

Linway United Presbyterian Church
July 19, 2020 9:15 a.m. Bulletin for Worship

Prelude

Nancy Kelley, Organist

Greeting and Announcements

Gathering Prayer: (unison) **Almighty God, in Jesus Christ you present to all who will receive him, the gift of forgiveness of sin and everlasting life. Strengthen our resolve to worship and serve the mission and ministry of His church, for we ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.**

Call to Worship:

L: We have been created to be God's people, but we are free to accept or deny this identity.

P: We have come here today to bear witness that we want to live as sons and daughters of God.

L: God claims us in baptism and has joined us together in the community of faith, which is His Church.

P: In Jesus Christ, God has promised to welcome us as brothers and sisters of Christ.

L: Come, let us worship God.

Opening Hymn

Lord, We Hear Your Word

Please refrain from singing

*Invitation to Confession

*Unison Prayer of Confession: **Eternal God, in whom we live and move and have our being, whose face is hidden from us by our sin, and whose mercy we forget in the blindness of our hearts: Forgive us our sin. Cleanse us from all our offenses. Deliver us from proud thoughts and vain desires, that with reverent and humble hearts we may draw near to you, confessing our faults, finding in you our refuge and strength, and being showered by your grace. This we ask in Jesus' name. Amen.**

*Declaration of Pardon:

L: *This statement is completely reliable and should be universally accepted: Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners.*

P: He bore our sins upon the cross so that we might be acceptable as sons and daughters of God.

L: Friends, believe the Good News of the Gospel:

P: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

Special Music

Scripture Reading: Romans 8:12-35

Morning Prayer, the Lord's Prayer, and Organ Response

Sermon: **"Hope: A Four Letter Word"**

Rev. Dr. Mary Louise Russell, Guest Speaker

*Affirmation of Faith: The Apostles' Creed

Closing Hymn

How Firm a Foundation

Please refrain from singing

*Charge and Benediction

*Postlude

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***Indicates those who are able to please stand**

Place attendance card in basket at door when exiting. Include name, address, telephone, & email.

Please place offering in box when exiting the Sanctuary. Please use restrooms in Preschool Hallway.

THANK YOU for your patience and understanding!



Please Remember In Our Prayers:

Helen Alexander, John Arnold, Dennis Bernhardt, Betty Brinker, Bill Chobanic, Clay & Lois, Clark Danner, Dorothy, Cindy Druga, Mike Feigh, Betty Frommell, Gloria, Jason & Jackie, Karen, Wendie King, Audrey Koppel, Linda, Edward Lloyd, Rita Marrow, Miller Family, Nellie Nicholls, Anne Nutter, Nan Oskin, Carol Pascarella, Pat, Fran Pepler, Ann Puscaric, Renee, Doreen Sever, Linda Smith, Michelle Smith, Cindy Taylor, Jim Welsh, Irene Young

Scripture Readings

The following scripture readings have been suggested by the Presbytery for July 19:

[Genesis 28: 10-19](#)

[Psalms 139: 1-12, 23-24](#)

[Romans 8: 12-25](#)

[Matthew 13: 24-30, 36-43](#)



Matching Donations for MA's Pantry Through the Pittsburgh Foundation's Day of Giving:

The Pittsburgh Foundation will match online gifts given to them on August 19 for our local Food Bank, MA's Pantry! Linway will collect monetary donations for MA's Pantry through August 18 and will make one online gift from Linway.

This is a great opportunity to double your monetary gift for the Pantry! Since we are combining all donations given through Linway, no monetary amount is too small.



If you'd like to help, **please mail your donation to Linway or place in the offering plate. Checks should be made payable to "Linway Church" and in the memo line mark that it is for "MA's Pantry".**

This December, MA's is suspending the Giving Tree Program in which church members purchase & wrap presents for Pantry recipients. Instead, MA's is asking those who normally purchase a gift, to instead make a monetary donation through Linway by August 18 so that it may be matched by the Pittsburgh Foundation.

This way, the amount you normally spend on a gift at Christmas may be doubled, and Ma's can use those funds to purchase Christmas gift cards for its recipients.