



Our mission:
to nurture disciples of Jesus Christ
who join boldly with the Spirit's
work in the world.

*I sing the goodness of the Lord
who filled the earth with food.
God formed the creatures through the Word,
and then pronounced them good.
Lord, how thy wonders are displayed,
where'er I turn my eye,
if I survey the ground I tread,
or gaze upon the sky!*

A Service for the Lord's Day
Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

July 17, 2022

10:30 a.m.

*There's not a plant or flower below
but makes thy glories known.
And clouds arise, and tempests blow,
by order from thy throne,
while all that borrows life from thee
is ever in thy care,
and everywhere that we can be,
thou, God, art present there.*

We Gather at God's Call

Chiming of the Bells

Greeting

Pouring of the Water

Prelude *Holy God, We Praise Your Name* -Busarow

Words for Reflection

*God our hope,
You grace each of us with equal measure in your love.
Let us learn to love our neighbors more deeply,
so that we can create peaceful and just communities.
Inspire us to use our creative energies to build community
with one another.
May Jesus provide us the example needed
and send the Spirit to warm our hearts for the journey. Amen.*

*Call to Worship (*responsively*) Jody Humphreys, Worship Leader

Sing to God a new song.

God has done marvelous things.

Make a joyful noise to the Lord!.

Break forth into joyous song and sing praises.

Let us join our hearts and spirits

in the joyful worship of our God.

*Hymn *I Sing the Mighty Power of God* 32

*I sing the mighty power of God
that made the mountains rise,
that spread the flowing seas abroad
and built the lofty skies.
I sing the wisdom that ordained
the sun to rule the day.
The moon shines full at God's command,
and all the stars obey.*

*Call to Confession

*Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

**God of mercy,
we confess that we have not borne the fruit of the Spirit.
We have not loved others as you have loved us.
We have held back our care for one another,
and thought only of needs first.
We have denied our identity as baptized people,
and lived unto ourselves.
Forgive us, and restore us,
that we may abide in your love.
Help us to see in one another the gift of community
and the hope of your grace.
Through Jesus we pray,
Amen.**

*Assurance of Forgiveness

In Christ Jesus, God has promised forgiveness and reconciliation. With joy, let us share that peace with one another. Please turn to your neighbor and greet them with a sign of God's peace.

*Response of Praise *I Come with Joy* 515

*I come with joy, a child of God,
forgiven, loved, and free,
the life of Jesus to recall,
in love laid down for me,
in love laid down for me.
Together met, together bound
by all that God has done,
we'll go with joy, to give the world
the love that makes us one,
the love that makes us one*

Time with the Children

Pastor Keith Phillips

We Gather Around God's Word

Scripture Readings

Acts 8:26-38

Sermon *What Does It Mean to Follow Jesus from the Crossroads?* Pastor Ann Pettit
"It happens in Community"

We Respond to God's Word

*Affirmation of Faith

A Declaration of Faith

**God created human beings with a need for community
and with freedom to enter into it
by responding to their Maker with grateful obedience
and to one another with love and helpfulness.**

**We believe that we have been created
to relate to God and each other
in freedom and responsibility.**

**We may misuse our freedom and deny our responsibility
by trying to live without God and other people
or against God and other people.**

**Yet we are still bound to them for our life and well-being,
and intended for free and responsible fellowship with them.**

**Since every human being is made
for communion with God and others,
we must treat no one with contempt.**

**We are to respect and love all other people
and ourselves as well.**

Invitation to the Offering

Special Music

Concerns of the Congregation

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer (*unison*)

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 debts as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil For thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

We Are Sent to the World

*Hymn

We are one in the Spirit

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*We are one in the Spirit; we are one in the Lord;
we are one in the Spirit; we are one in the Lord,
and we pray that all unity may one day be restored:*

Refrain:

*And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love;
yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.*

*We will walk with each other; we will walk hand in hand;
we will walk with each other; we will walk hand in hand,
and together we'll spread the news that God is in our land: (Refrain)*

*We will work with each other; we will work side by side;
we will work with each other; we will work side by side,
and we'll guard human dignity and save human pride: (Refrain)*

*Benediction

*Benediction Response

*All praise to the Father, from whom all things come,
and all praise to Christ Jesus, God's only Son,
and all praise to the Spirit, who makes us one:
And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love;
yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.*

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Life at Massanutten

This Week At MPC

Sunday, July 17

9:00am Choir Rehearsal
 10:30am Worship
 Picnic following worship
 6:00pm Habitat for Humanity
 Ground Breaking
 628 Virginia Avenue

