



Cross Roads Presbyterian Church  
Monroeville, Pa

July 11, 2021

10 a.m. Worship

Ephesians 1.3-14; 2 Samuel 6.1-5, 12b-19

**Kick Off Your Sunday Shoes**

## Notes:

- Today's flowers are given by Patty Kyslinger in honor of her mother, Catherine Kyslinger.
- Please join us at 3 o'clock today for Pastor Lindsay's Installation Service. The Session invites you to stay for a fellowship time after the service to celebrate Pastor Lindsay's installation. Light refreshments will be served.
- We are taking requests for hymns and songs to be sung in worship throughout the summer and into the fall months. Requests could include anything in our hymnal, contemporary songs on the radio, or a song from another hymnal. You can make requests by emailing Pastor Lindsay, mailing a request to the church office, or placing a card in the offering plate. This is a part of an effort from a subcommittee of the Worship and Music Team that is looking at our music program and making some recommendations to the Personnel Committee as they seek to write a new job description for the permanent Music Director. Let's learn some new hymns and revisit some from the past!
- VBS is just around the corner – don't forget to come to the celebration on Friday, July 23! There is more information about the fun evening in today's bulletin.

## The Gathering of God's People

PRELUDE

*Thy Word*

Smith, Arr. Powell

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

EXPRESSION OF FRIENDSHIP

WESTMINSTER CHIMES

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Who is the King of glory?

**Many: The Lord our God, who is strong and mighty.  
We come to worship the King of kings.**

One: Who is the King of glory?

**Many: The Lord our God, who is merciful and kind. We have come to  
worship the one who is slow to anger and abounding in  
steadfast love.**

HYMN 464: *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*

1. Joyful, joyful, we adore Thee,  
God of glory, Lord of love;  
Hearts unfold like flow'rs before Thee,  
Op'ning to the sun above.  
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness;  
Drive the dark of doubt away;  
Giver of immortal gladness, Fill us with the light of day!
2. All Thy works with joy surround Thee,  
Earth and heav'n reflect Thy rays,  
Stars and angels sing around Thee,  
Center of unbroken praise.  
Field and forest, vale and mountain,  
Flow'ry meadow, flashing sea,  
Chanting bird and flowing fountain  
Call us to rejoice in Thee.
3. Mortals, join the happy chorus,  
Which the morning stars began;  
Father love is reigning o'er us,  
Joining all in heaven's plan  
Ever singing, march we onward,  
Victors in the midst of strife,  
Joyful music leads us Sunward  
In the triumph song of life.

CALL TO CONFESSION (from “Come as You Are” by David Crowder)

One: Lay down your burdens; lay down your shame. Lay down your hurt; lay down your heart. Come as you are, as sinners in need of grace. In humility and in faith, let us confess our sins before God and one another.

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Many: O Lord, we confess that we have only scratched the surface of our potential to love and praise you. We have held back when we could have done more for our neighbor. We have been self-conscious when we could have praised you without holding back. We have not turned the other cheek when you have called us to peace. We have been silent when we should have overturned tables. Forgive us, Gracious God, and teach us to praise you with all that we have and all that we are. In the name of Jesus, we pray. Amen.**

### SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION

#### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: There is hope for the hopeless, and all who’ve strayed. Come sit at the table; come taste the grace. There’s rest for the weary, rest that endures. Earth has no sorrow that heaven can’t cure.

**Many: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God.**

### GLORIA PATRI

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.*

*As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,*

*world without end. Amen, Amen.*

### CHILDREN’S TIME

#### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING *Ephesians 1.3-14*

<sup>3</sup> Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, <sup>4</sup> just as he chose us in Christ<sup>[a]</sup> before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. <sup>5</sup> He destined us for adoption as his children

through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, <sup>6</sup> to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. <sup>7</sup> In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace <sup>8</sup> that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight <sup>9</sup> he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, <sup>10</sup> as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. <sup>11</sup> In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, <sup>[b]</sup> having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, <sup>12</sup> so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. <sup>13</sup> In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; <sup>14</sup> this<sup>[c]</sup> is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

SPECIAL MUSIC *Great Is The Lord*

Smith

SECOND READING      *2 Samuel 6.1-5, 12b-19*

David again gathered all the chosen men of Israel, thirty thousand. <sup>2</sup> David and all the people with him set out and went from Baale-judah, to bring up from there the ark of God, which is called by the name of the LORD of hosts who is enthroned on the cherubim. <sup>3</sup> They carried the ark of God on a new cart, and brought it out of the house of Abinadab, which was on the hill. Uzzah and Ahio,<sup>[a]</sup> the sons of Abinadab, were driving the new cart <sup>4</sup> with the ark of God;<sup>[b]</sup> and Ahio<sup>[c]</sup> went in front of the ark. <sup>5</sup> David and all the house of Israel were dancing before the LORD with all their might, with songs<sup>[d]</sup> and lyres and harps and tambourines and castanets and cymbals.

