



*Grounded in the grace of God, we are a
vibrant Christian community, disciples of all ages,
gathered for worship and nurture, scattered to serve and to love.*
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WORSHIP for JULY 18, 2021
EIGHTH SUNDAY
after PENTECOST

MISSION TRIP SUNDAY

CALL to WORSHIP

Maddie McCleskey

One: People of God, what are we here to do?
All: To love the Lord our God with heart and soul and might.
One: What are we here to do?
All: To love our neighbors as ourselves.
One: People of God, what are we here to do?
All: To worship our God, let us worship God together.

HYMN — *We Are One in the Spirit*

THEY'LL KNOW WE ARE CHRISTIANS

*We are one in the Spirit; we are one in the Lord;
we are one in the Spirit; we are one in the Lord,
and we pray that all unity may one day be restored:*

Refrain:

*And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love;
yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.*

*We will walk with each other; we will walk hand in hand;
we will walk with each other; we will walk hand in hand'
and together we'll spread the news that God is in our land:*

Refrain

*We will work with each other; we will work side by side;
we will work with each other; we will work side by side,
and we'll guard human dignity and save human pride:*

Refrain

*All praise to the Father, from whom all things come,
and all praise to Christ Jesus, God's only Son,
and all praise to the Spirit, who makes us one:*

Refrain

PRAYER of CONFESSION

Andrew Neiman

Gracious God, Jesus tells us that our lives are enriched by loving you and loving our neighbors. We confess that love is hard for us. We can be too selfish or too pessimistic, too hollow or too hardened, or too tired to give ourselves to love's demands. Forgive our self-centeredness and our bias. Cleanse our hearts that we might find the strength to do what love requires and the grace to receive what love has to give.

(Time for silent prayer and confession.)

PROMISE of FORGIVENESS

One: The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting. I declare to you, in the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. Believe the good news of the Gospel!
All: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven! Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Amen!

RESPONSE to GOD'S GRACE — *Glory to the Father*

GLORIA PATRI

*Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever.
Amen. Amen. Amen.*

SCRIPTURE READING — *Luke 10:25-37*

Jack Fancher

Just then a lawyer stood up to test Jesus. "Teacher," he said, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?" He said to him, "What is written in the law? What do you read there?" He answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself." And he said to him, "You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live."

But wanting to justify himself, he asked Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" Jesus replied, "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and went away, leaving him half dead. Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan while traveling came near him; and when he saw him, he was moved with pity. He went to him and bandaged his wounds, having poured oil and wine on them. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, 'Take care of him; and when I come back, I will repay you whatever more you spend.' Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?" He said, "The one who showed him mercy." Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

MEDITATIONS BY YOUTH

Austin Massey, Vanessa Nolan, Robbie Oleynick

AFFIRMATION of FAITH — from *A Brief Statement of Faith*

Eric Moyer-Harrington

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life. The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the church. In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, Come, Lord Jesus!

HYMN — *Come! Live in the Light!*

WE ARE CALLED

*Come! Live in the light!
Shine with the joy and the love of the Lord!
We are called to be light for the kingdom,
to live in the freedom of the city of God.*

Refrain:

*We are called to act with justice;
we are called to love tenderly;
we are called to serve one another,
to walk humbly with God.*

*Come! Open your heart!
Show your mercy to all those in fear!
We are called to be hope for the hopeless
so hatred and violence will be no more.*

Refrain

*Sing! Sing a new song!
Sing of that great day when all will be one!
God will reign, and we'll walk with each other
as sisters and brothers united in love.*

Refrain

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Lizzie Stoner

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; and 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 power and the glory, forever. Amen.

S E N D I N G

CHARGE *and* BLESSING

POSTLUDE — *Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples*

KINGSFOLD

*Today we all are called to be disciples of the Lord,
to help to set the captive free, make plowshare out of sword,
to feed the hungry, quench their thirst, make love and peace our fast,
to serve the poor and homeless first, our ease and comfort last.*

*God made the world and at its birth ordained our human race
to live as stewards of the earth, responding to God's grace.
But we are vain and sadly proud; we sow not peace but strife.
Our discord spreads a deadly cloud that threatens all of life.*

*Pray justice may come rolling down as in a mighty stream,
with righteousness in field and town to cleanse us and redeem.
For God is longing to restore an earth where conflicts cease,
a world that was created for a harmony of peace.*

*May we in service to our God act out the living word,
and walk the road the saints have trod till all have seen and heard.
As stewards of the earth may we give thanks in one accord
to God who calls us all to be disciples of the Lord.*

QUESTIONS *for* REFLECTION

- Who is God calling you to see as your neighbor?

YOUTH BAND

Wesley and the Carwash

Jack Fancher, Avery Gardner, Kathryn Gilbride, Austin Massey, Catherine Moyer-Harrington,
Eric Moyer-Harrington, Andrew Neiman, Madi Neiman, and Robbie Oleynick

OTHER YOUTH IN MISSION PARTICIPANTS

Brandon Keys, Hope Massey, Eva Washington

OTHERS PARTICIPATING IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Tim Carpenter – Director of Music

Justin Hartz – Organist

Video Ministry Volunteers

ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Please note all announcements for Sunday bulletins are due by noon the Tuesday before they are to be published. Please email announcements to Bulletin@MPCusa.net.*

CONTACTLESS VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR FAMILY PROMISE OF LOWER BUCKS

Family Promise of Lower Bucks (FPLB) now has funding to assist families in Bucks County facing eviction due to COVID-19. They are looking for caring volunteers to help guide families through the application process to ensure those families have the holistic resources they need to stay in their homes and save families from the trauma of homelessness.

Contactless volunteer opportunities include:

- Participating in a brief virtual training
- Receiving calls forwarded from our Prevention Line Screening for eligible families
- Accessing the pre-qualification form at www.fplb.org
- Completing the form over the phone with families
- Sharing additional resources
- Reporting to the FPLB Director and/or Family Advocate

Please contact Jessica Schwartz at 215-943-0402 or Director@FPLB.org if you are interested in volunteering.