Monday, July 18

9:00am Sanctuary in use
Church Office Closed

Tuesday, July 19

6:30pm Worship Commission
 Youth Mission Trip

Wednesday, July 20

7:30am Men's Prayer Group (FH)
 Youth Mission Trip

Thursday, July 21

Youth Mission Trip

Friday, July 22

Church Office Closed
 Youth Mission Trip

Saturday, July 23

Church Office Closed

Sunday, July 24

10:30am Worship

Serving July 17

Greeters:

Chris and Phyllis Hamilton

Ushers:

Sally Brown and Mike Guinn

Water Pourers:

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Nursery:

Hannah Altman and Diann Reed

Faith Village:

Faith Village will resume in the Fall

Godly Play:

Godly Play will resume in the Fall

Middle School Youth:

MS Youth will resume in the Fall

High School Youth:

HS Youth will resume in the Fall

Serving July 24

Greeters:

Ron and Janet Morris

Ushers:

TBD

Water Pourers:

TBD

Nursery:

Hannah Altman and Dorothy Dobroth

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- Today we continue our exploration of the question: *What does it mean to follow Jesus from the Crossroads?* We invite you to join us each Sunday as we consider this through the lens of Scripture. If you miss a Sunday, you can always catch-up on our website in the worship drop-down menu.
- **Nursery Care Returns!** The Nursery is available today and each Sunday during worship for small children (through age 5). The nursery space has been cleaned and refreshed for a new season. Families are asked to accompany their child to the nursery and pick them up following the service. The nursery is located on the lower level in the preschool wing.
- **Habitat for Humanity Tonight.** The Mission and Service Commission is excited to share the news—we are joining several other congregations in a Faith Build to support two families in our area! The ground breaking for the duplex build will take place today at 6 pm at 628 Virginia Avenue, Harrisonburg. Please consider coming out for this celebration—and stay tuned for more ways to take part.
- **Massanetta Springs is celebrating its Centennial!** And we're all invited to the fun. **Wednesday, July 27th is Centennial Day** when a variety of speakers, events and worship opportunities, along with great food, will help us all give thanks to God for Massanetta's Ministry—and also experience the good fellowship we've come to enjoy through the years. This falls during the annual Bible and Church Music Conference July 24th—July 30th, to which we're also invited. Check out the full schedule of opportunities and registration details at www.massanettasprings.org.
- **Congregational Fellowship and Outreach Gathering.** Sunday, July 31st at 9:45 in the Fellowship Hall. The Community Life Commission invites the congregation to gather for light refreshments before worship. While you enjoy visiting spend some time writing a note or card to share with a member or friend of the congregation unable to worship in the sanctuary any longer. Along with cards, paper, pens and pencils there will be materials for drawing and coloring too. Cards will be delivered the following week.
- **Mosaic Handbell Ensemble is offering a Beginners Workshop to help “jump start” the ringing season.** The work shop will be held on Saturday, August 27 from 10am-1pm at Harrisonburg Baptist Church. All equipment is provided. No ringing experience needed. Kath Wissinger will be presenting one of the three ringing sessions. See MosaicBells.com for more information. (Youth must be accompanied by an adult, full time.)
- **COVID information:** Masking is optional as long as the CDC reported COVID levels remain in the low (green) or medium (yellow) area. When the level moves to red, masks will be required inside the building. *The Session and COVID Advisory group remind everyone that though masking is optional in certain conditions, our focus on caring for one another remains the foundation of how we gather. Please consider how your choice may affect others around you and respond with an eye toward kindness and welcome.*

It's Picnic Time!

Immediately Following Worship Today
Picnic Shelter

The Community Life Commission invites everyone to gather in the shelter for a picnic complete with **Newman's BBQ Chicken**, **fellowship** and **games for all ages**, led by Pastor Keith.

Along with chicken, table service and beverages will be provided.



Children and Youth Corner

While the educational year programming has ended until the fall, there are opportunities ahead for us to remember in prayer, and or support in other ways:

Youth Mission Trip: July 19-22

O.U.R. – Outreach, Understanding, Rejoicing – Hearts is a short-term mission experience for churches and youth groups. Groups are housed in the Craigsville Presbyterian Church, which has full shower facilities. Throughout the week our youth and adult chaperones will:

- ◆ Prepare for their visit through a study of the culture of generational poverty and food insecurities
- ◆ Participate in and help lead in creative worship and devotion experiences during the week
- ◆ Plan and complete service work needed in the community
- ◆ Use the food pantry to understand how it supports those who need the extra support to alleviate hunger

This is the first year Massanutten has sent an overnight group to this mission opportunity—and it's not too late for youth to sign-up. Contact Hannah if you'd like more information!

*Seeking to nurture and empower our children and youth
to live and serve in the world as loving disciples of Jesus Christ.*