or contributing to their pain or refusing to hear their truth.

Forgive us, we pray.

By your grace, grant us forward-looking faith and stability of Spirit. In the name of Jesus Christ. 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

God, in a world full of words tune our ears to listen for your Word.

**By your Holy Spirit, bring light to renew our hearts and our minds,
so we may better understand your will, and respond in faith. Amen.**

CHRISTIAN SCRIPTURE READING

Romans 12:1-8; NT 161

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

SERMON

“Yes, And...”

Teaching Elder James Bernhardt

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

A MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION

***HYMN OF RESPONSE NO. 716** “God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending” Beach Spring

CONCERNS OF THE COMMUNITY

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

RECEPTION OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory Anthem

“God and God Alone”

McHugh

Karen Sidorowicz, 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. 761** “Called as Partners In Christ's Service” Beecher

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

***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** “Trumpet Tune and Air” Purcell

*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.

The prayer of confession today is adapted from a prayer by Glen E. Rainsley in his book, “*Hear Our Prayer*”, United Church Press, Cleveland, 1996. Used by permission.

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WAYSIDE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday, August 27, 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: Matt McCullough
Ushers: 8:30 AM: Lee McVey and Louise Martin
10:00 AM: Tanner Babb, 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

A reminder to those scheduled to help next week:

Church Opener: Tom Momeyer
Ushers: 8:30 AM: Bill Bremmer and Ritch Marsh
10:00 AM: Pam Monaco, Rachael Sbrocco, Jonathon Sidorowicz, Mark Smith, Dan Taylor
Worship Assistant: Mac Pollard
Sound Board: Jack Grimm
Greeters: Penny and Steve Porter, Worship
Fellowship Time: Lenora Lewis

OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 27- SEPTEMBER 3, 2017

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
Monday, August 28	12:15 PM	Second Harvest Mobile Food Bank
Tuesday, August 29	1:00 PM	Newsletter Collating
Sunday, September 3	8:30 AM	Celebration of Worship
Communion Sunday	10:00 AM	Celebration of Worship
	11:00 AM	Fellowship Time

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

The Sanctuary Flowers are provided by Gwen and Mark Smith in memory of their parents. They would like to share the flowers with you. If you would like a bouquet, please come to the communion table following the late service.

THIS WEEK'S SPECIAL MUSIC

Karen Sidorowicz is the mother of three beautiful children and she loves working with the kids and singing in the Chancel Choir. Karen currently serves as an Elder and Christian Education Assistant.

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.

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 also take place at Asbury Woods beginning at 6:00 PM. If you are interested in taking part in either or both activities, please sign up at the Information Table or on your Worship + 2 form.

GENEROSITY OPPORTUNITIES

HABITAT VOLUNTEER NEEDED!

This year's Habitat Faith build begins in a couple of weeks, and one of our volunteers has had to drop out. We are looking for someone to fill that work slot on Saturday, September 9. Workers must be able to work from 8-5 and be over 16 years old (16 & 17 year olds need a signed permission from a parent). If you are interested in participating in this project, please contact Karen Shor at the church office (833-7653). She will e-mail you a waiver that you must fill out and return IMMEDIATELY. This is a great way to help a local family in their quest to become homeowners and also is a fun day of working with members of other Erie area churches. Thank you for considering this opportunity for mission in our community!

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).

SECOND HARVEST MOBILE FOOD BANK

The next Mobile Food Bank will be held tomorrow, 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.

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.

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 you're 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.**

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.

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.

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. We would like to have the schedule for the year available by September 10 so please sign up soon!

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.

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 participant book is *The Way of Prayer* by Stephen D. Bryant, Jane E. Vennard. You may purchase the participant book yourself or order through the church, payable to Wayside, at the cost of \$10.00. Signup at the Information Table, on your Worship +2 form or contact Karen Shor in the office.