

September 10, 2023

11:00 AM.

OLD TESTAMENT READING: Jeremiah 17:5-10

GOSPEL READING: Matthew 7:7-11

Patti Reep, Organist

Deborah Snyder, Choir Director
& Pianist

SERMON “Slow Me Down, Lord” *Rev. Lisa Lyon*

PRELUDE

MOMENT OF SILENT MEDITATION

ANNOUNCEMENTS

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

CALL TO WORSHIP (based on Psalm 9)

We will give thanks to the Lord with our whole hearts;

We will tell of all your wonderful deeds.

We will be glad and exult in you;

We will sing praise to your name, O Most High.

The Lord is a stronghold for the oppressed,

A stronghold in times of trouble.

And those who know your name put their trust in you,

For you, O Lord, have not forsaken those who seek you. Sing praises to the Lord!

We believe in God, Creator of the good earth, where the trees form a corridor of praise and the birds form a choir to welcome each dawn; the holy earth, where flowers spin in delight and the ocean washes pain from the shore; the precious earth, where air, water, fire and living creatures tumble together, sometimes in joyous accord, but often in hurtful disarray. We believe in Jesus, the restorer of the good path, who leads us into the depths of prayer and the heights of praise, who guides us through valleys of despair and along mountain paths of risk, who beckons us to renew relationships and restore unity. We believe in the Spirit, who stirred the church into being and continually prompts us to be a river of hope, a stream of care, a fountain of joy and an ocean of love. We believe in an amazing God, a risen Christ, a life-giving Spirit. Amen.

MORNING PRAYER

THE LORD’S SUPPER – See Insert

* Hymn of Praise #485 PH “To God Be the Glory”

JOYS AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

* CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD’S PRAYER Pg. 16 PH

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Wondrous and generous God, you have blessed us with gentle rains, glorious sunsets and sun-warmed days. You bless us with loving families, kind friends and a caring church. Let us receive these gifts with thankfulness and humility. We cannot earn nor do we deserve such generosity, but we graciously open our hearts and hands to receive. Forgive us when we are hardhearted and tight-handed, when we don’t let your goodness flow through us, when we hide our talents and turn away from the needs of the world. Release us, Holy One, from fear, and create a contagious spirit of giving that touches the world with hope. Amen.

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

* OFFERTORY

* THE DOXOLOGY #592 PH

* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

O God, use these gifts to do your will in the world and prepare us for your coming kingdom. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.

* ASSURANCE OF PARDON

* Closing Hymn #333 PH “See Ye First”

* GLORIA PATRI #579 PH

* BENEDICTION

* Response “Let the Peace of Christ Rule in Your Heart”

* Passing of the Peace.

May the peace of Christ be with you.

And also, with you.

Let the peace of Christ rule in your heart; Let the peace of Christ rule in your heart, And whatever you do, in word or deed, Do it all in the name of the Lord.

* POSTLUDE

CHILDREN’S SERMON

* Congregation please stand if you are able.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

PH - Presbyterian Hymnal (Blue), CLH- Christian Life Hymnal (Red)
Visitors, please sign our guest book located in the vestibule.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Nominating Committee – Will have a short meeting today following worship.

Choir – If you have a spirit of praise and song in your heart, please join us on Wednesdays at 7:00pm for choir practice. You don't have to read music or have formal training to belong. All are welcome. Come and make a joyful noise to the Lord!

Adult Sunday School – Sundays from 9:45-10:30am. There will be no Sunday School on September 17th due to the Congregational Picnic.

Session Meeting – Monday, September 11th at 7:00pm. Please have committee reports to Deb Snyder by Tuesday, September 5th.

Congregational Church Picnic - Sunday, September 17th following worship in the pavilion. Chicken and beverages will be provided. Please bring your favorite covered dish or dessert to share. If you are planning to attend, please sign-up on the sheet located in the vestibule.

Trunk or Treat – Will be held and hosted by the Deacons in the church parking lot on Wednesday, October 25th from 6-8pm. You may decorate your trunk, table or just hand out candy to the children. Please consider participating in this worthwhile community event!

Preaching this month: Today – Rev. Lisa Lyon
Sept. 17 – Rev. Stephanie Geidel Weaver
Sept. 24 – Tim Rausch
Oct. 1 - Rev. Dennis Molnar

New Members Class - Anyone interested in joining the church see Deb Snyder.

Eyeglass Collection - The Worship Committee will be collecting old eyeglasses over the next few months to send to Uganda. If you have any to donate, please leave them in the basket located in the back of the church.

Bosco's "Friends Helping Friends Day" - Mark your calendar for Bosco's "Friends Helping Friends Day" scheduled for Wednesday, October 19th from 8am-11pm. 25% off passes are available now for \$5.00. See any member of the men's group to purchase. All proceeds will go to the church men's group.

Bulletin Announcements – Please notify Jan Cannon by calling or texting at 724-494-9382 or by email at djccannon@yahoo.com.

Online giving is here! Go to www.cowansvillechurch.org and click on ONLINE GIVING the GIVE NOW from your PC or download the app for mobile giving.

The offering plate is located on the table in the back of the church, you may leave your offering there.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Sept. 12 – Anthony Flick Sept. 15 – Bill Gray
Sept. 16 – Steve Geidel

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