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FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EASTER

MAY 9, 2021

ORGAN PRELUDE
MISSION MOMENT

A LITURGY OF PRAISE AND WORSHIP

* HYMNS OF WORSHIP:

#511 *The Solid Rock*

#535 *I Am Thine, O Lord*

#542 *Lord, Be Glorified*

THE HOLY SCRIPTURES: Titus 1:4-5, 10-16 (page 167)
Ezekiel 33:1-6 (page 613)
Galatians 5:1-6 (page 149)

THE SERMON: "Liars, Evil Beasts, & Lazy Gluttons"

* CONFESSION OF SIN: (first in silence then in unison)

Adapted from John Calvin's *Forms of Prayer for the Church*

C: O Lord, You are our Father, we are nothing but earth and clay. You are our Creator, we are the workmanship of Your hands. You are our Redeemer, we are the people redeemed by You. Our sins kindle Your wrath, but remember we are called by Your name, and bear Your banner. Do not chastise us in Your fury, but in Your mercy chasten us leniently. Preserve, we ask, the work which Your grace has begun in us, that the whole world may acknowledge You to be our God and Savior. We abandon all other hope, and flee to the precious covenant by which our Lord Jesus Christ, through His own body and blood, has reconciled us to You. Look, therefore, not on us, but on the face of Christ. May Your face shine upon us, as You guide and govern us by Your Word and Spirit. Amen.

* ASSURANCE OF PARDON: #659 *Lead On, O King Eternal*

* THE APOSTLES' CREED

AN ANTHEM: *Glory Hallelujah* – Chancel Choir

MORNING PRAYER, & THE LORD'S PRAYER

* THE CLOSING HYMN: #587 *Take Time to Be Holy*

* THE COMMISSION & THE BENEDICTION

* THE THREEFOLD AMEN

* SILENT MEDITATION – PLEASE REMAIN AT YOUR PEWS IN A WORSHIPFUL ATTITUDE
UNTIL THE PASTOR LEAVES

* ORGAN POSTLUDE

*Indicates congregation standing; P = Pastor; C = Congregation

WELCOME TO ALL VISITORS who are worshiping with us. We pray you will have a meaningful time of worship and invite you to worship with us again.

THE CHANCEL FLOWERS are placed by Ken and Connie Merritt in praise to God for all the godly mothers, Proverbs 31:30, and in thanks to God for a special granddaughter, Ashley on her birthday.

USHER CAPTAIN COORDINATOR: Francis Weiss

USHER CAPTAINS: John DiLenge, Shaun Permar

WORSHIP SERVICE CHILDCARE TODAY:

Infant Nursery – Guppies (0 to 17 months)

Nate and Bekah Kulp, Kathryn DiLenge

Children's Church – (3 to 5 years)

Michael and Shannon Kehs

WITHIN THE FELLOWSHIP:

HAPPY BIRTHDAY! Judah Kehs 13th; Mabel Neal, Donna Weiss 14th; Ben Leidy, Stan Radcliff 17th; Patti Jones, Janice Kulp, Jim Kulp 18th.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY! T. Dale and Jane Leidy, Tom and Susan Merritt 15th; Jerry and BJ Kulp 16th; LeRoy and Diane Gehman 18th; Mike and Deb Hughes, Dave and Marcy Kirkpatrick 19th.

THE SERMON TITLE this morning is *Liars, Evil Beasts, & Lazy Gluttons*. The people of Crete did not have the best reputation. Paul commissioned Titus to help establish the church and its leaders on the island. Paul makes clear in his letter to Titus that establishing godly leaders is critical to the mission of the church. As our world continues to say "NO" to godliness and "YES" to sin, we share in Titus' situation (even if we are not on a Mediterranean island). Let us seek out faithful watchmen to minister in our day.

THE SACRAMENT of Holy Communion will be shared at the service of worship in two weeks. Come prepared to worship and receive.

