

A Service for the Lord's Day  
Tenth Sunday After Pentecost  
Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

August 6, 2023

10:30 a.m.

**We Gather at God's Call**

Introit                                      Come sing, O Church in Joy                                      -Darwell

Greeting

Pouring of the Water

Prelude                                      *Beautiful Savior*                                      -Wood

\*Call to Worship (*responsively*)

We gather here in anticipation, seeking an encounter with God,  
**who comes to us when we least expect it,**  
**and invites us to wrestle with our questions and doubts,**  
who richly blesses us, and calls us by name.  
**Let us worship God together.**

\*Hymn                                      *Day of Rest and Gladness*                                      393

*O day of rest and gladness, O day of joy and light,  
O balm for care and sadness, most beautiful, most bright;  
on you, the high and lowly, through ages joined in tune,  
sing "Holy, holy, holy" to the great God triune.*

*On you, at earth's creation the light first had its birth;  
on you, for our salvation Christ rose from depths of earth;  
on you, our Lord victorious sent Spirit forth from heaven.  
And thus on you, most glorious, a triple light was given.*

*On you, God's people, meeting, the Holy Scripture hear,  
Christ's living presence greeting, through bread and wine made near.  
New graces ever gaining from this our day of rest,  
we reach the rest remaining to spirits of the blest.*

\*Call to Confession

\*Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

God has wrestled with us  
**and will bind up our wounds.**

We bring to God all that is comfortable and self-satisfied in us.  
God has wrestled with us  
**and will bind up our wounds.**

We bring to God the times we have avoided the struggle  
and taken the line of least resistance.  
God has wrestled with us  
**and will bind up our wounds.**

And because we believe that God does bless us,  
we bring to God our questions, doubts and uncertainties.  
Bless us as you name us  
**as those who have prevailed.**

We bring to God all that we find hard to deal with—  
tasks, relationships, feelings—and we offer them.  
Bless us as you name us  
**as those who have prevailed.**

We bring to God all the messy, unwinnable struggles  
and adversities that we face, and offer them.  
Bless us as you name us.  
**as those who have prevailed.**

\*Assurance of Forgiveness (*responsively*)

Do not fear, says the Lord, for I have redeemed you.  
I have called you by name; you are mine.

**By the grace of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Amen.**

\*Response of Praise

*Arise, Your Light Is Come! (v.4)*

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***Arise, your light is come!  
The mountains burst in song!  
Rise up like eagles on the wing;  
God's power will make us strong.***

\*Passing of the Peace (responsively)

May mercy, peace, and love be yours in abundance.

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

**And also with you.**

You are invited to take a moment to share Christ's peace with your siblings in Christ, respecting everyone's desire for as much or as little physical contact in doing so.

## **We Gather Around God's Word**

\*Sung Prayer for Illumination

*Lord, Prepare Me*

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*Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary,  
pure and holy, tried and true.  
With thanksgiving, I'll be a living  
sanctuary for you.*

Time with the Children

Pastor Keith Phillips

Scripture Reading

Genesis 32:22-31

Sermon

"Wrestling with God"

Rev. Dr. Daniel Ott

## **We Respond to God's Word**

\*Affirmation of Faith From *A Brief Statement of Faith*

**We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father.**

**In sovereign love God created the world good  
and makes everyone equally in God's image,  
male and female, of every race and people,  
to live as one community.**

**But we rebel against God;  
we hide from our Creator.**

**Ignoring God's commandments,  
we violate the image of God in others and in ourselves,  
accept lies as truth, exploit neighbor and nature,  
and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care.  
We deserve God's condemnation.**

**Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation.  
In everlasting love, the God of Abraham and Sarah  
cose a covenant people to bless all families of the earth.  
Hearing their cry, God delivered the children of Israel  
from the house of bondage.  
Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant.  
Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child,  
like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home,  
God is faithful still.**

Invitation to the Offering

Special Music

*Taste and See*  
Ron Matthews and Keith Phillips

-Currie

Taste and see the goodness of the Lord; taste and see the goodness of God!  
Taste and see the goodness of the Lord; taste and see the goodness of God!  
I will bless the Lord at all times, His praise shall be ever on my lips,  
I will glory in the Lord forever, the lowly will hear, will hear and be glad!  
Taste and see the goodness of the Lord; taste and see the goodness of God!  
Glorify the Lord with me, forever let us praise His name!  
I called out to God and He heard my cry; from all fears, He set me free.  
Taste and see the goodness of the Lord; taste and see the goodness of God!  
Look to God and be happy, and never let your faces be sad!  
For our Father hears and answers when we call His name,  
and comforts His children when they are afraid.  
Taste and see the goodness of the Lord,  
Taste and see the goodness of the Lord,  
Taste and see the goodness of God!

