## WAYS TO FIND OUT MORE ABOUT UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Call the church office at 715-392-4751.



Follow us on Facebook.

## **HELPFUL TO KNOW**

If you'd like to join us for Sunday worship live, please go to our facebook page or Youtube and connect with the following link:

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCIPZsQ5nMwmFfhUGn8zJ3sQ/videos

Please feel free to place any questions you may have by replying in the comments section (Youtube), or contact the church office by phone or email and request to be added to our email list.

## **PRAYER REQUEST**

The Pastor is always glad to share prayer requests during the Prayer Time during each worship service. You can share a prayer request online in the comments section (Youtube) and by contacting the church by email or phone.

The Prayer Chain may be activated by calling
Jan Heckman at 715-392-1072
or
Dean Hecht at 715-398-6532.

#### **Pastor**

Rev. Brett M. Foote

**Director of Children, Youth and Family Ministries** 

**Christy Willmore** 

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COMMUNION SUNDAY
FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 3rd, 2020

10:00 A.M.

Please light a candle to remind yourself of the presence of God.

PRELUDE Alex Sandor WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT Bless the Lord #544 (4X)

CALL TO WORSHIP (Adapted from Psalm 40)

One: We wait patiently for the Lord.

All: God really does listen to us.

One: God draws us up from the desolate pit and from the miry

bog.

All: Our feet have been set upon rocks and God makes our steps secure.

One: A new song has been given to us by God, a song of joy and praise!

All: Were we to proclaim all of your deeds God, our singing would be endless.

HYMN Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us #187

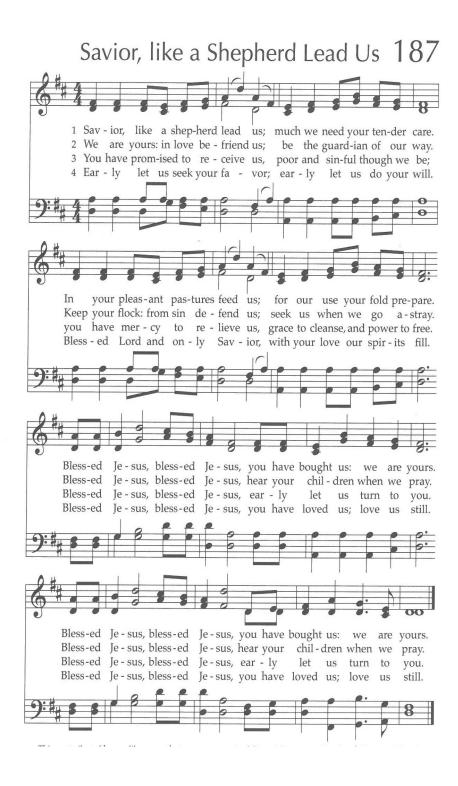
## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

One: Let us pray.

All: Shepherding God, you call us sheep. As sheep, you call us to follow you for our care. We confess that often we stray from you. We confess that we get startled easily in the ebb and flow of life as it moves from good to bad to good. Forgive us for when we stray from you. Forgive us for when we run away from the still waters and green pastures to which you lead us. Forgive us for our inclinations to turn to greed when scarcity arises. Thank you God for navigating life's difficult paths with us. Thank you for being a good shepherd that protects us and cares for us. In the midst of these trying times, remind us of the ways we are all called to live. As we stay home, remind us to be the church that reflects Jesus' love to all we interact with online or otherwise. Heal us, transform us, and make yourself known through us. In the name of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our resurrected truth, Amen.

# Let Us Break Bread Together 525





## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: Family, though we sin and God dislikes sin, God delights to show us mercy. God has compassion on all of us no matter what. Witness and believe the good news of the Gospel: because of Christ's birth, life, death, and especially resurrection...

All: We are all forgiven. Amen.

## PASSING THE PEACE

You are invited to bless those in the comments section with the words, "The peace of Christ be with you." Please also say "Hello" to one another.