ISSUES & ANSWERS

Today The Social Media Dilemma
May 16 The Social Media Dilemma

THE RUMMAGE SALE IS THIS WEEK! Thank you to those who have been holding your rummage items. You can drop them off in the gym anytime today thru Tuesday. Mary Beth Musselman will be in the narthex to help you sign-up for a time slot to work anytime during the set-up on Monday and Tuesday or during the actual sale, Wednesday 9-8 and Thursday 9-6. **We especially need men, women, and youth to help Thursday evening starting at 6:00 for pack-up.**

CALLING ALL GRADUATES - We want to recognize and honor those graduating from high school, college, business school, or graduate school during the month of June. Please contact the church office with the name of your graduate(s) and what their plans may be for the future.

PRIMARY BALLOT REFERENDUMS The information in the May Newsletter concerning the order of the questions on the Primary Voting Ballot is inaccurate. Questions numbered 2 and 3 in the Newsletter are Questions 1 and 2 on the ballot. Question 1 in the Newsletter is Question 4 on the ballot. For those who've been following the logic of this, that means Question 4 in the Newsletter is Question 3 on the ballot. Got that? If you know the issues at hand – which the Newsletter does describe – then you'll know how you want to vote on each issue regardless of the numbering system. Sorry for the confusion added to the confusion!

LAST CALL: to get your ticket for this Thursday's Business & Professional Breakfast you must contact the church office or John Niederhaus no later than noon tomorrow. Police Chief Randy Floyd will be giving his testimony at this 6:30 gathering at the Franconia Heritage banquet center. Good food; good fellowship; good story. What's not to like! Be sure to be there.

YOU'RE INVITED to a send-off concert for the Kirkpatrick family as they head to Thunder Bay to join LHNM. Come enjoy some desserts and the musical stylings of Japheth and Rachel Rittenhouse and friends while you hear the latest on the Kirkpatrick's ministry. The festivities begin at 3 p.m. on Sunday, May 16th, at Finland Mennonite Church in Pennsburg. Please RSVP to jandmkirk@gmail.com or thereforeihope.com.

THIS THURSDAY IS WHAT? There is a lot going on this Thursday, but it also is a day to remember what has gone on! It is ***Ascension Day!*** A singular historic event took place: the resurrected Lord Jesus ascended bodily into heaven. As we remember that fact, we need to remember what the angels told the disciples: *This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in just the same way as you have watched Him go into heaven.* Jesus' ascension is a sure promise of His final coming! We need to remember the one and hope for the other.

ANOTHER LAST CALL: to get your contribution to aid the refugees fleeing from Burma/Myanmar you need to put it in today – or tomorrow by 10 am. A missionary we support (Dr. Steve Marks, DVM) is taking food, medical supplies, and other life essentials to the refugees who are flooding into Thailand. We are receiving a special offering to help underwrite those essentials. You may help by enclosing your gift in a Second Mile envelope and marking it ***Thailand Refugees.*** Later this week we hope to send one check containing all the funds we receive. Though this horror has faded from the news, it continues to take place. Villages are bombed, populations rounded up, and daily life threatened. The refugees flee with only the clothes on their backs. There is a desperate situation. We can help.

GOSPEL GLEANING PRAYER POINTERS

- ◆ Covid is rampaging through India. As we pray for the Erukula literacy students and teachers this week, let's use Psalm 119:116 as a basis for our prayers. *Sustain me according to Your word, that I may live; and do not let me be ashamed of my hope.* Pray for their physical safety, and that students and teachers look to the Lord Jesus for protection. May God use these circumstances to confirm His good will towards them as they remember and rely on His promises.
- ◆ There still is much instability in Chad and Niger. Nonetheless, God is at work among His people there. It is a precarious time in both countries, but particularly in Chad. We need to remember there are particular Christians and Christian families who are deliberately reaching out to people who have never heard the gospel. Ask the Lord to give them great joy as they interact with others at this crucial time. May God bless their labors as they humbly reach out in Jesus' name.

