

# THE LORD'S DAY

August 23, 2020

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE Dear Lord and Father of Mankind Parry/Schreiber

CALL TO WORSHIP From Psalm 66

Leader: Shout with joy to God, all the earth!

**People: Sing the glory of his Name; make his praise glorious!**

Leader: Come and see what God has done, how awesome his works in man's behalf!

**People: Praise be to God, who has not rejected our prayer or withheld his love from us!**

INVOCATION

\*HYMN 62 Sing to the Lord, Sing His Praise

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**UNISON: Our Father, our souls hunger and thirst for your righteousness, but in our sin, we feed that hunger with everything but you. We zealously consume the things of this world, only to find our emptiness greater than when we began. Forgive us our sin and folly, and draw us again to Jesus Christ, the Bread of Heaven. May we feed upon Him through your word, and by your grace bring His life-giving gospel to those who still hunger. For we pray in his Name. Amen.**

\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON John 6:35,40

LEADER: Then Jesus declared, "I am the bread of life. He who comes to me will never go hungry, and he who believes in me will never be thirsty.... For my Father's will is that everyone who looks to the Son and believes in him shall have eternal life, and I will raise him up at the last day."

\*GLORIA PATRI 735

OLD TESTAMENT READING 2 Kings 4:38-44

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY Like a River Glorious Mountain/Hoekstra

\*DOXOLOGY 733

NEW TESTAMENT READING John 6:25-51

\*HYMN 424 Shepherd of Souls, Refresh and Bless

SERMON FED BY JESUS  
Luke 9:10-17  
Dr. John Muhlfeld

\*HYMN 598 Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

\*BENEDICTION

\*POSTLUDE With Faith Transcending Smith

*\*Congregation standing*

*Please silence all electronic devices.*

*Welcome to all worshipping with us today.  
We trust the Lord will strengthen and encourage you  
through our fellowship together.*

*If you are a visitor, please complete a  
Welcome card on the table outside the sanctuary.*

Serving this morning:

**Worship Leaders** – Jim Nagy, John Rohrman

**Musician** – Helen Ro

**Audio/Visual Technicians** - Steve Bikle, Jeff Currier, Greg Fisher

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Sing to the Lord, Sing His Praise

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Sing to the LORD a new song; sing to the LORD, all the earth. Ps. 96:1

1. Sing to the Lord, sing his praise, all you peo-ple, new be your  
 2. Tell of his won-drous works, tell of his glo-ry, till through the  
 3. Vain are the hea-then gods, i-dols and help-less; God made the  
 4. Give un-to God Most High glo-ry and hon-or, come with your

song as new hon-ors you pay; sing of his maj-es-ty,  
 na-tions his name is re-vered; praise and ex-alt him, for  
 heav'ns, and his glo-ry they tell; hon-or and maj-es-ty  
 of-f'rings and hum-bly draw near; in ho-ly beau-ty now

bless him for-ev-er, show his sal-va-tion from day to day.  
 he is al-might-y; God o-ver all let the Lord be feared.  
 shine out be-fore him, beau-ty and strength in his tem-ple dwell.  
 wor-ship Je-ho-vah, trem-ble be-fore him with god-ly fear.

5. Make all the nations know God reigns forever;  
 earth is established as he did decree;  
 righteous and just is the King of the nations,  
 judging the people with equity.

6. Let heav'n and earth be glad; waves of the ocean,  
 forest and field, exultation express;  
 for God is coming, the Judge of the nations,  
 coming to judge in his righteousness.

From Psalm 96  
 The Psalter, 1912; mod.

WESLEY 11.10.11.10,  
 Lowell Mason, 1830

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Gloria Patri (hymnal 735)

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.

Doxology (hymnal 733)

Praise God from who all blessings flow;  
 praise him, all creatures here below: alleluia, alleluia!  
 Praise him above, ye heav'nly host,  
 praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost: alleluia, alleluia,  
 alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

424 Shepherd of Souls, Refresh and Bless

Our forefathers ... all ate the same spiritual food and drank the same spiritual drink;  
 for they drank from the spiritual rock ... and that rock was Christ. 1 Cor. 10:1-4

1. Shep-herd of souls, re-fresh and bless your cho-sen pil-grim flock  
 2. Hun-gry and thirst-y, faint and weak, as you when here be-low,  
 3. We would not live by bread a-lone, but by that Word of grace,  
 4. Be known to us in break-ing bread, but do not then de-part;  
 5. There sup with us in love di-vine; your bod-y and your blood,

with man-na in the wil-der-ness, with wa-ter from the rock.  
 our souls the joys ce-les-tial seek which from your sor-rows flow.  
 in strength of which we trav-el on to our a-bid-ing place.  
 Sav-ior, a-bide with us, and spread your ta-ble in our heart.  
 that liv-ing bread, that heav'n-ly wine, be our im-mor-tal food.

St. 1-3, anon.  
 St. 4-5, James Montgomery, 1825; mod.

ST. AGNES C.M.  
 John B. Dykes, 1866

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Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

He will be our guide even to the end. Ps. 48:14

1. Guide me, O thou great Je-ho-vah, pil-grim through this  
 2. O-pen now the crys-tal foun-tain, whence the heal-ing  
 3. When I tread the verge of Jor-dan, bid my anx-ious

bar-ren land; I am weak, but thou art might-y; hold me with thy  
 stream doth flow; let the fire and cloud-y pil-lar lead me all my  
 fears sub-side; Death of death, and hell's De-struc-tion, land me safe on

pow'r-ful hand; Bread of heav-en, Bread of heav-en,  
 jour-ney through; strong De-liv-'rer, strong De-liv-'rer,  
 Ca-naan's side; songs of prais-es, songs of prais-es

feed me till I want no more, feed me till I want no more.  
 be thou still my strength and shield, be thou still my strength and shield.  
 I will ev-er give to thee, I will ev-er give to thee.

