



The Presbyterian Church of Llanerch

Celebrating The 8th Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, July 10, 2016

10:00 a.m.

Questions for reflection, before, during, and after this morning's service:

How does the story of the compassionate Samaritan expand your understanding of who your neighbor may be? With whom do you identify most in this parable?

Gathering

As you come to worship, take a few moments to bring yourself before God—your present state of mind and preoccupations, as well as your desire to meet God during this time.

[Our service begins when the voluntary begins, and we turn our attention toward God, in worship.]

The * indicates the parts of the service where the congregation is invited to stand; **bolded responses** indicate congregational responses.

VOLUNTARY "Where Charity and Love Prevail, There God Is Found" --setting by David Lasky

GREETING AND WELCOME

* CALL TO WORSHIP

* PRAYER OF THE DAY

* OPENING HYMN

766

McKee

"The Church of Christ Cannot Be Bound"

CALL TO RECONCILIATION AND PRAYERS OF FORGIVENESS

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

* SUNG RESPONSE 475 "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing" Verse 1 --*Nettleton*

♪ "Come, thou Fount of every blessing; tune my heart to sing thy grace;
streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise. Teach

me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above; praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it, mount of God's unchanging love!" ♪

Word

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

A STORY FROM THE HEBREW SCRIPTURES Deuteronomy 30: 9-14 [Page 185]

A READING FROM THE GOSPELS Luke 10: 25-37 [Page 71]

The wisdom of God for all people; the call of God for all who live.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON --Rev. David Stipp-Bethune

"The Morality Tale, a little more complicated"

Response

* AFFIRMATION OF OUR FAITH --The Confession of Belhar, 2.0 adapted

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;

that this unity of the people of God must be manifested and be active in a variety of ways: in that we love one another; that we experience, practice and pursue community with one another; that we are obligated to give ourselves willingly and joyfully to be of benefit and blessing to one another; that we share one faith, have one calling, are of one soul and one mind; have one God and Father, are filled with one Spirit, are baptized with one baptism, eat of one bread and drink of one cup, confess one name, are obedient to one Lord, work for one cause, and share one hope; together come to know the height and the breadth and the depth of the love of Christ; together are built up to the stature of Christ, to the new humanity; together know and bear one another's burdens, thereby fulfilling the law of Christ that we need one another and upbuild one another, admonishing and comforting one another; that we suffer with one another for the sake of righteousness; pray together; together serve God in this world; and together fight against all which may threaten or hinder this unity.

AMEN.

* HYMN

700

I'm Gonna Live

"I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me"

A Service of Commissioning for Vacation Bible School

CALL TO DISCIPLESHIP

We are called by God to be the church of Jesus Christ, a sign in the world today of what God intends for all humankind. As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ.

There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus.

Lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

There is one body and one Spirit, just as we were called to the one hope of our calling, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all.

The call of Christ is to willing, dedicated discipleship. Our discipleship is a manifestation of the new life we enter through baptism.

Discipleship is both a gift and a commitment, an offering and a responsibility.

QUESTIONS FOR THOSE BEING COMMISSIONED AND THE CONGREGATION

* COMMISSIONING PRAYER

CHARGE AND BLESSING

Our Offering

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

[An opportunity to offer prayers aloud will be provided in addition to the petitions offered.]

INVITATION TO PRESENT GOD'S TITHES, OUR GIFTS, AND OFFERINGS

SUNG OFFERTORY "Let's Join the Wave" from VBS 2016 --Matt Huesmann

See insert

* SUNG RESPONSE #606 "Praise God, from Whom all Blessings Flow" --Doxology

"Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. AMEN."

RESPONSIVE PRAYER OF DEDICATION (appears on next page)

Receive these gifts, O God. May our lives be an offering that is pleasing to you, good gifts that come from the knowledge of life in Christ our Lord.

Thank you God: you are our soil, our food, our water, our sun, everything we need to grow. We offer these gifts to you, asking for your direction, as we work each day so that your kingdom of light becomes more and more of a reality in this world.

