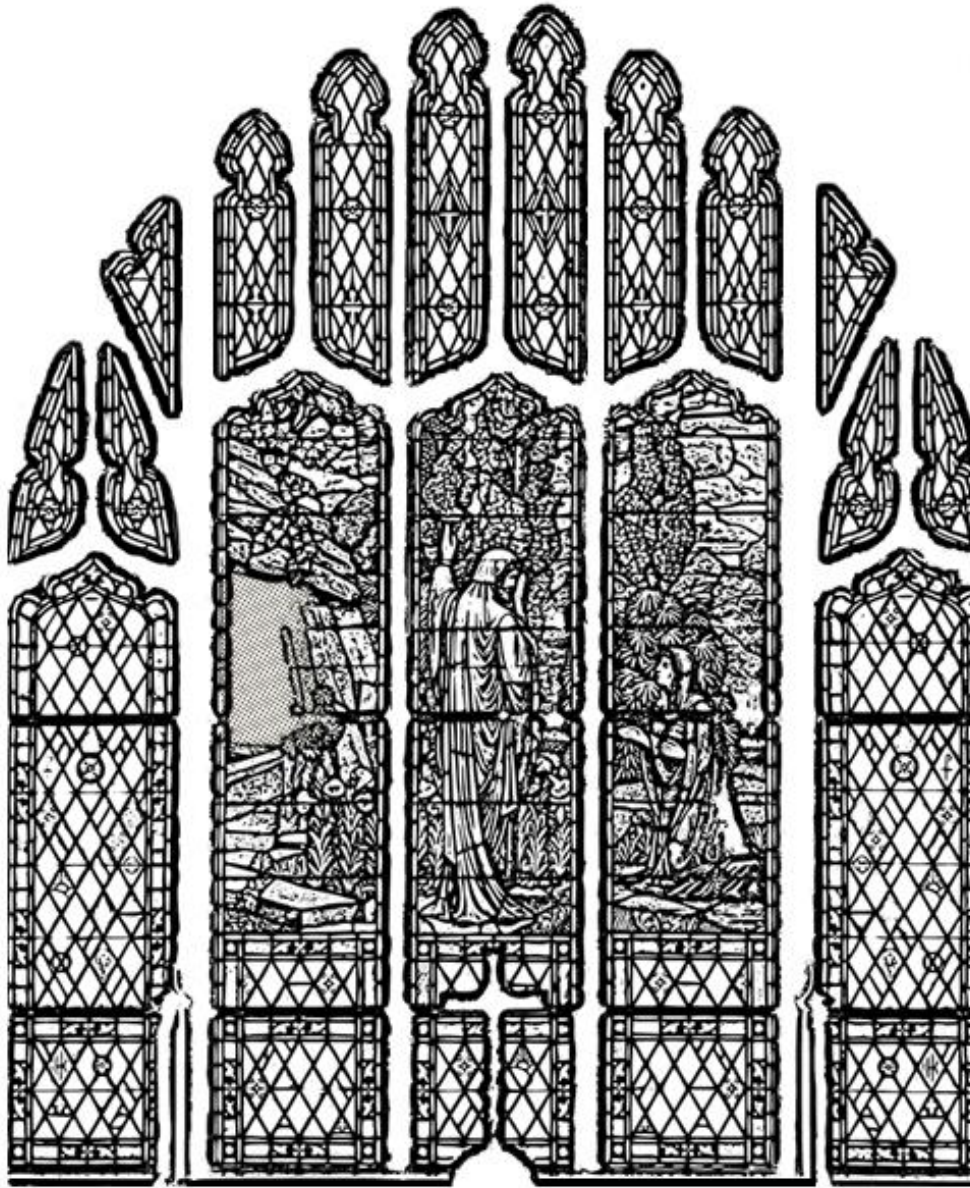


MT. LEBANON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



Sunday, November 9, 2025, 8:30AM & 10:45AM

The Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost

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The theme for this year's thanksgiving and stewardship emphasis is "A New Vision, A Fresh Hope" It is inspired by the new vision statement that was released by our bishops last spring: The United Methodist Church forms disciples of Jesus Christ who, empowered by the Holy Spirit, love boldly, serve joyfully, and lead courageously in local communities and worldwide connections. This morning we focus on the second step - serve joyfully.

