July 5, 2020
5th Sunday after Pentecost

Welcome and Announcements
Rev. Doug Gebhard, Interim Pastor

Centering Music for Quiet Meditation
Mir Buresh Peterson

*Confession
P: In the name of the Triune God + who creates, redeems and sustains: Let us pray.
C: Reconciling God,
we confess that we do not trust your abundance,
and we deny your presence in our lives.
We place our hope in ourselves
and rely on our own efforts.
We fail to believe that you provide enough for all.
We abuse your good creation for our own benefit.
We fear difference and do not welcome others
as you have welcomed us.
We sin in thought, word, and deed.
By your grace, forgive us;
through your love, renew us;
and in your Spirit, lead us;
so that we may live and serve you in newness of life. Amen.

(Silent confession)
P: Lord, in your mercy.
C: Hear our prayer.

*Forgiveness
Ends with:
P: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.
C: Thank be to God!

*Gathering Song #765 “Lord of All Hopefulness” (vs. 1 & 3 )
1 Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy,
whose trust, ever child-like, no cares could destroy:
be there at our waking, and give us, we pray,
your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.

3 Lord of all kindliness, Lord of all grace,
your hands swift to welcome, your arms to embrace:
be there at our homing, and give us, we pray,
your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.

*Greeting*

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
C: And also with you.

**First Reading** Romans 7:15-25a
I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. Now if I do what I do not want, I agree that the law is good. But in fact it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. For I know that nothing good dwells within me, that is, in my flesh. I can will what is right, but I cannot do it. For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do. Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. So I find it to be a law that when I want to do what is good, evil lies close at hand. For I delight in the law of God in my inmost self, but I see in my members another law at war with the law of my mind, making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. Wretched man that I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord! So then, with my mind I am a slave to the law of God, but with my flesh I am a slave to the law of sin.

L: The word of the Lord.
C: Thanks be to God.

*Gospel* Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30
“But to what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to one another, ‘We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we wailed, and you did not mourn.’ For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, ‘He has a demon’; the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, ‘Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!’ Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds.” At that time Jesus said, “I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. “Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

P: The gospel of the Lord.
C: Praise to you, O Christ.
Time with the Children

Sermon “Freedom’s Just Another Word…” Pastor Doug Gebhard

Musical Meditation
A time to reflect and meditate on the Word.

*Apostles’ Creed (Unison) Dave Fagan
AM: Let us confess our faith, the faith in which we were baptized.
C: I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s 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,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come 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.

Prayers of the People
Each section ends with:
AM: Hear us, O God.
C: Your mercy is great.

The prayers conclude:
AM: Receive these prayers, O God, and those too deep for words; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
C: Amen.

*Peace
P: The peace of Christ be with you always.
C: And also with you.
Extend signs of peace without physical contact.
Offering

Musical Meditation

Offering Song “Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful” (#35 With One Voice)
Let the vineyards be fruitful, Lord, 
and fill to the brim our cup of blessing.
Gather a harvest from the seeds that were sown, 
that we may be fed with the bread of life.
Gather the hopes and dreams of all;
unite them with the prayers we offer.
Grace our table with your presence, 
and give us a foretaste of the feast to come.

Offering Prayer
AM: God of goodness and growth, all creation is yours, and your faithfulness is as firm as the heavens. Water and word, wine and bread: these are signs of your abundant grace. Nourish us through these gifts, that we might proclaim your steadfast love in our communities and in the world, through Jesus Christ, our strength and our song
C: Amen.

Great Thanksgiving
P: The Lord be with you.
C: And also with you.
P: Lift up your hearts.
C: We lift them to the Lord.
P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Holy, Holy, Holy (Spoken in unison)
Holy, holy, holy Lord
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.

Thanksgiving at the Table
Words of Institution and Acclamation
In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

P: Great is the mystery of faith:  
C: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Lord’s Prayer (Unison)  
C: 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,  
and the power, and the glory,  
forever and ever. Amen.

Lamb of God (Unison)  
C: Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world. Have mercy upon us. And grant us your peace

Communion of the People of God  
Worshippers remain seated. Each pre-packaged communion set contains a wafer and grape juice. Please partake of each element when invited to do so by the Pastor.

P: Jesus said, “I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry…”  
The body of Christ given for you.  
C: Amen.  
All partake of the bread.

P: Jesus said, “I am the vine and you are the branches. Cut off from me, you can do nothing.”  
The blood of Christ shed for you.  
C: Amen.  
All partake of the cup.
Prayer after Communion

Blessing

*Sending Song* #631 “Love Divine, All Loves Excelling” (vs. 1 & 2)
1. Love divine, all loves excelling,
   Joy of heav'n, to earth come down!
   Fix in us thy humble dwelling,
   all thy faithful mercies crown.
   Jesus, thou art all compassion,
   pure, unbounded love thou art;
   visit us with thy salvation,
   enter ev'ry trembling heart.

2. Breathe, oh, breathe thy loving Spirit
   into ev'ry troubled breast;
   let us all in thee inherit;
   let us find thy promised rest.
   Take away the love of sinning;
   Alpha and Omega be;
   end of faith, as its beginning,
   set our hearts at liberty.

*Dismissal*

AM: Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, “Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?”
And I said, “Here I am; send me!”
C: Amen.
Keeping Connected

• **Subscribe** to the weekly email from our website or [HERE](#).

• **Contact Us**–Linda Slatt (Communications Director) will answer the church office phone Monday-Thursday 9:00 am – 3:00 pm (724.935.2746). From our website, use the [Contact form](#) to reach the church office or [Contact Me](#) form to reach Pastor Doug Gebhard for special communications.

• **Communion**: Prior to worship, light a candle and set a communion table for you and your family– bread and wine (or juice) to share.

• **Summer Worship**: Worship will continue to be streamed live at 10:00 am Sundays on the church Facebook page under “Videos.”

• **Giving to the Church**: This is a very difficult time for many with some losing their jobs and others being temporality laid off. For many others, there’s a sense of uncertainty about the future. Making an offering isn’t compulsory; we give what we can… if we can. For those who can continue financial support, please consider increasing your donations offsetting those who are unable to donate at this time.

• **In-Person Worship**: Look for updates in the weekly email, on the church website or on the church’s Facebook page.

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• **Electronic Giving**: A link can be found on the church website under the eGiving section. If you need assistance setting this up, please let the church office know.

• **US Mail**: Your offering can be mailed to the church office at 2500 Brandt School Road / Wexford, PA / 15090.

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