

September 19, 2021
Seventeenth 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.

Good is Good
Everyday
And Everyday
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Call to Worship

Wisdom cries out in the streets.

We hear and struggle to understand.

Come and listen to God's words of life and love.

We hear and proclaim our faith in the one who brings life.

We gather as the body of Christ to grow in faith.

Let us worship the God of life and wisdom whose words guide our life on the right paths.

Opening Prayer

**Lord of mercy and abundant grace, we have gathered this day to hear your healing words of compassion and to be transformed by your love. Help us to become more faithful servants in our thoughts, words, and deeds. It is in Jesus' Name, we pray.
Amen**

*Opening Hymn ~ *Great is Thy Faithfulness* ~ No. 39

Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father.

There is no shadow of turning with thee.

Thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not.

As thou hast been thou forever wilt be.

Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!

Morning by morning new mercies I see.

All I have needed thy hand hath provided.

Great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest,

sun, moon, and stars in their courses above,

join with all nature in manifold witness

to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love.

Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!

Morning by morning new mercies I see.

All I have needed thy hand hath provided.

Great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide,
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow;
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!
Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see.
All I have needed thy hand hath provided.
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

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.

Prayer for Illumination

Living God, help us to hear your holy Word that we may truly understand; that, understanding, we may believe, and, believing, we may follow in all faithfulness and obedience, seeking your honor and glory in all that we do; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Scripture Readings

Mark 9:30-37~ New Revised Standard Version

³⁰They went on from there and passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it; ³¹for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, "The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again."
³²But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him.

³³Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, "What were you arguing about on the way?" ³⁴But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest. ³⁵He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, "Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all." ³⁶Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, ³⁷"Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me."

Ephesians 4:25-5:2~ New Revised Standard Version

²⁵So then, putting away falsehood, let all of us speak the truth to our neighbors, for we are members of one another. ²⁶Be angry but do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, ²⁷and do not make room for the devil. ²⁸Thieves must give up stealing; rather let them labor and work honestly with their own hands, so as to have something to share with the needy. ²⁹Let no evil talk come out of your mouths, but only what is useful for building up, as there is need, so that your words may give grace to those who hear. ³⁰And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with which you were marked with a seal for the day of redemption. ³¹Put away from you all bitterness and wrath and anger and wrangling and slander, together with

all malice, ³²and be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you.

5 Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children, ²and live in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

The Word of God
The Word of Life

Message

Rev. Dr. Heather McDivitt

*Closing Hymn ~ *Abide with Me* ~ No. 836

Abide with me: fast falls the eventide;
the darkness deepens; Lord, with me abide.
When other helpers fail and comforts flee,
Help of the helpless, O abide with me.

Swift to its close ebbs out life's little day;
Earth's joys grow dim, its glories pass away.
Change and decay in all around I see.
O thou who changest not, abide with me.

I need thy presence every passing hour.
What but thy grace can foil the tempter's power?
Who like thyself my guide and strength can be?
Through cloud and sunshine, O abide with me.

I fear no foe with thee at hand to bless,
ills have no weight, and tears no bitterness.
Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy victory?
I triumph still, if thou abide with me.

Hold thou thy cross before my closing eyes.
Shine through the gloom and point me to the skies.
Heaven's morning breaks and earth's vain shadows flee;
in life, in death, O Lord, abide with me.

Benediction

Postlude

 *Thank you to Barry Hurley for providing today's music!* 

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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! ***

Happy Birthday to:

19 ~ Carol Bess

20 ~ April Hanners

CHURCH CALENDAR WEEK OF 9/19/21

Sunday – Sept. 19	9:35am Adult Discussion 11am Worship ~ Rev. Dr. Heather McDivitt
Tuesday – Sept. 21	10am Tea with Bruce and Phil at Union Tea 6:30pm Scouts in basement
Wednesday – Sept. 22	5pm Burt Meeting 6pm Book Club at Perkins
Thursday – Sept. 23	6:30pm Vespers 6:45pm Scouts in basement 7:15pm Choir Practice 7:15pm Bible Study
Friday – Sept. 24	10am Coffee & Conversation at Tim Horton's on N. Union St.
Sunday – Sept. 26	9:35am Adult Discussion 11am Worship ~ Noisy Cans

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