Concerns of the Congregation

## **We Are Fed at God's Table**

Invitation

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving  
The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Holy God, you made the world to hum in harmony; you listened and you called it good...

...Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with the celestial choirs and with all the faithful of every time and place, who forever sing to the glory of your name:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,**

**Heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest!**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!**

**Hosanna in the highest!**

In Christ, dividing walls are broken down...

...Great is the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died,**

**Christ is risen,**

**Christ will come again.**

Take our hearts, our lives, our hands...

...In Christ, dividing walls are broken down—

### **The Lord's Prayer**

**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.**

### **Prayer After Communion**

**God our hope, we give you thanks that you have given us  
this foretaste of the justice, righteousness, and peace  
of your promised new creation.**

**Strengthen us with this heavenly food  
as we seek to serve your holy realm.**

**Lead us to live in joyful expectation  
of the coming again in glory of Jesus Christ,  
our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

## **We Are Sent to the World**

\*Hymn *Be Known to Us in Breaking Bread* 500

*Be known to us in breaking bread, but do not then depart;  
Savior, abide with us, and spread your table in our heart.  
Here share with us, in love divine, your body and your blood,  
that living bread, that heavenly wine be our immortal food.*

\*Benediction

\*Benediction Response *Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun* (v. 5) 265

*Let every creature rise and bring honors peculiar to our King;  
Angels descend with songs again, and earth repeat the loud Amen!*

## **Congregational Concerns**

### ***Members of Our Church Family...***

***Carole Kreowski, Flo & Harry Hall, Doris Field, Bill Painter, Helen Scully, Chen Liu, Martha Floyd*** (now receiving hospice care), ***Luke Hamblen, Patti Hobbie, Ka Guinn*** (recovering from knee replacement surgery), ***Don Enslin*** (recovering from recent surgery), ***Marta Armstrong*** (recovering from broken arm)

### ***Friends of Our Church Family...***

***Bill Sheppard***, father of Pam French; ***Sarah Phillips*** (mother), ***Paul Wicker*** (grandfather), ***Emma McLean*** (cousin), family of Pastor Keith; ***Jean Gilbert***, sister of Jan Reser; ***Kat Sorensen***, daughter of Frank and Jean Gearing; ***David Frye***, friend of Mike and Ka Guinn; ***Cynthia Brock***, (broken shoulder); ***Maureen O'Callahan*** (severe pain); ***Melinda Dobroth***, sister of Dale Dobroth (breast cancer); ***Huyen Huynh***, friend of Dana Mather (recently diagnosed with stage 4 brain tumor; mother of a teenage son and 8 year old daughter); ***Fleming Jones***, of our church family (recovering at home from triple bypass surgery 6.15), ***Jewel Downs***, sister of Kat Marlowe (multiple myeloma).

***We extend sympathy ...***

*to **Bill Frazier**, whose mother, Joyce Frazier, passed away on July 29th in New York;*

*to the family of **Bob Bales**, who passed away on July 29th; a memorial service takes place at the church on Sunday, August 13th, at 4pm, with a reception in the Fellowship Hall after.*

*and to the family of **Ann Arnold**, who passed away on July 31st, including husband **Joe Arnold**, daughter **Jan Arnold**, daughter-in-law **Hunter Davis**, and grandchildren **Logan, Kelsey, and Ian Davis**. A funeral service takes place on Monday, August 7th, at Kyger Funeral Home. The visitation will take place at 1pm, and the service at 2pm.*

*Please help us stay current with prayer concerns by updating the church office of any changes!*

### ***Concerns in the Community and World...***

*The War in Ukraine.*

*Our mission efforts: Massanutten Food Pantry, Blessings in a Bag, Living Waters for the World, Habitat for Humanity, Open Doors, Valley Interfaith Action.*

