

SCRIPTURE

A reading from Job 19:23-27

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

SERMON

"Journey Through the Bible: Worthy Questions"

WE GIVE THANKS TO GOD

***HYMN**

"My Life Flows On"

#821

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

OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

"Steal Away"

traditional African-American
Kent Peterson, Tenor

SUNG PRAYER OF DEDICATION *"Now Thank We All Our God"* (vs. 1) #643

***HYMN**

"God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending"

#716

***BLESSING**

In the most Holy name of God,
let us go out with prayer and a sweet thanksgiving.
Our Redeemer calls us out into a world that is sorely in need of both.

Daily let us offer to the earth and its people
the fullness of God's joy, healing,
and freedom we have in Christ. Amen.

***POSTLUDE**

"How Majestic is Your Name"

Michael W. Smith

**Please stand as you are able*



Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

Oxford Presbyterian Church

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Sunday, July 30, 2017

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Guest Pianist: Leonard Lundsford

Liturgist: Judy Fisher

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’s Comforters” by William Blake)

CHIMES

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

“How Long Has It Been?”

arr. Fred Bock

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: With the soft-spoken wisdom of a sunrise,
and with the marching band rehearsal:

All: sing to the Lord new songs of wonder!

With planets spinning in the cosmos,
and with jack hammers breaking open our streets:
sing to the Lord new songs of joy!

With fireflies in the evening,
and sirens from emergency vehicles at midday:
sing to the Lord new songs of grace!

With roaring crowds at exciting sports venues,
and with children whispering dreams to their pets:
sing to the Lord new songs of hope!

***HYMN**

“Earth and All Stars”

#26

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Holy God, we want you to know that
we do try to seek you in our time.
However, between advertisers and political parties,
between telemarketers and social media,
it is easy to become confused as to how we should live.

We spend so much time trying to win the approval of certain people
that we forget our call to serve those around us.
We are so busy telling others ‘go there’ or ‘do this’
we cannot hear your whispers of love.

We do not presume to come to you expecting easy grace,
for we are aware of what it cost you to forgive us, *Savoir*.

O Lord, our Redeemer, you only need to speak the Word,
and we will know your mercy;
speak the Word, and we will be made whole;
speak the Word, and we will find that
faith to trust you in our daily living. Amen.

***ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

The Lord, our Redeemer comes, not to punish, not to condemn –
but to change and transform us with a truth that sets us free!

**Let it be known this day:
the Lord indeed is God,
who brings forgiveness and hope to all people.
Glory to God! 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

Eternal God – Creator and Sustainer of this very moment –
open our imaginations to new visions of
wisdom as we read your Word.
Open our hearts to new dimensions of your love that we may grow
into the Beloved Community that you intended us to become. Amen.



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
11:30 Journey Through the Bible: Bible Study and Discussion (Sanctuary)

Monday, July 31

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

Tuesday, August 1

5:30 Worship and Music (CE Office)
6:00 Facilities Planning Committee (Molyneaux)
6:30 Colombia Mission Team Meeting (CE Office)

Wednesday, August 2

Thursday, August 3

Friday, August 4

Saturday, August 5

10:00 A.A. (Molyneaux)

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

**** No service or Sunday school at Memorial Church ****

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July 30 - August 6, 2017

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: Connie Everhart and Karen Shearer

Congregational Prayer Concerns: Betty Barnhart, Pris Berry, Tracy DeGood, Bob Douglass, Nancy Gates, Genee Hesse, Breanna Kinneman, Jan Reinhart, Marilyn Rettig, Sarah Soika, Stacey Winn

Acolyte: Robert Simpson

The flowers on the communion table are given by Deb and Rick Sayers in loving memory of her mom, Ruth Hefty.

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

Mission Partners Prayer List:

Presbytery of the Miami Valley:

Memorial Presbyterian Church, Xenia

Sister Churches: The First Church of Zlatoust, Russia and The Seventh Church of Barranquilla, Colombia

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



Sunday, July 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

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 Summer Food Drive a success. Food and Monetary donations may continuously be given.

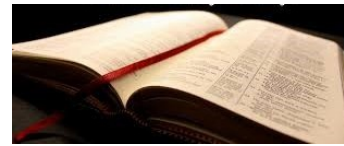
If you would like to make a monetary donation, please make a check out to the Oxford Presbyterian Church with Children's Food Drive in the note field. The money will be used to purchase food for the Oxford Choice Food Pantry.

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.



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.



Journey Through the Bible

Last week's Questions and Answers

- What ethnicity is the one leper who returns to thank Jesus for healing him? (The person is a Samaritan, the ethnic group despised by most Jews in the first century. - Luke 17:16)
- What is the occupation of Zacchaeus? (Zacchaeus was a tax collector. - Luke 19:2)

Next week's Questions

- When Jesus is dying on the cross, who affirms that he is innocent?
- In what form does God appear to Job when God answer's Job's



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Journey Through the Bible

We've crossed the halfway mark in our **Journey Through the Bible**. A very meaningful method for reading scripture at home or in small groups is called *lectio divina* which means "holy reading." *Lectio divina* allows the mind to relax and become receptive to the Holy Spirit so that you focus on one image or idea in the passage you are reading. Try these steps:

- Reading – Read the selected text quietly, prayerfully, and expectantly.
- Meditation – Read again, entering more fully into the scene and details of the passage.
- Contemplation – Read a third time, choosing one image, word, or phrase and concentrating on it for a period.
- Prayer – Pray about this particular thought while allowing the Spirit to bring ideas, responses and other truths to your awareness.
- Action – Consider what you can do practically to make this scripture reading an effective part of your daily life... and then take steps to make that happen!