

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

October 9, 2022

8:30 a.m.

11:00 a.m.

Prelude – Prelude on a Southern Folk Hymn -Gordon Young

Call to Worship – (from Psalm 66)

Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth.

Come and see what God has done.

Bless our God, who has not let our feet slip.

with all the Earth, we worship and sing God's praise.

Opening Hymn No. 103** - *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*

*Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.*

*Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,
nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might;
thy justice like mountains high soaring above
thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.*

*To all, life thou givest, to both great and small;
in all life thou livest, the true life of all;
we blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree,
and wither and perish, but naught changeth thee.*

*Thou reignest in glory; thou dwellest in light;
thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;
all laud we would render: O help us to see
'tis only the splendor of light hideth thee.*

Invocation - (A Prayer of St. Thomas Aquinas)

**Give us, O Lord, steadfast hearts which no unworthy thought can drag downward,
unconquered hearts which no tribulation can wear out, upright hearts which no unworthy
purpose may tempt aside.**

**Bestow upon us also, O Lord our God, understanding to know you, diligence to seek you,
wisdom to find you, and a faithfulness that may finally embrace you; through Jesus Christ,
our Lord. Amen.**

PROCLAMATION

The Word of God is read and proclaimed for all ages

Scripture Reading Luke 17:11-19 (New Testament page)

On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. As he entered a village, ten lepers approached him. Keeping their distance, they called out, saying, 'Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!' When he saw them, he said to them, 'Go and show yourselves to the priests.' And as they went, they were made clean. Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. He prostrated himself at Jesus' feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. Then Jesus asked, 'Were not ten made clean? But the other nine, where are they? Was none of them found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?' Then he said to him, 'Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well.'

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

God's Word for Young Disciples

(Those in grades K-4 may be excused for Children's worship during the 11:00 service. They may be picked up in Asbury Hall.)

Anthem

8:30 - In this Very Room - Mark Hayes

In this very room there's quite enough love for all of us,
And in this very room there's quite enough joy for all of us,
And there's quite enough hope and quite enough power to chase away any gloom,
For Jesus, Lord Jesus ... is in this very room.

11:00 - *Order My Steps* - Jack Schrader

Order my steps in Your word dear Lord, lead me, guide me every day, send Your anointing, Father I pray; order my steps in Your word. Humbly, I ask Thee to teach me Your will, while You are working, help me be still, Satan is busy God is real; order my steps in Your word. I want to walk worthy, my calling to fulfill. Please order my steps, Lord, and I'll do Your blessed will. The world is ever changing, but You are still the same; if You order my steps, I'll praise Your name. Order my steps, Order my tongue, guide my feet, wash my heart, Show me how to walk, Show me how to talk, When I need a brand new song to sing, show me how to let Your praises ring, in Your word.

Sermon - Faith That Saves

Pastor Jon Priebe

RESPONSE

The people of God respond to the Word

Hymn No. 430** - *O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee*

*O Master, let me walk with thee
in lowly paths of service free;
tell me thy secret; help me bear
the strain of toil, the fret of care.*

*Help me the slow of heart to move
by some clear, winning word of love;
teach me the wayward feet to stay,
and guide them in the homeward way.*

*Teach me thy patience; still with thee
in closer, dearer company,
in work that keeps faith sweet and strong,
in trust that triumphs over wrong;*

*In hope that sends a shining ray
far down the future's broadening way,
in peace that only thou canst give,
with thee, O Master, let me live.*

Discipleship Moment

Offertory

8:30 - *Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing* - David Harris

11:00 - *Make a Joyful Noise to the Lord* (Psalm 100) - Robert Hobby

Make a joyful noise to the Lord! Make a joyful noise, all you lands! Serve the Lord with gladness, and come before God's presence with a song! Make a joyful noise to the Lord! Know that the Lord is God, our Creator, to whom we belong; we are God's people, and the sheep of God's pasture. Enter God's gates with thanksgiving, and into the courts with praise! Give thanks to God, and bless God's name! For the Lord is good, whose steadfast love is everlasting, and his faithfulness endures from age to age.

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.

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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. 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 FORTH

The people of God are sent forth to serve others and witness to their faith

Closing Hymn No. 663 - Savior, Again to Thy Dear Name**

*Savior, again to thy dear name we raise
with one accord our parting hymn of praise;
guard thou the lips from sin, the hearts from shame,
that in this house have called upon thy name.*

*Grant us thy peace upon our homeward way;
with thee began, with thee shall end the day.
From harm and danger keep thy children free,
for dark and light are both alike to thee.*

*Grant us thy peace throughout our earthly life;
peace to thy church from error and from strife;
peace to our land, the fruit of truth and love;
peace in each heart, thy Spirit from above;*

*Thy peace in life, the balm of every pain;
thy peace in death, the hope to rise again;
then, when thy voice shall bid our conflict cease,
call us, O Lord, to thine eternal peace.*

Benediction and Choral Response - (Hymn No. 668)

Let us now depart in thy peace, blessed Jesus. Send us to our homes with God's love in our hearts. Let not the busy world claim all our loyalties. Keep us ever mindful, dear Lord, of thee.

Postlude - *Toccata on "Aberystwyth"* - Brenda Portman



The flowers on the altar are dedicated to the glory of God and given

In honor of First Church Staff;

in memory of Evangeline Lee and in honor of Jeremy Huntington's birthday by Bill and April Huntington.

