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*CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP*  
*Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time*

September 3, 2017

10:00 AM

PRELUDE

"Three Communion Hymn Variations"

arr. James

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*WE APPROACH GOD*

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Ecclesiastes 7: selected verses (CEB)

A good name is better than fine oil,  
and the day of death better than the birthday.  
It is better to go to a house in mourning  
than to a house party,  
**because that is everyone's** destiny;  
and the living should take it to heart.

Aggravation is better than merriment  
because a sad face may lead to a glad heart.  
The wise heart is in the house that mourns,  
but the foolish heart is in the house that rejoices.  
It is better to obey the reprimand of the wise  
than to listen to the song of fools,  
Patience is better than arrogance.

**Don't be too quick to get** angry  
because anger lives in the **fool's heart**.  
Wisdom is as good as an inheritance—  
an advantage for those who see the sun.

HYMN SING

NO. 370 "This is My Father's World" (both verses)  
NO. 724 "O Jesus, I Have Promised" (verses 1 and 4)  
NO. 839 "Blessed Assurance" (verses 1 and 2)

Terra Beata  
**Angel's Story**  
Assurance

*WE HEAR GOD'S WORD*

GOSPEL FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

Teaching Elder James Bernhardt

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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION HYMN NO. 458 (Refrain only – sung twice)

"Thy Word Is a Lamp unto My Feet"

Thy Word

CHRISTIAN SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 16:21-28; NT 18

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

SERMON

"The Definition of **Life**"

Teaching Elder Keith Sundberg

**WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD**

A MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION

CONCERNS OF THE COMMUNITY

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Merciful God, Hear our prayer.

RECEPTION OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory Anthem No. 69

**"Here I Am Lord"**

Here I Am

Christian Sundberg

\*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

THE CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

The Invitation

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving, **Hymns, Lord's Prayer (debts)**

Holy Spirit, we believe this bread and juice can be changed for us from common elements into life giving gifts, life restoring blessings, into a life enabling meal. We bring doubts from the challenges of day to day life and so we need your grace in order to receive what we need.

NO. 471 (sung twice) *O Lord, hear my prayer. O Lord hear my prayer.*

*When I call, answer me. O Lord hear my prayer.*

*O Lord hear my prayer. Come and listen to me.*

Hear My Prayer

Holy God, are there words to thank you for the gift of yourself? Are there words for life itself?

All we know is that we must live in you for us to live at all. Come and abide with us now.

NO. 414 (sung twice)

*Be still and know that I am God.*

Psalm 46

*Be still and know that I am God.*

Holy Son, by your sacrifice we have found a path to who we might be. Forgive our sins, help us set aside our doubts, transform us into your people.

NO. 698 (sung twice)      *Take, O take me as I am; summon out what I shall be;  
Set your seal upon my heart and live in me.*

Take Me as I Am

As Jesus prayed with his first disciples so he prays with us, as we say together, **OUR FATHER....**  
The Sharing of the Meal  
Prayer after the Meal

### **TAKING GOD'S WORD INTO THE WORLD**

\*CLOSING HYMN NO. 654 (sung twice) **"In the Lord I'll Be Ever Thankful"**

**In the Lord I'll Be Ever Thankful**

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\*BENEDICTION RESPONSE

**"May the Love of the Lord"**

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*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

**"Fanfare in A Flat"**

McAfee

\*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, September 3, 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 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: Tom Momeyer  
Ushers: 8:30 AM: Bill Bremmer and Ritch Marsh  
10:00 AM: John Fair, Bobbi Jo Fye, Hadley Jones, Tom Lewis, Ken Reitingen,  
Rachael Sbrocco and Barb Sundberg  
Worship Assistant: Mac Pollard  
Sound Board: Jonathan Jewell  
Greeters: Penny and Steve Porter, Worship  
Information Table: Micki Loesel  
Fellowship Time: Lenora Lewis

A reminder to those scheduled to help next week (NOTE: return to 11:00 AM for the later service):

Church Opener: Matt McCullough  
Ushers: 8:30 AM: Tim Feltmeyer and Kurt Menges  
11:00 AM: (note time change) Maria Carpenedo, Bobbi Jo Fye, Jon Hoyt,  
Ron Kolb, Bill Pentz, Barb Sundberg and Axel Swanson

Worship Assistant: Linda Lorah  
Sound Board: Andy Potocki  
Greeters: Dave & Mary Yonkers, Worship; Missy Grimm, SN&E  
Information Table: Mark Smith  
Fellowship Time: Micki Loesel

## OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 3-10, 2017

Sunday, September 3	8:30 AM	Celebration of Worship
Communion Sunday	10:00 AM	Celebration of Worship
	11:00 AM	Fellowship Time
Monday, September 4		Labor Day - Office Closed
Wednesday, September 5	7:00 PM	Nominating Committee
	7:30 PM	Congregational Development & Nurture (CDN)
Thursday, September 6	12:30 PM	<b>Pastors' Lunch</b>
Friday, September 8	7:30 AM	Habitat for Humanity Build
	7:00 PM	Sophia Circle
Saturday, September 9	8:00 AM	Habitat for Humanity Build
	9:00 AM	Second Saturday at Second Harvest
Sunday, September 10	8:30 AM	Celebration of Worship
Return to regular hours	9:45 AM	Sunday School
	11:00 AM	Celebration of Worship
	12:00 PM	Fellowship Time

### SANCTUARY FLOWERS

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

### THIS WEEK'S SPECIAL MUSIC

Christian Sundberg his wife Angelle and children Isaac and Eliza joined Wayside in May. Christian works for SPX FLOW, an industrial company, administering nuclear pump contracts.

### CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

**With joy and thanksgiving we celebrate the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper this morning.** Everyone who comes in faith and trust, including young children with their parents, is welcome to share in the Sacrament. Gluten-free wafers are available on a separate tray. Please indicate to an usher or communion server if this is your preference.

**Today we receive communion by "intinction".** When instructed, exit the left side of your pew, come to the front of the sanctuary where you will receive a piece of bread that you then dip in the cup and then partake. Return to your seat by the right side of the pew.

### 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.

### 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. Children whose parents are not attending will be driven to Asbury Woods. 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. Adults may attend at no cost. 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*

### HURRICANE RELIEF

As you are aware, Texas has been devastated by Hurricane Harvey. As we learned during the flood experience in West Virginia, it will be months if not years before the area will recover. In addition to financial donations (see the insert), a Mission Team from Wayside will travel to Texas to give our time, energy, ability and compassion to help alleviate some of the misery people there are enduring. The work is likely to be anything from debris removal and demolition to mold abatement and construction, or something completely unanticipated.

Adults 18 and over are encouraged to participate. Please indicate your potential interest on the sign-up sheet in the Lobby or on your Worship +2 form. The dates are as yet undetermined so watch for more information as it becomes available.

### 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.

### SECOND HARVEST MOBILE FOOD BANK

The next Mobile Food Bank will be held Monday, September 25. 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.

### 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 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. We will need at least 12-15 volunteers for this project. Please sign up at the Information Table in the Lobby or on the Worship +2 insert.

### 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.

## 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

**Next week's suggested items for the Food Pantry are cereal and baked beans.** 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)*

### SUNDAY SCHOOL BEGINS NEXT WEEK!!

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 [steward@wayside-erie.org](mailto:steward@wayside-erie.org) or call 833-7653.

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!

## 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.