**Indicates an invitation to stand in spirit or posture, as able.*

The Prelude

Nun danket alle Gott - Choral u. Choralfiguration Friedrich Wilhelm Siering (1822-1901)

The Introit (10:45)

A New Commandment

William Mundy (c.1529–1591)

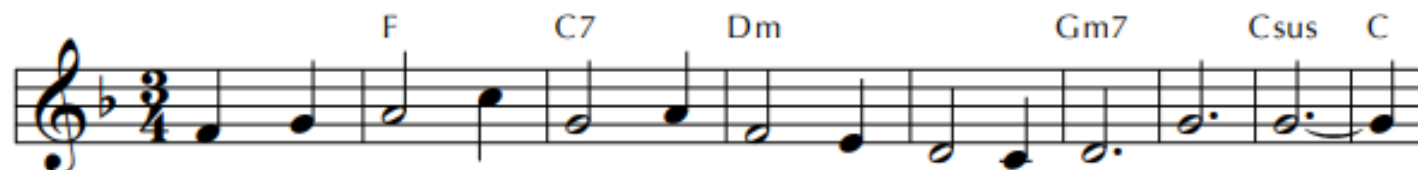
A new commandment give I unto you, saith the Lord, that ye love together, as I have loved you, that e'en so ye love one another. By this shall ev'ry man know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another.

All rise, in body or spirit, at the sound of the chimes.

*Opening Hymn

"The Summons" (vv.1-4)

See inserted below



- 1 "Will you come and fol - low me if I but call your name?
- 2 "Will you leave your-self be - hind if I but call your name?
- 3 "Will you let the blind - ed see if I but call your name?
- 4 "Will you love the 'you' you hide if I but call your name?
- 5 Lord, your sum-mons ech - oes true when you but call my name.



Will you go where you don't know and nev - er be the same?
Will you care for cruel and kind and nev - er be the same?
Will you set the pris - oners free and nev - er be the same?
Will you quell the fear in - side and nev - er be the same?
Let me turn and fol - low you and nev - er be the same.



Will you let my love be shown; will you let my name be known;
 Will you risk the hos - tile stare should your life at - tract or scare?
 Will you kiss the lep - er clean, and do such as this un - seen,
 Will you use the faith you've found to re-shape the world a - round,
 In your com - pa - ny I'll go where your love and foot-steps show.



will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?"
 Will you let me an - swer prayer in you and you in me?"
 and ad - mit to what I mean in you and you in me?"
 through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?"
 Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.

* The Greeting & Call to Worship

℣ The Lord be with you.

℟ And also with you.

℣ Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus,

℟ who, though he was in the form of God,
 did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped,
 but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant,

℣ And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death,

℟ even death on a cross.

*Opening Prayer

Said by all, with one voice.

Lord Jesus, as we read about Your humble service in washing the feet of Your disciples, we are reminded of Your unwavering love and the importance of humility in our lives. We acknowledge that you, through your sacrifice, have shown us the true meaning of love and service. We ask for your guidance to live out this example in our daily lives, to serve others with grace and humility, and to always seek to wash the feet of those around us. In Jesus' name, we pray,
 Amen.

***Silent Prayer**

***Response**

"The Summons" (v.5)

See previous page

A Message for Young Disciples (10:45 am)

As the young disciples gather at the front of the church, all sing:

**This, this is where children belong, welcomed as part of the worshipping throng.
Water, God's word, bread and cup, prayer and song: This is where children belong.**

The young disciples (3 yr. - 3rd grade) then depart the sanctuary for Kids Praise.

Teachers will lead them back to the sanctuary prior to the conclusion of the service.

The First Lesson

A Reading from the Psalter

Ps. 100:1-5

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth. Serve the Lord with gladness; come into his presence with singing. Know that the Lord is God. It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people and the sheep of his pasture. Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise. Give thanks to him; bless his name. For the Lord is good; his steadfast love endures forever and his faithfulness to all generations.

Lector: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People: Thanks be to God.

***Hymn**

"Lord, whose love through humble service"

UMH 581

***The Second Lesson**

A Reading from the Gospel according to John

JN. 13:1-20

Now before the festival of the Passover, Jesus knew that his hour had come to depart from this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end. The devil had already decided that Judas son of Simon Iscariot would betray Jesus. And during supper Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands and that he had come from God and was going to God, got up from supper, took off his outer robe, and tied a towel around himself. Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel that was tied around him. He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?" Jesus answered, "You do not know now what I am doing, but later you will understand." Peter said to him, "You will never wash my feet."

Jesus answered, "Unless I wash you, you have no share with me." Simon Peter said to him, "Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!" Jesus said to him, "One who has bathed does not need to wash, except for the feet, but is entirely clean. And you are clean, though not all of you." For he knew who was to betray him; for this reason he said, "Not all of you are clean."