### ***Serving Our Country...***

***Jon Guinn & Jackie DeGaine**, son & daughter-in-law of Ka & Mike Guinn (Washington, DC); **Justin Brockhoff**, nephew of Dave & Jan Reser (Pentagon); **William Preston**, son of Chris and Jessica Preston; **Marcus Sensabaugh**, son of Julia and Doug Sensabaugh (Montana); **Hunter Barr**, nephew of David & Alicia Gutschow (Parris Island, SC); **Matt Riordan**, grandson of Jack Heintzleman (Fairbanks, AK); **Tanner Kenny**, nephew of Gus and Stephanie Scheidt (Deployed); **Dylan Kenny**, nephew of Gus and Stephanie Scheidt (Navy), **Joseph Knight**, brother of Ben Craig (deployed); **Elizabeth Davis**, daughter of Marc and Nancy Davis (CENTCOM in Tampa, FL)*

### **This Week At MPC**

#### **Sunday, August 6**

9:00am Choir Rehearsal

10:30am Worship with Communion

**Monday, August 7**

**Tuesday, August 8**

**Wednesday, August 9**

7:30am Men's Prayer Group (FH)  
5:30pm Nurture & Discipleship Commission

**Thursday, August 10**

7:00pm Food Pantry

**Friday, August 11**

*Church Office Closed*

**Saturday, August 12**

*Church Office Closed*

**Sunday, August 13**

9:00am Choir Rehearsal  
10:30am Worship

**Serving on August 6th**

**Door Monitor:** Fred Good

**Greeters:** Dave & Jan Reser

**Ushers and Water Pourers:** Larry & Pam French

**Nursery:** Katie Rodgers & Emily Burkholder

**Faith Village:** *Will resume in the Fall*

**Godly Play:** *Will resume in the Fall*

**MS and HS Youth:** *Will resume in the Fall*



## **Serving August 13**

**Door Monitor:** Marc Davis

**Greeters:** Ric & JoAnn Leobold

**Ushers and Water Pourers:** Fred Good & Cheryl Henderson

**Nursery:** Katie Rodgers & Barbara Palmer

**Faith Village:** *Will resume in the Fall*

**Godly Play:** *Will resume in the Fall*

**MS Youth:** *Will resume in the Fall*

**HS Youth:** *Will resume in the Fall*

## **Life at Massanutten**

- **We welcome Rev. Dr. Daniel Ott as our guest preacher today.** Dan serves as dean and professor of theology and religion in the School of Theology, Humanities, and Performing Arts at Eastern Mennonite University. Dr. Ott formerly served as Associate Dean for Academic Initiatives, professor of religious studies, and chair of the Department of Philosophy and Religious Studies at Monmouth College in Illinois. Ott's scholarship is in the areas of religious thought in the United States, philosophies of peace and nonviolence, and Christian liberal theologies, especially process and pragmatic theologies.
- Throughout the summer, **Open Doors will host Sunday evening meals** to serve 30 people at 20 East Gay Street in Harrisonburg between 4:00 - 6:00 pm. We will serve our first meal today. Sign up in the Narthex to assist in hosting a meal on September 17th or October 1st. Contact Julia Sensabaugh with questions.
- **The Food Pantry has refreshed their needed item list for the summer:** canned ravioli/Spaghetti-O's etc; canned fruits, healthy breakfast cereals; cake, muffin and brownie mixes; instant and boxed potatoes; crackers, condiments, jello and pudding mix; non-food items: toilet paper, toothpaste, paper towels, soap, shampoo and laundry detergent.
- **Safety Corner**—Your car fob has an alarm. Learn to use it, in case you are ever

threatened or in a dangerous situation.



On January 1, 2021, the balance on our mortgage was \$1,071,111. As of July 21, 2023, our balance was \$147,747 a decrease of **\$923,364** since January 2021. Since the Debt Elimination Campaign began in September 2021, \$803,018 has been paid on the mortgage as a result of budgeted mortgage payments, additional giving to reduce debt through the year and gifts made toward campaign commitments. **To God be the Glory!**

### **Massanutten Presbyterian Church Session**

<b>Class of 2024</b>	<b>Class of 2025</b>	<b>Class of 2026</b>
Ka Guinn	Jan Arnold	Ashley Gordon-Becker
Matt Hamblen	Ben Craig	Jennifer Coffelt
John Kaltenborn	Bill Frazier	Deidre Lenderking
Bill Kilby	Chris Hamilton	Beth Smith
Ron Matthews	Julia Sensabaugh	
Janina Peachey		

**Clerk:** Jody Humphreys

**Moderators:** Rev. Ann Pettit and Rev. Keith Phillips

### **Massanutten Presbyterian Church Staff**

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