William Williams, 1745  
 St. 1 fr. by Peter Williams, 1771  
 St. 2-3 fr. by William Williams, 1772

CWM RHONDDA 8.7.8.7.8.7.rep.  
 John Hughes, 1907

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please join us on September 6 at 9:00 a.m. as we celebrate Promotion Sunday via Zoom. Everyone is invited as we encourage both Sunday school teachers and students through this special program. We will hear from our dedicated and gifted teachers, and we will also catch a glimpse into the Heart Hiders' ministry. Be sure to check the latest edition of *Covenant Update* for the link to join the program.

The weekly Men's Bible Study will resume on Tuesdays beginning September 1, from 7:15 – 8:30 pm, and will meet in person in the far narthex. Bob Kampa will continue the discussion of Faithfulness and the Nature of Saving Faith. All men are welcome! Please contact Bob with questions.

The Senior Fellowship schedule for September through December has been published and is available to view in *Covenant Update*. The first meeting will take place on Tuesday, September 8 via Zoom. Watch *Covenant Update* for the link and please direct any questions to Jim Rich.

The next adult membership class with Pastor Muhlfeld will take place Sept 13 – Oct 25. Attending the class does not obligate one to apply for membership but is a requirement of the membership process and is an excellent way to learn more about what we believe as a congregation and denomination. The class will be held during the Sunday School hour (9:15 – 10:00 a.m.) and will meet for seven Sundays in the far narthex. Please sign up in the narthex or contact the church office for more information.

Mark your calendars for our annual Church Picnic to be held after the worship service on September 13. This year we ask that everyone bring their own lunch, but dessert will be provided. You are invited to eat under the pavilion or bring blankets and lawn chairs. We are excited to offer this opportunity for fellowship and hope to see you there!

## CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER AND PRAISE

### *Health Related*

*Winnie Bikle*

*Ethel Castor*

*Rich Fisher*

*Peg Hasson*

*Herb McCarter*

*Denis Stager*

*Sally Tomlinson*

### *Expecting*

*Brianne Heffren*

*Caroline Smith*

*Christine Verbasselt*

### *Grieving*

*Garver Family*

*Hasson Family*

*Schmidt Family*

### *Missions*

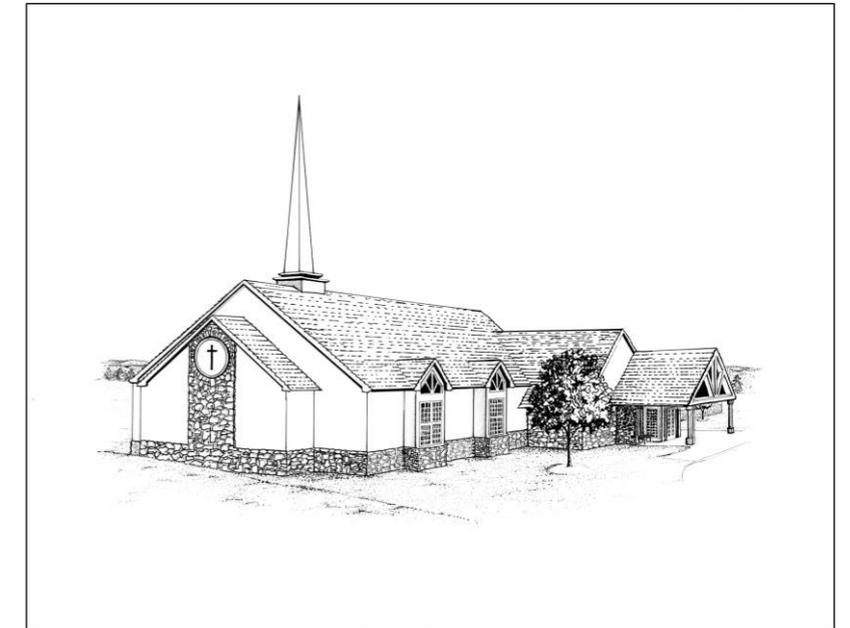
Michael Goodlin serves with Reformed University Fellowship (RUF) as Lehigh University's campus minister. Fall semester is beginning, but campus life will look very different this year with smaller class sizes and a limited number of students residing on campus. Freshman outreach is one of the most important events for RUF's ministry. Under normal conditions, over 1,000 students cover Lehigh's front lawn as they look for clubs to join. Due to Covid restrictions, this year's freshman outreach may need to be virtual.

Michael is praising God for the many available avenues of communication, such as Facebook, Instagram, email, and text. He is also thankful that our ever changing and seemingly unknowable circumstances are an opportunity for God to graciously remind us of His unchanging character, exhaustive knowledge, and sovereignty.

Please pray for the following:

- that God would grant Michael and the RUF leaders wisdom, encouragement, endurance and flexibility as they minister in unfamiliar circumstances
- that God would draw many students to RUF during freshman outreach
- that God would bless RUF's Bible studies, large group meetings and social events
- that the group would mature and bond together even amid potential separation

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is to help people know Christ,  
grow together in the grace of Christ,  
and advance the kingdom of Christ,  
all to the glory and worship of God forever.*