After he had washed their feet, had put on his robe, and had reclined again, he said to them, "Do you know what I have done to you? You call me Teacher and Lord, and you are right, for that is what I am. So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you. Very truly, I tell you, slaves are not greater than their master, nor are messenger greater than the one who sent them. If you know these things, you are blessed if you do them. I am not speaking of all of you; I know whom I have chosen. But it is to fulfill the scripture, 'The one who ate my bread has lifted his heel against me.' I tell you this now, before it occurs, so that when it does occur you may believe that I am he. Very truly, I tell you, whoever receives one whom I send receives me, and whoever receives me receives him who sent me."

Lector: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

The Pastoral Prayer & The Lord's Prayer

Said by all, with one voice.

**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 trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil,
for thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory forever.
Amen.**

The Sermon

"A New Vision: Serve Joyfully"

Rev. Strandburg

***The Affirmation of Faith**

UMH 882

All are invited to stand, in spirit or in posture, and to face the altar as the affirmation of faith is recited.

Pastor: Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is the one true church, apostolic and universal, whose holy faith let us now declare:

All: I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and will come again to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.
Amen.

***The Sign of Peace**

℣. The peace of Christ be with you.
℟. And also with you.

Announcements

At the Offertory

The Offertory Hymn (8:30 am)

"Jesu, jesu"

UMH 432

The Anthem (10:45 am)

The Old Hundredth Psalm Tune

Ralph Vaughan Williams

*All people that on earth do dwell, sing to the Lord with cheerful voice;
Him serve with mirth, His praise forth tell, come ye before Him and rejoice.
Know that the Lord is God indeed; without our aid He did us make:
We are His flock, He doth us feed, and for His sheep He doth us take.
O enter then His gates with praise, approach with joy His courts unto;
Praise, laud, and bless His Name always, for it is seemly so to do.*

*For why? the Lord our God is good, his mercy is for ever sure;
His truth at all times firmly stood, and shall from age to age endure.*

***The Doxology & Prayer of Dedication**

UMH 94

***The Sending Hymn**

"The voice of God is calling"

UMH 436

***The Dismissal**

℣. Let us bless the Lord.

℟. Thanks be to God.

***The Benediction & Recessional**

The people remain in place until the altar party has retired.

The Postlude

"Nun Danket alle Gott" from BWV79

J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

Prayer Concerns

*The family and loved ones of **Betty Brown**, who passed from this life last week.*

*The family and loved ones of **Pat Macey**, who passed from this life last week.*

*The family and loved ones of **Cleon Cornes**, and especially Vera Jane, his widow.*

*The citizens of **Jamaica**, recovering from the effects of Hurricane Melissa.*

***George Gittens**, recovering from a recent stroke.*

***Clark Remington**, struggling with illness.*

*The Rev'd **Deborah Ackley-Killian**, undergoing cancer treatment.*

***Norma Buhrman**, enduring serious illness.*

For those serving their country or community as first responders or in the armed forces, especially:

SPC Russell Dale - CPT Shaun Hay - LTC Azizi Wesmiller - LTC Matthew Wesmiller

2LT Keith Cable - LTC Zachary Allen Finch - CPL Wyatt Hoover

*This week, we remember and pray for Christ's body throughout the world, especially remembering this week the church in **Oceania: American Samoa, Cook Islands, Fiji, French Polynesia (Maohi Nui), Kanaky, Kiribati, Marshall Islands, Micronesia, Nauru, Niue, Palau, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tonga, Tuvalu, and Vanuatu.** (Prayer Cycle of the World Council of Churches).*

Please remember the special concerns of those in our community and throughout our world in your personal prayer life throughout the week. If you wish to solicit prayers from the congregation for any matter (health, travel, special concerns, etc.), please contact the church office to have your concern added to the prayer list.

Leaders in Worship this Morning

ABBY PURTILL AND EMMA PURTILL, ACOLYTES

BRIAN KAPPELER, CROSS BEARER

JOETA D'ESTE (8:30AM) AND DONNA CHESLEIGH (10:45AM), LECTORS

THE CHOIR OF THE MT. LEBANON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

MS. BETHANY MINGLE, SOPRANO

MS. SARAH BOICE STECKER, ALTO

MR. KIRBY DILWORTH, TENOR

MR. A. MITCHELL V. STECKER, DIRECTOR OF MUSIC & LITURGY

THE REV'D THOMAS Q. STRANDBURG, SENIOR PASTOR

The altar flowers this morning given by

Louanne Baily

in honor of

Veterans Day

and with gratitude to the men and women

who have served our country

and made sacrifices for all Americans.

*For information about furnishing altar flowers for future services,
contact Lizzie Diller at 412-860-3614. The cost is \$45 per arrangement.*