

Oxford Presbyterian Church
Seventh Sunday of Pentecost
Sunday, July 23, 2017

Guest Pianist: Leonard Lundsford

Liturgist: Mary Jo McFadden

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

Lord of us all, in this time we seek new insights to
share your love with the whole world.
Hold and nurture us, challenge and equip us in the
ways and being of Jesus Christ. Amen.

(Image on the bulletin cover – “Job and His Family” by William Blake)

CHIMES

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE *“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”*

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: Friends, we gather as fellow travelers,
awake to possibility, but worn by life's demands.

All: **We come broken, yet remain ever hopeful.
We come weary, yet remain expectant.**

At home in God, enfolded by love,
**we come to be encouraged and renewed
in the peace and wholeness
that is Jesus the Christ for us.**

***HYMN** *“Lord of All Hopefulness”* #683

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Life is so complex and uncertain, O God.
Moments of togetherness can quickly turn
into feelings of loss, fear, or estrangement.
In the short space of one day, all can be
turned on its head and we are left longing for
familiarity, crying out for wholeness and hope. (brief pause)

We confess in such seasons of life our
grief, hurt, and anxiety can unnecessarily
distance us from you and others;
a keen sense of brokenness becoming
but a barrier to needed healing,
and a poor excuse for prolonged
anger and bitterness. (brief pause)

**And so we turn again to you seeking an
embrace of love and mercy to help ease the pain
– to give courage and grace for the living.
Secure in your enfolding arms,
may we dare to trust and let go,
re-finding our rest and hope for the journey. Amen.**

***ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

We are changed in the hands of a loving God.
We have much to give, beginning with the simplest gifts.
Praise Christ who is transforming us.

We are known; we are loved;
we are forgiven. Alleluia, Amen!

***SHARING THE PEACE**

A TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

(Children in Preschool through Grade 5
are dismissed to class following the children's message.)

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

UNISON PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Risen Lord, you conquered death and opened the gates of life
everlasting. In the power of the Holy Spirit, raise us with Christ,
open our ears and loosen our tongues that we, too, may proclaim
your love, healing, and peace to the nations. Amen

SCRIPTURE

A reading from Job 1:1, 2:1-10

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks to you, O Christ.

SERMON

"A Hopeful Cry"

WE GIVE THANKS TO GOD

***HYMN**

"Be Still, My Soul"

#819

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND LORD'S PRAYER (sins...sin)

OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

"How I Love You"

Marcy Heisler and Zina Goldrich
Katya Fisher, Soprano

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

***HYMN**

"Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun"

#265

***BLESSING**

God's spirit is always with you.

Wherever we go, the Lord is there!

If you ascend to heaven,

The Lord is there.

If you settle at the farthest limits of the sea,

The Lord is there.

In all places, God holds you fast.

***POSTLUDE**

"Blessed Assurance"

**Please stand as you are able*



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Sunday, July 23, 2017



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10:00 Worship
10:20 Nursery and Preschool
Available plus Grades K-5
in the Art Room
11:10 Fellowship in the Molyneaux
12:00 Youth Journey Through the
Bible - Freedom Summer

Monday, July 24

Tuesday, July 25

Wednesday, July 26

Thursday, July 27

Friday, July 28

Saturday, July 29

10:00 A.A. (Molyneaux)

Sunday, July 30

10:00 Worship
10:20 Nursery and Preschool
available plus Grades K-5
in the Art Room
11:10 Fellowship in the Molyneaux

Monday, July 31

7:00 Youth Group (Youth Room)
7:00 Art Class (Seminary)

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Large-print bulletins and hearing assistance units are available from the ushers. **Please sign the friendship pads found at the end of the pew and pass them to your neighbors.**

WELCOME VISITORS! We're so glad you're here! We welcome you to participate in any or all activities of the church. Our congregational vision is to become "a more joyful, passionate, spiritually vibrant, inter-generational community of friends who are intentionally engaged in growing in faith, committed to serving our community and the world, and centered on transforming lives through the Good News of Jesus Christ." As a community of friends in Christ, our mission is: **Seeking God...**We strive to know God and love God. As fellow seekers, we welcome all who wish to learn and grow with us. **Serving others...**Following our Servant Savior, we give our time, talent and resources to help bring fullness of life to others. **Sharing Christ's love with all...**Through our words and actions, we proclaim the unconditional love of Christ. Filled with joy and hope, we build relationships across any boundaries that separate us."



Greeters: Joe and Karen Simpson

Acolyte: Robert Simpson

The flowers on the communion table are given by Deborah Davidson to the Glory of God and to celebrate the birthday of M. Renée Davidson

Mission Partners Prayer List: Presbytery of the Miami Valley:
Covington Presbyterian Church,
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Sister Churches: The First Church of Zlatoust, Russia and The Seventh Church of Barranquilla, Colombia

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Email prayer requests to Jean O'Connell, oconnelljm17@yahoo.com, call Pat Roberts, 513-255-0549 or email the church office, office@oxfordpresbychurch.org

Fellowship hour following worship hosted by the Membership, Evangelism, Fellowship Committee.



Sunday, July 23 and 30

Nursery: Infants through age 2, Nursery 1st Floor

Preschool: Ages 3-5, Preschool area, 1st Floor

Grades K-5: Art Room, 2nd Floor

Children are dismissed to class following the children's message.

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Teachers Needed for Fall

Watch for Posters in the Molyneaux

Youth Journey Through the Bible - Freedom Summer



As the youth continue their Journey through the Bible, viewed through the lens of race and ethnicity, all middle and high school youth are invited to join Matt Lykins and Molly Todd on Sunday, July 23rd for an opportunity to learn more about the 1964 civil rights initiative known as Freedom Summer. We will meet for lunch at 12:00 p.m. at the pavilion in the Uptown Park (we'll decide on a place to eat once the youth gather) and then travel together to the Freedom Summer Memorial on Miami University's Western Campus. At the memorial Mrs. Sibyl Miller, a member of the Oxford Community, will talk with our youth about local involvement in Freedom Summer.



Please take a moment to sign the attendance pad located at the end of the pew. This simple action helps us give better guest and member care.

DEACONS CHILDREN'S FOOD DRIVE

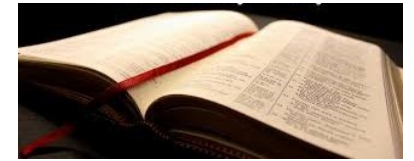


Many Children do not get school lunches in the summer and need extra food at home.

The Deacons request your donations of food and money to make the June Food Drive a success. Food and Monetary donations may continuously be given throughout the summer.

If you would like to make a monetary donation, please make a check out to the Oxford Presbyterian Church with Children's Food Drive in the note field. The money will be used to purchase food for the Oxford Choice Food Pantry.

Oxford Choice Food Pantry needs: canned fruit, cereal, spaghetti sauce, canned meals (such as Chef Boyardee or Kroger meals) and peanut butter. Toilet paper, child personal care items like body wash, deodorant, shampoo and hair conditioner.



Journey Through the Bible

Last week's Questions and Answers

- ◆ What Jewish festival is instituted in the book of Esther (Purim - Esther 9:20-26)
- ◆ Satan anticipates that, when everything is taken from Job, he will curse God. Does Job? (No, contrary to Satan's expectations, Job does not curse God. - Job 1-3)

Next week's Questions

- ◆ What ethnicity is the one leper who returns to thank Jesus for healing him?
- ◆ What is the occupation of Zacchaeus?



Sunday August 6, 10:00 a.m. Worship at Oxford United Methodist Church

no services or church school at Memorial Church