

“Labor Day Sunday”

September 3, 2017

HWB = Hymnal: A Worship Book; *STJ* = Sing the Journey, *STS* = Sing the Story

Gathering

Gathering hymn: HWB 120 Holy, holy, holy!

Prelude: Blest are they (Jacob B. Weber)

Welcome

Lighting the peace lamp

Call to worship (based on Psalm 105:1-6)

one Give praise to the Lord, proclaim God’s name:

Make known among the nations what the Lord has done.

all **Sing praise to the Lord. Tell of all God’s wonderful acts.**

one Glory to God’s holy name;

Let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.

all **Look to the Lord’s strength;**

Seek the face of God.

one Remember the wonders of our God, Jehovah,

the miracles and the judgements that were pronounced,

all **You who are the Lord’s servants, the descendants of**

Abraham and Sarah, chosen ones, the children of Jacob.

HWB 162 The God of Abraham praise

HWB 389 Take my life

Hearing the word

Gospel reading: Matthew 16:21-28

Children’s time

STJ 96 I’m pressing on the upward way

Epistle reading: Romans 12:9-21

STS 115 Beauty for brokenness

Message: “Leaving room”

Responding

Prayer of blessing for our labor

one Blessed are you, ever-creating God,

in your image, our lives are made;

in your glory, we offer all the work of our hearts and hands and minds.

all **Blessed are you, O God, now and forever!**

one Blessed are you whose work is repaid,

for by your work and your wages,

your lives and the lives of others are blessed.

all **We thank God for you day by day.**

one Blessed are you whose work is unpaid,

who offer what you can to enrich the lives of others,
through your gifts of time, talents, and love.

all We praise God for your generous labor!

one Blessed are you who seek work, but have not found it,
or whose work is not yet what it may become.
Still you seek, that your gifts may be shared more fully.

**all We praise God for your diligent seeking
and pray you may soon find!**

one O God, yours is the glory in their labors.
Yours be the glory in all our lives, in Jesus' name. Amen.

Bringing our offerings

We will bring forward symbols of our labor, our "First-fruits" offering,
and our "My Coins Count" change offering (to help MCC & VMM)

*In gratitude and worship, we offer the first and best of who we are and what we
have, to be used for God's mission in the world. [Deuteronomy 26:1-11]*

Offertory: Be thou my vision (Benjamin M. Culli)

Doxology [*stand if you are able . . . words below, music in HWB 48*]

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God all creatures here below; Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God the source of all our gifts!
Praise Jesus Christ whose power uplifts!
Praise the Spirit! Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

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Prayers of the congregation

STS 50 Come, bring your burdens to God

when leader says, "In your mercy, Lord". . . respond, "hear our prayer"

Ending with the Lord's Prayer . . .

1 Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.
2 Give us this day our dai - ly bread,
3 And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil,

Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
and forgive us our sins, as we forgive them that sin against us.
for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for - ever. A - men

Sending

Announcements

Benediction

HWB 541 How clear is our vocation, Lord

Phil Kniss, *sermon* • Ed Bontrager, *worship leader* • Karen Moshier Shenk, *music leader* • John Fast, *organist* • Christopher Clymer-Kurtz, Adam Shenk, Josh Wenger, *musicians* • Jean Miller, Hailie Mast, *scripture readers* • Eleanor Yoder, *worship assistant* • Karen Miller, *worship arts* • Nathan May, *sound* • Robert Maust, *video* • Margaret Foth, *radio* • Pastors Barbara Moyer Lehman, Phil Kniss, and Moriah Hurst, *post-service greeters*

Did you know that this week we begin our 18th year of monthly Taizé evening prayers? This contemplative service of song, scripture, silence, prayers, and candlelight has been offered since 1999 as a service to the community and our congregation. Many have found this an oasis in their week, as they end their work day in the company of other people of faith, offering up all manner of prayers of thanks and yearning, for themselves and others. Join us!

Taizé

evening song & prayer

PARK VIEW MENNONITE CHURCH

Wednesday, Sept. 6
8:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Silence, song, scripture,
prayers, candlelighting

ALL WELCOME!



PVMC PRAYER OPPORTUNITIES

Week of September 3, 2017

“Pray in the Spirit at all times.” –Ephesians 6:18

PRAYERS FOR THE CHURCH

- Aaron Erb and Bridget Mullins, as they get married today in Hudson, OH.
- Lawson Yoder, who will have back surgery at Sentara RMH Friday, Sept 8.
- Bonnie Stoltz and family, as they grieve the death of Bonnie’s father, Mervin Hooper, of New Holland, who passed away on Wednesday night.
- Dick Benner, as he returns home from Germany today and recovers from his second round of treatment there for his cancer.
- Donna Shank, who is recovering at home following thyroid surgery at UVA Medical Center on Tuesday.
- Aaron Stoltzfus, who was discharged from Sentara RMH on Tuesday, following mitral valve replacement. He is recovering well at home.
- Clair Mellinger, as he continues his recovery at home from a bike accident.
- Carl Smeltzer, who had a procedure done Tuesday on his spine at Sentara RMH and is recovering at home.
- **God’s Mission and the wider church**
 - We pray for the many international organizations we support, serving throughout the world, bringing peace, justice, and the gospel to the nations. We pray for EMU’s Center for Justice and Peacebuilding and their work throughout the world. We are grateful for the opportunities we have to support these organizations and participate in their work.
- **Birthdays this week:** Lynette Mast, Andrew Fairfield, Emma Sprunger, Sara Godshall, Lee Moyer, Herb Swartz, Elizabeth Anderson Ochoa, Joshua Benin, Rebecca Shank
- **Next Sunday:** Church retreat at Brethren Woods; worship will be in Pine Grove at 10 am (accessible). Meal to follow in Woodland Retreat Center.

PRAYERS FOR OUR COUNTRY AND COMMUNITY

- For our leaders in all branches of the government—that they would govern with justice, compassion, integrity, and openness.
- The severe flooding in Texas and Louisiana due to Hurricane Harvey; those grieving severe losses, and those aiding in rescue and recovery.

PRAYERS FOR THE WORLD

- **Country of the week** (alphabetical): Slovenia, pop. 2 million, is a small country in Central Europe, but contains within its borders Alpine mountains, thick forests, historic cities and a short Adriatic coastline. Slovenia was the first former Yugoslav republic to join the European Union, in May 2004 - shortly after joining NATO.
- For stability in Kenya, as the Kenya Supreme Court nullified recent elections.
- For peace in Iraq, Syria, D.R. Congo, and other places around the world.

Use this list to aid you in personal prayers, and in small groups and Sunday School. If you have items you would like to have included, please contact one of the pastors.