



We Get to Carry Each Other

Cross Roads Presbyterian Church
Monroeville, Pa

July 18, 2021

10 a.m. Worship

Jeremiah 23.1-6; Ephesians 2.11-22

Notes

- **We welcome Meredith Oroukin** as our guest organist in worship on July 18 and 25 while Debbie is on vacation. Meredith (nee Ponczak) is a member of our church and has subbed here before. She and her husband, Jonathan, recently welcomed a new sweet baby into their homes. Please welcome Meredith these two weeks and enjoy her playing. We extend our grateful thanks to her for subbing!
- VBS week is upon us: please pray for all who are helping and all the kids who will experience it.
- Please join us for the VBS celebration on Friday night at 6! More information may be found in the Epistle and in the announcements in today's bulletin.
- Worship in the Park and the Church Picnic will be held on Sunday, August 8 at Monroeville Park. More details to come.

The Gathering of God's People

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

EXPRESSION OF FRIENDSHIP

WESTMINSTER CHIMES

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Come one, come all! May all God's children come to the table.

Many: We have come to the banquet to share in God's many blessings.

One: Come one, come all! May we share in God's gracious bounty.

Many: We have come to be in communion with God's family.

All: We have come to worship the living God.

HYMN #430: *Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!* (v. 1 and 2)

Verse 1 Come sing O church in joy, Come join O church in song
For Christ the Lord has led us through the ages long

(Chorus) In bold accord
Come celebrate the journey now
And praise the Lord

Verse 2

Long years have come and gone, and still God reigns supreme
Empowering us to catch the vision, dream the dream (Chorus)

CALL TO CONFESSION

One: In God's family, we tell the truth about who we are:
sinners in need of grace. Christ invites us to be vulnerable and confess our
sins to the One who is mercy and kind, who has the power to save.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Many: Merciful God, we come to you as your family, as members of your household. For the ways we have mistreated the world, not remembering that it was created by your hands, we ask your pardon. For the ways we have mistreated your people, not remembering that they bear your image, we ask your forgiveness. For the ways that we have mistreated ourselves, not remembering that we are your sons and daughters, we ask for your mercy. Forgive us, and fill us with your grace and love, that we may live as your people. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: In God's family, we experience the immeasurable depth and breadth of God's forgiveness and mercy, the richness of God's love and the enduring nature of God's kindness. Family of God, in Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

Many: 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 *Jeremiah 23.1-6*

Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the LORD. ²Therefore thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people: It is you who have scattered my flock, and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. So I will attend to you for your evil

doings, says the LORD. ³ Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. ⁴ I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall not fear any longer, or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the LORD.

⁵ The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. ⁶ In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: “The LORD is our righteousness.”

SPECIAL MUSIC

SECOND READING *Ephesians 2.11-22*

¹¹ So then, remember that at one time you Gentiles by birth,^[a] called “the uncircumcision” by those who are called “the circumcision”—a physical circumcision made in the flesh by human hands— ¹² remember that you were at that time without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. ¹³ But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. ¹⁴ For he is our peace; in his flesh he has made both groups into one and has broken down the dividing wall, that is, the hostility between us. ¹⁵ He has abolished the law with its commandments and ordinances, that he might create in himself one new humanity in place of the two, thus making peace, ¹⁶ and might reconcile both groups to God in one body^[b] through the cross, thus putting to death that hostility through it.^[c] ¹⁷ So he came and proclaimed peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near; ¹⁸ for through him both of us have access in one Spirit to the Father. ¹⁹ So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God, ²⁰ built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone.^[d] ²¹ In him the whole structure is joined

together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; ²² in whom you also are built together spiritually^[e] into a dwelling place for God.

SERMON

"We Get to Carry Each Other"

Rev. Lindsay White

HYMN #438: *Blest Be The Tie that Binds* (v. 1, 3 and 4)

Blest be the tie that binds Our hearts in Christian love;
The fellowship of kindred minds, Is like to that above.

We share our mutual woes, our mutual burdens bear;
And often for each other flows the sympathizing tear.

From sorrow, toil, and pain, And sin we shall be free;
And perfect love and friendship reign through all eternity.

Calling on the Holy Spirit

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 #507: *I Come with Joy* (v. 1, 3, and 5)

I come with joy to meet my Lord, forgiven, loved, and free,
in awe and wonder to recall, his life laid down for me.
His life laid down for me.

As Christ breaks bread and bids us share, each proud division
ends.

That love that made us makes us one, and strangers now are
friends.

And strangers now are friends.

Together met, together bound, we'll go our different ways,
and as his people in the world, we'll live and speak his praise.
We'll live and speak his praise.

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Rev. Lindsay White, **Pastor**;

Meredith Oroukin, **Organist**; Betsy Hughes, **Liturgist**;

Dave Falvo, **Technology Operator**

VBS Food Truck

and

Movie Night Celebration!

Friday, July 23, starting at 6 p.m.



- 6 p.m.** Dad's Mobile Grub will be here selling us their delicious food to enjoy!

- 7 p.m.** The Mission and Outreach Committee will have an Ice Cream Social in Fellowship Hall for all!

- 7:30 p.m.** A family friendly movie will start showing in Fellowship Hall – so bring your favorite blanket to watch the movie on.

Popcorn and Drinks will be provided by the Trustees



There will be yard games, too!