And hear us as we pray in the name of the one who prays for us, using as our words the words he taught us to use when we pray, saying:

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.

Sending

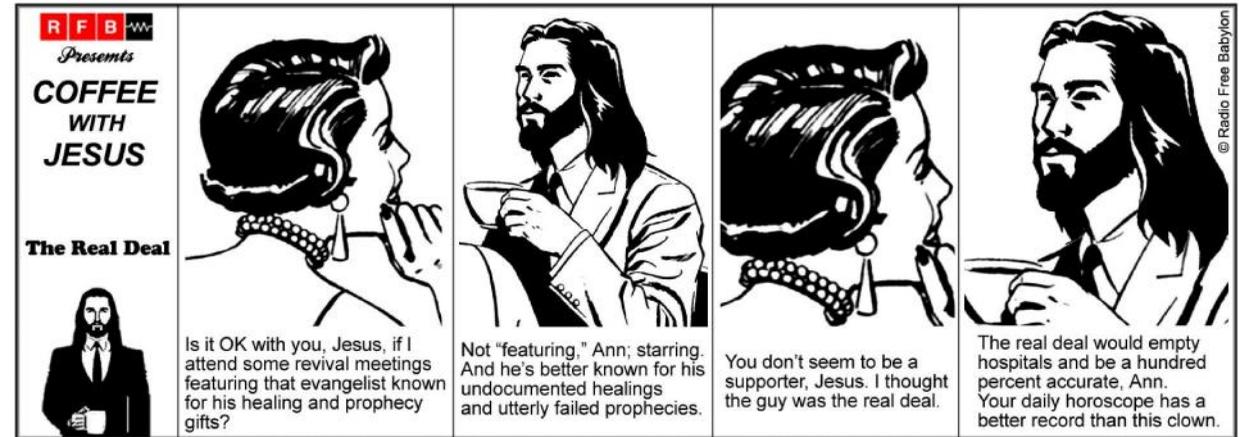
- * HYMN 339 *Lift Every Voice*
"Lift Every Voice and Sing"
- * ANNOUNCEMENTS
- * BLESSING & CHARGE
- * VOLUNTARY Variation on "When Love Is Found" in the style of J.S. Bach –Janet Linker

While our worship service ends, our Christian service is just beginning...

Leading This Morning's Worship Service Are: Georgia Marshall Schrom, Minister of Music;
Rev. David Stipp-Bethune, Pastor.

Service Notes for This Morning's Worship Service:

1. Our Call to Worship, pieces of our Confession and Assurance, some of our Prayers of the People and our prayers of dedication were crafted with suggestions from the Feasting on the Word worship Companion: liturgies for Year C, edited by Kimberly Bracken Long.
2. Our Affirmation of Faith this morning was taken from the introductory paragraphs of our denomination's newest confession, The Confession of Belhar. The 222nd General Assembly ratified its inclusion to our Book of Confessions at its recent meeting in Portland. Written by a South African denomination in the mid 1980's this statement has been reaffirmed and adopted as a confessional document to which we are obligated as Presbyterians. We will continue to explore the Confession of Belhar in the weeks to come.



~ Special Invitation ~

Join your friends at the Presbyterian Church of Llanerch on Friday, July 15th for the Vacation Bible School Celebration Program and Reception. It starts at 7pm.

"What's In It For You?" You ask.

See our Sanctuary filled with excited children and young people!

You remember what it was like when the sanctuary was filled and you want to experience it again!

Families, lots of families! Come say "hi" and welcome them!

Come dance to the VBS tunes!

Come share in what the kids and adults learned!

You need a good excuse to get out of the house with Church friends.

Fabulous, fabulous, fabulous fun!

WAYS YOU CAN HELP OUR MINISTRY... and take part in it:

PARTICIPATE IN WORSHIP WITH US:

10 a.m. on Sunday Mornings (DURING THE SUMMER)

PARTICIPATE IN HELPING OTHERS:

We receive gifts for CHESTER EASTSIDE MINISTRIES food and outreach ministries on the third Sunday of each month. **Our next offering is Sunday, July 17th!** Please bring your gifts to worship on July 17th and include them in the special dedication during worship!