NOTE FROM HAROLD HOLLOWAY – *As you know Sylvia passed into the presence of the Lord on April 25th. She passed peacefully and I was with her to the end, for which I was so thankful. We had a private immediate family gravesite service at Neshaminy Warwick Presbyterian Church in Hartsville, PA on April 29th. Pastor Steve Myers preached a wonderful message to all. Sylvia and I were married 69 years on December 20th. Thank you for the truth and encouragement you shared with us during Sylvia’s illness.*

PROPERTY WORKDAY - Saturday, May 22nd from 9 am to 12 noon. Being planned is some general clean-up of the property and weeding, so there are jobs for everyone! If you have questions, please speak with Kendall Musselman.

HAVE YOU EVER FELT overwhelmed by technology? Have you been concerned about the impact that phones, devices and content is having on you, your family and friends? Wondered if your tech use is healthy? Join us in the Issues & Answers class for the next few weeks where we'll be watching The Social Dilemma documentary. Join us to discuss how the gospel should shape your outlook on tech and learn about why we should be intentional about how we're using and talking about technology.

PLEASE JOIN US FOR OUR NEXT TACOS prayer event on Tuesday, May 25th at 7 pm. TACOS reminds us to come to God in prayer with Thanksgiving, Adoration, Confession, while remembering to pray for others and ourselves. **This month we will be meeting in the choir room downstairs.** We will open our time with songs of praise & worship at 7 pm and wrap things up by 8:30. Let’s agree with Paul the apostle as he exhorts us to not be anxious about anything but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. Hope to see you there!

QUAKERTOWN WOMEN’S CONFERENCE - *Contentment in Christ* is the Conference theme. The conference happens this Friday and Saturday. The Conference will be livestreamed on Facebook and YouTube. Speakers include Kathleen Nielson, Megan Hill, Cecelia Bernhardt, and Hannah Anderson. You may go to www.AllianceNet.org to get bio details on the speakers.

THANK YOU to all who have helped Joy Amstutz over the years and more recently. The church office has her current address.

A YOUNG COUPLE with two children are looking for an apartment somewhere within an hour-and-a-half of Conshohocken. The rental home in which they currently live is being sold, and they have been asked to move out by the end of May. If you have ANY leads, please contact Gary Filson.

THIS WEEK AT LEIDY’S

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| SUNDAY | 12:00 p.m. | Small Group – C.R. |
| | 4:00 p.m. | Rummage Set up |
| | 6:00 p.m. | Youth Fellowship |
| MONDAY | 9:00 a.m. | Rummage Set up |
| TUESDAY | 9:00 a.m. | Rummage Set up |
| | 7:00 p.m. | Pulpit Committee – C.R. |
| | 7:00 p.m. | FCA Board Mtg. |
| | 7:00 p.m. | Grace Community – F.H. |
| | 7:30 p.m. | Sanctuary Resvd. |
| WEDNESDAY | 9:00 a.m. | Rummage Sale |
| | 6:30 p.m. | Sanctuary Resvd. |
| | 7:30 p.m. | Chancel Choir |
| THURSDAY | 9:00 a.m. | Precept Study – F.H. |
| | 9:00 a.m. | Rummage Sale |
| | 1:00 p.m. | Small Group – Rm. 211 |
| | 5:00 p.m. | Rm. 111 Resvd. |
| | 6:00 p.m. | Rummage Pack up |
| | 7:00 p.m. | Bible Book Club |
| FRIDAY | 8:00 a.m. | Kitchen/F.H. Resvd. |
| | 6:30 p.m. | Gym Resvd. |
| SATURDAY | 8:00 a.m. | Kitchen/F.H. Resvd. |
| | 10:00 a.m. | Patterns of Prayer |
| | 3:00 p.m. | GTH Spaghetti Dinner |
| SUNDAY | 8:45 a.m. | Sunday School |
| | 10:00 a.m. | Worship Service |

LOOKING AHEAD

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| May 18 | Primary Election |
| May 22 | Property Workday |