



Welcome

June 23, 2019
Worship 11:00

Greeting & Announcements

Gathering Meditation

"Lord my God, I called to you for help, and you healed me."

- Psalm 30:2

Prelude & Lighting of the Candles

As you spoke to the Legions, O God, speak now to the forces that surround us. By your Spirit, let your Word illumine the darkness, and your Light break through our delusions, that we may see your truth. **Amen.**

***Call to Worship**

Leader: We come to you this day, with burdens and cares in our hearts.

People: Lord, take these burdens from us and ease our souls.

Leader: We come to you this day, with fear and uncertainty about the future.

People: Lord, calm our fears and help us to place our trust in you.

Leader: Come, let us worship God whose love is abundant.

People: Let us praise the God of our salvation who watches over us always.

***Praise Song**

"Grace Like Rain"

***Affirmation of Faith from Romans 8:35, 37-39**

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***Opening Prayer**

Living God, you call us to you so that we may live in wholeness with ourselves and with our neighbors. Unchain your people and set us free to rejoice in your saving Word, through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

Children's Message

Pastor Chris

† Coins for Kids

***Hymn**

"When Jesus the Healer Passed Through Galilee"

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Reading of Holy Scripture

Luke 8:26-39 (NLT)

Message

"Freedom in Christ"

Pastor Chris

Response to the Word – A Time of Prayer & Healing

Persons that are in need of spiritual, mental or physical healing may come forward to be prayed for and anointed with oil.

Prayer after Anointing

Almighty God, we pray that, along with our brothers and sisters, that we may be comforted in our suffering and made whole.

When we are afraid, **give us courage;**

when we feel weak, **grant us your strength;**

when we are afflicted, **afford us patience;**

when we are lost, **offer us hope;**

when we are alone, **move others to our side;**

when death comes, **open your arms to receive us.**

In the name of Jesus Christ we pray. **Amen.**

***Hymn**

"Because He Lives"

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***Passing of the Peace**

Giving Back to God with our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

***Doxology** "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

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***Prayer of Thanksgiving**

Triune God, through Jesus Christ and the power of the Holy Spirit, you bring hope to the despairing, healing to the sick, and release from bondage to all who are oppressed by sin and evil. Direct our gifts to fulfill your purpose as we await the time when all creation is one in your love, by the grace of Jesus Christ and the community of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

***Benediction**

***Hymn**

"Freely, Freely"

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***Postlude**

*Please stand if you are able

†Each Sunday our children will be accepting coin donations that will benefit a ministry or project of their choosing.

Today's bulletins are sponsored by Debi & Darla
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You're Welcome Here

Here at our church we extend a special welcome to those who are single, married, divorced, widowed, gay, straight, filthy rich, comfortable, dirt poor, have lived here for decades, just moved in, or are passing on through.

We extend a special welcome to those that are newly married, never married, married again, or married for longer than they can even remember... or choose to remember. We welcome families of all shapes and sizes, those with one child that is as quiet as a mouse, those with a whole basketball team, and even moms and dads with crying new-born babies.

You're welcome here if you can sing like Garth Brooks or if you can't carry a note in a bucket. You're welcome here if you're 'just browsing,' just woke up or just got out of prison. Those that serve in our military or work in our community as first responders, you're welcome here, too. We don't care if you're more Christian than the Bishop of the Eastern Pennsylvania Annual Conference, or if you haven't been in church since your little nephew's baptism.

We extend a special welcome to those who are over 60 but not grown up yet, and to teenagers who are growing up too fast. We welcome keep-fit moms, football dads, starving artists, tree-huggers, latte-sippers, vegetarians, junk-food eaters and food connoisseurs.

We welcome those who are in recovery or are still addicted. We welcome you if you're having problems or you're down in the dumps. We welcome you even if don't like 'organized religion' or you call yourself 'spiritual.'

If you blew all your money on the horses or the blackjack table, you're welcome here, too. We offer a welcome to those who work too hard, don't work at all, can't spell, or come just because grandma is in town and she made you go to church.

We welcome those who are inked, pierced or both. We offer a special welcome to those who could use a prayer right now, had religion shoved down your throat as a kid or got lost on route 191 and wound up here by mistake. We welcome tourists, seekers and doubters, bleeding hearts, and all those at different locations on their own journey of faith... and we welcome you!

We hope that you'll visit us for worship on Sunday at 11:00 and consider making us a part of your family. You're welcome here.

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