PARTICIPATE IN THE PRACTICE OF PRAYER:

Our congregation believes and attests to the power of prayer. We pray "together" in church and we pray "together" as individuals. Here are some of the things we are praying:

For the shooting death of Alton Sterling in Baton Rouge, LA and for the shooting death of Philando Castile near Minneapolis, MN—for their families and communities; for the police officers involved and their families; | For the victims of the terrorist attacks in Istanbul, Indonesia, and Iraq | For the victims of natural and human-caused disasters, especially in the flooding in West Virginia | For Michelle Siegle (Eleanor Siegle's daughter-in-law who suffered a massive stroke), **| For Jack Bellwoar** (who suffered a stroke and has other major health complications) and **for Gail | For Steven Joachim** (Eleanor Siegle's great-grandson) **| For Phoenix Hoyle, June Hoyle's grandson** (June is our Preschool Director) **| For Cindy Guilfoil** (who is undergoing chemotherapy for cancer) **| For Kelly Diiorio's Mother** (who is fighting lung cancer) **| For Matthew | For Ben | Thanksgiving and safe-keeping for first responders, good neighbors, helping people, and disaster planning | For our congregation in our New Beginnings discernment small group meetings | For our congregation, our elders and deacons, our pastor | Our Church Staff: Kelly Dilorio, Georgia Schrom, David Pokorny, and Rev. David Stipp-Bethune | Our Preschool staff, students, and families | For the Families, Friends, Communities, and our nation in the wake of the circumstances that led to the loss of life--that justice may roll down like waters.**

By adding these prayers to your personal prayers, we engage God together.

WE REALLY DO WANT TO HEAR YOUR FEEDBACK:

Our hope and prayer is that our worship services, programs, and ministry opportunities are both meaningful and helpful to you, and we'd appreciate knowing how well or how not-so-well that we're doing. Comments, feedback, and helpful criticisms are welcome—please make notes or suggestions, and sign them. You can drop them off, mail them to the church office, or e-mail them to the church office or pastor. Please be aware we can only consider signed responses. Thank you for your help.



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OUR MISSION

The Presbyterian Church of Llanerch is an inclusive Christian community whose members have been: saved by God's grace, united by God in Jesus Christ, and given by God as a light to the nations. Our mission is patterned after the example of Jesus Christ, who came "not to be served but to serve." To that end, we seek to think with the mind of Christ, to love with the heart of Christ, and to act as the Lord requires, doing justly, loving mercy, and walking humbly with our God.

WELCOME!

We are grateful that you are choosing to worship with us! Worship at "Llanerch" is our signature event each Sunday, and we hope and pray that you find today's service meaningful and that you experience authentic fellowship with our faith community. Child care for younger children is provided in our nursery (ask one of our ushers if you need directions) and a time of fellowship with coffee and treats follows our worship service. Information about our ministry and activities is included in our bulletin and in the brochure in your pew. You may also connect with us online at www.llanerchpres.org or find us on Facebook (The Presbyterian Church of Llanerch). Our pastor is Rev. David Stipp-Bethune and can be contacted through the church office, or the Pastor's Study at 610-789-1820, or via e-mail: revdrstipp@msn.com.

KNOW YOU ARE MOST WELCOME TO JOIN US IN THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES:

Today	7/10	It's the 8 th Sunday after Pentecost, and we're Commissioning our VBS!
Monday	07/11	Vacation Bible School 9am-noon.
Tuesday	07/12	Vacation Bible School 9am-noon.
Wednesday	07/13	Vacation Bible School 9am-noon.
Thursday	07/14	Vacation Bible School 9am-noon.
Friday	07/15	Vacation Bible School 9am-noon.

Vacation Bible School Program & Reception 7:00pm.

NEXT Sunday 07/17 VBS Celebration in worship for the 9th Sunday after Pentecost!



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