<sup>12</sup> It was told King David, "The LORD has blessed the household of Obed-edom and all that belongs to him, because of the ark of God." So David went and brought up the ark of God from the house of Obed-edom to the city of David with rejoicing; <sup>13</sup> and when those who bore the ark of the LORD had gone six paces, he sacrificed an ox and a fatling. <sup>14</sup> David

danced before the LORD with all his might; David was girded with a linen ephod. <sup>15</sup> So David and all the house of Israel brought up the ark of the LORD with shouting, and with the sound of the trumpet.

<sup>16</sup> As the ark of the LORD came into the city of David, Michal, daughter of Saul looked out of the window, and saw King David leaping and dancing before the LORD; and she despised him in her heart.

<sup>17</sup> They brought in the ark of the LORD, and set it in its place, inside the tent that David had pitched for it; and David offered burnt offerings and offerings of well-being before the LORD. <sup>18</sup> When David had finished offering the burnt offerings and the offerings of well-being, he blessed the people in the name of the LORD of hosts, <sup>19</sup> and distributed food among all the people, the whole multitude of Israel, both men and women, to each a cake of bread, a portion of meat,<sup>[a]</sup> and a cake of raisins. Then all the people went back to their homes.

SERMON            *Kick Off Your Sunday Shoes*            Rev. Lindsay White

HYMN                    *We Fall Down (Sing through three times)*

We fall down, We lay our crowns at the feet of Jesus, The greatness of mercy and love, at the feet of Jesus.

And we cry holy, holy, holy; We cry holy, holy, holy

We cry holy, holy, holy Is the Lamb

## The Gathering of God's People

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER AND 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.***

## OFFERING

### 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.

### PRAYER OF DEDICATION

HYMN 302     *I Danced in The Morning* (v. 1, 3, 5)

I danced in the morning when the world was begun,  
And I danced in the moon and the stars and the sun,  
And I came down from heaven and I danced on the earth:  
At Bethlehem I had my birth.

(Refrain) Dance, then, wherever you may be,  
I am the Lord of the dance, said he,  
And I'll lead you all, wherever you may be,  
And I'll lead you all in the dance, said he.

I danced on the Sabbath and I cured the lame:  
The holy people said it was a shame.  
They whipped and they stripped and they hung me high,  
And left me there on a cross to die (Refrain)

They cut me down and I leap up high;  
I am the life that will never, never die.  
I'll live in you if you'll live in me:  
I am the Lord of the dance, said he. (Refrain)

### CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE     *With Shouts of Praises*

Krug

## **PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE**

Rev. Lindsay White, **Pastor**;

Debbie Broker, **Int. Director of Music/Organist**;

Judy Shipley, **Liturgist**; Dave Falvo, **Technology Operator**

## **UPCOMING EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### Changes in COVID-19 Protocols

The Session met on Wednesday, June 23 for our monthly stated meeting, and given the latest guidance from the CDC, has decided to further relax some of our protocols surrounding the COVID-19 pandemic. The changes are listed below. As always, the Session encourages everyone to engage in the practices that are best for you and your family. We will continue to offer worship online as well as in person, and we hope that you will take advantage of the online option when you are not able or comfortable attending worship in-person. *All of the changes in protocols went into effect on Sunday, July 4.*

- **In Worship**
  - Masks will no longer be required during worship. The Session does encourage unvaccinated individuals to follow CDC guidelines and to wear masks as you feel comfortable, but they will not be required.
  - There will no longer be a pandemic imposed limitation on the number of individuals able to worship in the sanctuary on Sunday mornings. So please – bring your friends and let's fill the sanctuary with God's family!
  - The ushers will no longer seat people every other pew, but we do encourage people that, when possible, they seat themselves at the distance they feel comfortable from other worshipers.
  - For attendance, we will return to passing the pew pads for all worshipers to sign in and register their attendance. The Worship and Music Team will be investigating ways of making sure that requests for a call or appropriate attendance records will be taken care of. They will report back on this at our August Session meeting. The



Mission and Outreach Team will be working on ways of making sure that we connect with visitors or individuals that we have not seen for a while to provide a welcoming atmosphere. They also will report back on this at our August Session meeting.

- For offering, we will keep the offering plates in the Narthex through the month of September. An usher or greeter will be invited to bring the offering forward at the time of the offering, and the doxology will be sung in worship following the Prayer of Dedication. Worshipers are invited to place their offering in the plate before or after worship. This decision was made not because of COVID-19 concerns; rather due to concerns about staffing volunteers during the summer months. The Worship and Music Team will be considering offering collection options and will report back on this at our August Session meeting.
- For communion, we will continue to use the prepackaged communion sets through the month of September. Again, this decision was made not because of COVID-19 concerns, but in order to keep consistency for ushers and preparers and allow time to find volunteers needed for our former ways. The Worship and Music Team will discuss communion and report back to Session in August or September. Additionally, Pastor Lindsay will give more clear instruction on when to take communion in the liturgy the next time we take it (on July 4).
- **In Other Programs:**
  - All programs outside of worship are welcome to return to pre-COVID standards and regulations. They may meet without masks and social distancing, and may begin their work. This includes all choirs, outside groups, meetings, and Christian Education programming over the summer as well as the programs which resume in the fall. Groups or individuals are welcome to decide to continue meeting via Zoom or wearing masks if that is what is comfortable and safe for them.