Liturgists: 8:30 Sharon Nerhood; 11:00 Kennedie Ward

Service Music: 11:00 Epworth and Chancel Choirs; **Music:** One License A-731491

****Please rise as you are able. Please silence all cell phones and other electronic equipment. Hearing devices and large print hymnals are available in the narthex.**

CHURCH NOTES

Fall Hiking Spree: This week's hike will be at Silver Creek Park on the Pheasant Run Trail (1.2 miles.) We will meet at 2:00 pm for a quick devotion. In case of bad weather, hikers can complete that hike on their own. Please visit the Summit County Metroparks website to download this year's form and the list of park addresses.

It's S'October! The Acts of Grace Circle is collecting socks during the month of October for the men and women at Haven of Rest/Harvest Home. Please bring in new socks and place them in the basket located outside the church library. Thank you!

Shirt Sale is to Benefit Missions: Here's a fun way to help the Mission Committee give more to our local missions. We are selling shirts with our church name and logo. You order and pay through Bonfire. They will send you the shirt(s). We have two links with the Bonfire Company:

1. A simple design with church name only on the front of whatever type shirt you'd like - we even have a hoodie. Shirt with front only (smaller font): <https://www.bonfire.com/fumcs-mission-committee-fundraiser/>

2. Shirt with church name front and back: "I go to a great church" on back also available in different colors and styles. Shirt with front and back (larger font): <https://www.bonfire.com/fumcs-mission-committee-fundraiser-1-1/>

VIM Speaker: Do you know about the Volunteer in Mission program? You can take a mission trip in the US or around the world. **This Wednesday, October 12**, at 10:30 a.m. in Wesley Hall, Elizabeth Feldman, Dean of Mission U for UWF/UMW and past District President, will speak about VIM. She's been to Africa 3 times and several places in the US as a volunteer. All are welcome to attend. Questions? Call Sue Boltz 330-928-8635.

Freedom Brass Concert: The Arts Series is back and the first concert in the 2022-2023 season is Freedom Brass. It is a 40 piece community band directed by Tucker Jolly, who brought "Tuba Christmas" to Akron in the 1980's. The concert will take place on Sunday, October 23, at 2:30 p.m.

Blessing Box: Our blessing box has been blessing many people as of late, and our inventory of items on hand is dwindling quickly. If you are able, please consider donating the following items: ramen noodles, flavored rice/noodle packets, granola bars, canned soup/vegetables/fruit, spaghetti o's/ravioli, canned tuna/meats, individual oatmeal packets, individual serving cereals, toothpaste, toothbrushes, deodorant, soap, shampoo. Donations may be left on the table outside the church library, or you may be the hands of Jesus by placing the items directly in the blessing box. Thank you!

UMW Book Sale: Can you donate some used books, games, puzzles, DVDs, CDs for our annual sale on Nov. 4 & 5 (9:00 to 3:00). If so, please drop off at the church (Wesley Hall) on Oct. 31, Nov. 1, 2, 3. We greatly appreciate your donations, but cannot use magazines, text books, or encyclopedias. All proceeds from the sale go to various missions.

Holy Land Trip January 30-February 7, 2023: Come with us to the Holy Land early next year as we walk where Jesus walked. The trip is focused on Jesus' pathway as we visit many sites that are significant to his ministry. We are needing to finalize our group by the end of October. The price was locked in early this year, before prices began to rise to rapidly so if you have always dreamed of following Jesus' footsteps, this may be just the trip for you. Please call Pastor Karol if you would like to join us for this trip which will impact your faith for the rest of your life.

Children's Ministry Needs: The children will begin a new mission project of making yarn hats on looms. If you have any 5" or 7" looms, #4 crochet needles, or yarn (preferably 4 ply worsted weight) that you can donate, please bring them by Sunday, October 16. We are also asking for donations for the All Hallow's Eve party. Please take a pumpkin from the patch in the breezeway and return the items by October 23.

We are still in need of help with the Sunday morning Crib Room and Preschool classes. Anyone who can give an hour a month would be greatly appreciated! Contact Donna Curfman.

Next Steps

Gratitude

“What else can we say to what God gives us but stammer praise?”

– Karl Barth

Luke 17:17 – What are the other nine lepers doing that they didn’t return?

vs. 14 – Was it wrong to do what Jesus told them to do?

The Internal Critic

vs. 17 – the other nine were “cleansed” and went on their way

vs. 19 – there was more for man who went out of his way to praise God

God always gives more depth when we keep on practicing our faith

Questions for Reflection: The rules of early Methodists were simple. The first two are: Do no harm and Do Good. It’s fairly natural to, in self-reflection, measure ourselves to the first: remembering we may have said a cross word or made a selfish choice that harmed others. It’s often harder to pay close attention to how we have done good. To notice that you took time to rest when you needed it, ate well, prayed, or went out of your way to help someone.

Is there a practice that could help you notice and recall how you have done good? A journal to record how you did harm and how you did good each day? A regular practice of reflecting back on the things you accomplish to care for yourself and others? It’s good for our souls to not only work on what we need to be better, but notice when you have been better, too.

Questions for Discussion: What do you think God’s first words to you will be in heaven? What questions

might God ask us?

Memory Verse: Luke 17:19 – “Then he said to him, ‘Get up and go on your way; your faith has made

you well.’”

Readings for this Week: Exodus 33:12-17, Micah 6:6-8, Luke 18:1-8

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