TIME WITH CHILDREN SCRIPTURE READINGS

**Christy Willmore Olivia Pennington** 

**Old Testament Reading** 

Psalm 23:1-6

**SERMON** 

"Being Shepherded: Living As The Church"

Rev. Brett M. Foote

New Testament Reading

Acts 2:41-47

**HYMN** 

Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples

*#757* 

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH The Confession of Belhar (Abridged) We believe in the triune God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, who gathers, protects and cares for the church through Word and Spirit. This, God has done since the beginning of the world and will do to the end. We believe in one holy, universal Christian church, the communion of saints called from the entire human family. We believe that Christ's work of reconciliation is made manifest in the church as the community of believers who have been reconciled with God and with one another. We believe that God has entrusted the church with the message of reconciliation in and through Jesus Christ; that the church is called to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world, that the church is called blessed because it is a peacemaker. Jesus is Lord. To the one and only God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, be the honor and the glory for ever and ever. Amen.

## **OFFERING**

Moment for Mission Offertory

**Alex Sandor** 

## RESPONSE

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.

Praise God, all creatures high and low.

Alleluia, alleluia!

Praise God, in Jesus fully known:

Creator, Word, and Spirit one.

Alleluia, alleluia!

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

## PRAYER OVER OFFERING

One: Let us bless these gifts.

All: God who shepherds us, we offer all our gifts to you, our lives, our passions and so much more. Bless these tithes and offerings. Bless our mission and vision as the church, as we reach out with our neighbors for the betterment of our community. May we be good stewards of these gifts and may we be generous neighbors. Help us to connect with and care for our community so that the Twin Ports may know that they are loved by us and by God. In the name of the Holy Trinity, Amen.

## SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

**Invitation to Holy Communion** 

HYMN Come to the Table of Grace #507 (vs 1-3)

## **EUCHARISTIC PRAYER**

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.
One: Lift up your hearts.
All: We lift them up to God.

One: Let us give thanks to God most High.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

One: Praise to You, O God, for all of Your works. You created the world and called it good and made us in Your image to live together in love. You made a covenant with us, and even when we turned from You, You remained ever faithful. You taught Your disciple's to pray by saying...

## **LORD'S PRAYER**

All: Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day, our daily bread. Forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the glory and the power, forever. Amen.

# WORDS OF INSTITUTION SHARING THE BREAD AND CUP

You are invited to participate in this sacrament regardless of age, church affiliation, or location. We invite you to use what elements you have near you, preferably bread and grape juice. Please do not let having those specific items preclude you from participating in this sacrament. Please use what is available. At home we invite you to serve one another or yourself using the words "The Bread of Heaven" for the bread and "The Cup of Salvation" for the juice in whatever form they take after the pastor has spoken the words of institution.

## PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

One: Let us give thanks.

All: With this bread of life and cup of salvation, O God, You have brought us into Christ's presence, united us with Him, and bound us to each other. Now send us out, empowered by Your Holy Spirit, that we may be Your light and love in the world. Amen.

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

**Prayers to be Shared** Please email the church with your prayer requests or share them in the comments section. (Youtube)

Silent Prayer Pastoral Prayer

CLOSING HYMN Let Us Break Bread Together

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BENEDICTION

**POSTLUDE** 

## **OLD TESTAMENT READING**

Psalm 23:1-6

A Psalm of David.

The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not want.

He makes me lie down in green pastures;
he leads me beside still waters;
he restores my soul.

He leads me in right paths
for his name's sake.

Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff—they comfort me.

You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD my whole life long.

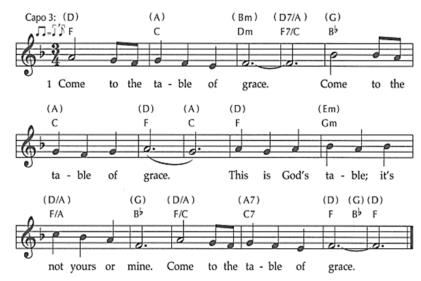
## **NEW TESTAMENT READING**

Acts 2:41-47

So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added. They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

## Come to the Table of Grace 507



- 2 Come to the table of peace...
- 3 Come to the table of love...
- 4 Come to the table of hope...
- 5 Come to the table of joy...

## **DID YOU KNOW YOU CAN DONATE ONLINE?**

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