- At Vacation Bible School, masks will be optional for both children and adult volunteers. Again, the Session emphasizes that families and individuals should do what is most comfortable and safe for themselves.

As always, the Session will be reporting this information in worship, and we do invite any questions or concerns to be sent to members of Session for consideration and discussion. We thank everyone for working together to see us safely through the pandemic.

### **Parking Lot Sealing**

On July 12, 13 and 14 the parking lot is getting sealed. If you need to park at the church, please park in an area where they are not working.

### **Needed! Watering Can**

The church needs an indoor watering can. If you have a spare, please leave it in the Church office or contact Vera McBride at 412.667.0719.

### **Vacation Bible School Training**

VBS Volunteers, this VBS is much different than those in years past. If you did not attend the June training you must attend the training following worship today in Room 208. Please contact Betsy Hughes by email at [hughesfam95@gmail.com](mailto:hughesfam95@gmail.com) to let her know you will be attending.

### **VBS Food Truck and Movie Night Celebration**

We invite you, our congregation, to join us in celebrating the end of VBS! Please join us on Friday, July 23. The evening begins at 6 p.m. with the Dad's Mobile Grub Food Truck selling delicious food, followed by an Ice Cream Social sponsored by the Mission and Outreach Committee. A family friendly movie will begin at 7:30 p.m. Popcorn and drinks will be provided by the Trustees. There will also be some fun yard games!

### **VBS Donation Boards**

If you've taken a tag, please return your items by Sunday, July 18. Thank you so very much... The VBS Staff

## **Deer Valley Fall Harvest Weekend**

It's that time of year again, the Deer Valley Fall Harvest weekend is coming up before you know it! The Fall Harvest weekend is scheduled for September 10-12. Deer Valley is a relaxing weekend in the woods of Somerset County where you can enjoy nature and various activities such as boating, horseback riding, crafts and hiking with your Cross Roads family. At this time, I am looking to get a count of who is interested in attending Deer Valley this year. If you are interested, please fill out the survey via the link below. Feel free to pass along this survey link to anyone else you know that might like to go to Deer Valley this year. If you could please fill out the survey by July 18, that would be much appreciated so I can let the camp know how many we plan to send.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/WJ5QBP6>

If you have any questions about Deer Valley, feel free to call, text or email and I hope you can attend this year! -- Josh

Phillips, [Jshphllps14@gmail.com](mailto:Jshphllps14@gmail.com), 412.877.9155

## **Prayer Warriors**

The Prayer Warriors group meets in the Parlor and via Zoom at 7 p.m. on Thursdays. If you are interested in attending via Zoom, or if you have any joys or concerns, please email Patty Kysliger at [pkshamrock@comcast.net](mailto:pkshamrock@comcast.net). The weekly meeting is a good way to re-connect safely with your church family.

## **Pastoral Emergency**

If you have a pastoral emergency, please contact Pastor Lindsay at 412.215.8810.

## **JOYS AND CONCERNS**

### **Joys:**

Pastor Lindsay White's installation being held at Cross Roads.

### **Sympathy:**

To the family and friends of Judy Shipley, her cousin Phyllis Coulter entered the Church Triumphant on June 29.

### **Congregational Concerns:**

Rennie Rhodes – in hospital with CDIFF

Milton Hughes

Sue Lomeo – broken elbow

Mark Guyton – recovering from Neck Sprain

Lisa Caprara – recovering at home from foot surgery

Carl Talackine – recovering from arm injury

Fran Brown – healing at Harmony/Concordia in Monroeville

Karen Reinhart – healing from broken wrist

### **Friends of our Congregation:**

Grandma of Pastor Lindsay

Russ Gourley (Friend of Russ & Nancy Thompson)

Jay Rymer (Laurene Rymer's Son)

Kim Garner (Mark Guyton's sister)

Bill Kline (Judy Shipley's brother)

Roxanne (Sharon Kehlert's Aunt)

Emilia Grace (friend of Judy Shipley)

Rutger (Warren Junker's Son-n-Law)

Robert (Betsy Hughes's father)

Lori Norton

Chris Langlais (Husband of PK teacher)

Dana Venturo (PK Parent of Preschool)

Mary (Denise Graham's cousin)

### **Local & World Concerns:**

The staff & employees at UPMC East – for a volunteer that was killed in an auto accident

The Gateway School District as they prepare for the upcoming school year

The people in the path of tropical storm Elsa

The family and friends of victims of the Surfside collapse in Florida

For all military personnel serving our country

**For those we love so very much:**

**At Home:** Barb Adams, Pat Bass, Ron Koerner, Gilli Loginow, Kathy McLay, Jay Rymer, Denise Patterson, Jeanne Smith, Ruth Sutherland, Vera Spear, Carl Talackine, Janice Tuck, Barbara Wilt and Bill Wheat.

**In Care Facilities:** Madeline Brandon, Cathy Brown, Peg Caine, Betty Kuzenski, Rita Marrow, Dee Petrocelli, and Bobbi Schmidt.

**Independent Living:** Patsy Boyer and Barbara Carr