

October 3, 2021
Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Announcements

All unvaccinated people must wear a facemask covering mouth and nose. The CDC, Cattaraugus County Health Department and Session are currently recommending everyone to wear a facemask while inside.

God is Good
Everyday
And Everyday
God is Good

Choral Introit

Call to Worship

Our Lord Jesus said:

**You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all you soul,
and with all your mind.**

This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it:

You shall love your neighbor as yourself.

Of these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.

Let us worship God!

Prayer of Confession

**Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word,
and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have
not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength; we have not loved
our neighbors as ourselves.**

**In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and
direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your
ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon

The good news in Christ is that when we face ourselves and God with the awareness
of our need, we are given grace to grow, and courage to continue the journey. Friends,
believe the good news of the gospel.

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

Opening Prayer

Lord Jesus, create in us a spirit of community, that we might love each other as you have loved us. Create in us a loving heart that we might love the world as you did. And create in us the ability to see all people as brother, sister, and neighbor created in God's image. Amen

Children's Time

*Opening Hymn ~Love Divine, All Loves Excelling ~ No. 366

Love divine, all loves excelling, joy of heaven, to earth come down,
fix in us thy humble dwelling; all thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, thou art all compassion, pure, unbounded love thou art;
visit us with thy salvation; enter every trembling heart.

Breathe, O breathe thy loving Spirit into every troubled breast.
Let us all in thee inherit; let us find the promised rest.
Take away the love of sinning; Alpha and Omega be;
end of faith, as its beginning, set our hearts at liberty.

Come, Almighty, to deliver; let us all thy life receive;
suddenly return, and never, nevermore thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing, serve thee as thy hosts above,
pray, and praise thee without ceasing, glory in thy perfect love.

Finish, then, thy new creation; pure and spotless let us be;
let us see thy great salvation perfectly restored in thee:
Changed from glory into glory, till in heaven we take our place,
till we cast our crowns before thee, lost in wonder, love and praise.

Prayers of the People

Presentation of the Offering ~ *Loose offerings on Communion Sundays further the Deacons' Work*

Doxology ~ No. 606

**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.**

Prayer of thanksgiving

Anthem

Prayer for Illumination

God of mercy, you promised never to break your covenant with us. Amid all the changing words of our generation, speak your eternal Word to us. Then may we respond to your gracious promises with faithful and obedient lives; through our Lord Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Scripture Readings

Deuteronomy 6:1-9 ~ New Revised Standard Version

Now this is the commandment—the statutes and the ordinances—that the Lord your God charged me to teach you to observe in the land that you are about to cross into and occupy, ²so that you and your children and your children’s children, may fear the Lord your God all the days of your life, and keep all his decrees and his commandments that I am commanding you, so that your days may be long. ³Hear therefore, O Israel, and observe them diligently, so that it may go well with you, and so that you may multiply greatly in a land flowing with milk and honey, as the Lord, the God of your ancestors, has promised you.

⁴Hear, O Israel: The Lord is our God, the Lord alone. ⁵You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your might. ⁶Keep these words that I am commanding you today in your heart. ⁷Recite them to your children and talk about them when you are at home and when you are away, when you lie down and when you rise. ⁸Bind them as a sign on your hand, fix them as an emblem on your forehead, ⁹and write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.

Mark 12:28-34 ~ New Revised Standard Version

²⁸One of the scribes came near and heard them disputing with one another, and seeing that he answered them well, he asked him, “Which commandment is the first of all?” ²⁹Jesus answered, “The first is, ‘Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God, the Lord is one; ³⁰you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.’ ³¹The second is this, ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ There is no other commandment greater than these.” ³²Then the scribe said to him, “You are right, Teacher; you have truly said that ‘he is one, and besides him there is no other’; ³³and ‘to love him with all the heart, and with all the understanding, and with all the strength,’ and ‘to love one’s neighbor as oneself,’ — this is much more important than all whole burnt offerings and sacrifices.” ³⁴When Jesus saw that he answered wisely, he said to him, “You are not far from the kingdom of God.” After that no one dared to ask him any question.

The Word of God

The Word of Life

Communion

Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right and our great delight to praise you, O God.

In the beginning of time, Oh God, you called forth life.

You formed us in your image, inviting us to love and serve you.

Foolishly we turned from you and abandoned your ways of justice and mercy.

Yet you did not reject us, but continued to call us and claim us as your own.

We were slaves in Egypt, and you freed us.

We were hungry and thirsty in the wilderness,

and you nourished us with manna and water from the rock.

We had no home, and you led us into the land of your promise.

We worshiped idols of our own making,

and you called to us through the prophets to turn back to you.

At last you come to us in Jesus with the invitation, "Follow me."

Therefore, we praise you, joining our voices with choirs of angels

and with all the faithful of every time and place,

who forever sing to the glory of your name:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,

heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest!

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest!

You are holy, O God of power and might,

and blessed is Jesus Christ, the one who comes in your name.

In his life, he called unlikely people to follow him:

And now he invites us, "Follow me."

As we respond to his invitation let us pray the prayer he taught:

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.

Sharing Bread and Cup

*Closing Hymn ~ We Are One in the Spirit ~ No. 300

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 who all things come,
and all praise to Christ Jesus, God's only Son,
and all praise to the Spirit, who makes us one: (*Refrain*)

Benediction

Choral Benediction

Postlude

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Prayer List

Martin Hatch	Frank Jester	Kim Klein
Barb & Chuck Compher	Chris Gruver	Chase Ewoldt
John Depew	Matt Isenberg	Avrie Sinesiou
Lewis Christman	Amanda Waterman	Mary Daugherty
Michael Ahrens & Family	Abigail Craner	Gretchen Randon
Colt Matz	Craig Polson	Renee Ensell
Ted Norton		

***Please let the office know who can be removed and who needs to be added.*

*Thank you for your help! ***

Congratulations Heather

Dr. Heather McDivitt has agreed to serve as the Interim Honors Director this academic year. Dr. McDivitt will be stepping in for Dr. Megan Walsh while she serves this year as Acting Dean of Arts & Sciences. Dr. McDivitt brings a wealth of knowledge regarding Honors and has experience teaching in Honors and mentoring Honors students.

Happy Birthday to:

3 ~ Frank Jester, Colleen Kelly

5 ~ Martha Nenno

7 ~ Molly Petryszak

8 ~ Peg Darrow

CHURCH CALENDAR WEEK OF 10/3/21

Sunday – Oct. 3 <i>Peace & Global Witness Offering</i>	9:35am Adult Discussion 11am Worship ~ Rev. Dr. Heather McDivitt
Monday – Oct. 4 <i>Andrea Off</i>	7pm Session Meeting
Tuesday – Oct. 5	6:30pm Scouts in Basement 7pm Worship Team Meeting
Thursday – Oct. 7	9:30am Bible Study 11am Campbell Memorial in Chapel 6:30pm Vespers 6:45pm Scouts in Basement 7:15pm Choir Practice 7:15pm Bible Study
Friday – Oct. 8	10am Coffee & Conversation at Tim Horton's on N. Union St. 7:30pm Fish Club
Saturday – Oct. 9	10am Session Think Tank
Sunday – Oct. 10	9:35am Adult Discussion 11am Worship

If you wish to speak with Pastor Bruce, please call 716-378-6773.