

**Linway United Presbyterian Church**  
**September 6, 2020 9:15 a.m. Bulletin for Worship**

Prelude

Nancy Kelley, Organist

Greeting and Announcements

Gathering Prayer: (unison) **God of the ages, you call the church to keep watch in the world and to discern the signs of the times. Grant us the wisdom and courage to proclaim, in word and deed, our witness to Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Call to Worship:

Ed Waszkiewicz, Liturgist

L: In the storms of life,

**P: God is our shelter.**

L: In the whirlwind of activity,

**P: God is our secure center.**

L: In the flood of tempting images and seductive words,

**P: God is a rock of stillness on which to stand.**

L: In the avalanche of tears and fears,

**P: God is our strong fortress.**

L: Come, let us worship God.

Opening Hymn

*I Will Sing Of My Redeemer*

Please refrain from singing

\*Invitation to Confession

\*Unison Prayer of Confession: **Persistent and loving God, you are forever drawing near to us, always calling us to follow, faithfully beckoning us to trust you in the deeper waters of life. Yet how often we choose easier paths and turn away from your voice. We see our limitations, but not your assurance of blessing. We wallow in guilt and refuse to believe the Good News of forgiveness. We move so fast, we miss your summons in the beauty of the day, the words of a friend, and the hope amidst discouragement. Forgive us our sins, O God. Speak to our hearts and minds. Lift us from despair, and place us on the path of discipleship. This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

\*Declaration of Pardon:

L: God knows that we know better. By the gift of his only son, he has shown us to what lengths he will go to redeem us.

**P: By God's Spirit working in us and among us, God offers to all who truly seek it, a new and abundant life.**

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

**P: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!**

Special Music

Scripture Reading: Exodus 12: 1-14

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

Sermon:

**"The Price of Freedom"**

Rev. Eric E. Dennis, Pastor

\*Affirmation of Faith: The Apostles' Creed

Closing Hymn

*My Hope Is Built On Nothing Less*

Please refrain from singing

\*Charge and Benediction

\*Postlude

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## **When attending Worship Services in the Sanctuary:**

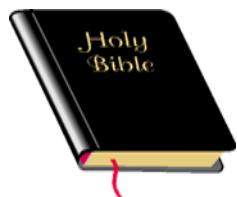
- We ask that you please complete an attendance card and place it in the basket when exiting the Sanctuary in case contact tracing becomes necessary. Include name, address, telephone, & email.
  - Please place any offering in the box when exiting the Sanctuary.
  - Please use the restrooms located in the Preschool Hallway.
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## **Please Remember In Our Prayers:**

Helen Alexander, John Arnold, Dennis Bernhardy, Betty Brinker, Carlie, Clay & Lois, Clark Danner, Dorothy, Cindy Druga, Dziak Family, Mike Feigh, Betty Frommell, Gloria, Jason & Jackie, Justin, Karen, Wendie King, Audrey Koppel, Karen & Frank Kordalski Sr., Linda, Chuck Linderman, Edward Lloyd, Rita Marrow, MaryAnn, Nellie Nicholls, Anne Nutter, Nan Oskin, Carol Pascarella, Pat, Fran Peppler, Ann Puscaric, Renee, Rhonda, Doreen Sever, Sherry, Linda Smith, Michelle Smith, Peg Torbich, Dick & Donna Trent, Welsh Family

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### **Scripture Readings**

The following scripture readings have been suggested by the Presbytery for this week:

Exodus 12:1-14  
Psalms 149  
Romans 13: 8-14  
Matthew 18: 15-20

### **Bibles for 3rd Grade Students**

In keeping with our annual tradition, we would like to present our children who are in the third grade with their own new bible. Plans are being formed as to how we will do this under the current circumstances. If your child is in the third grade, please contact the church office to make sure we have him/her on the list.

### **Linway Fall Retreat:**

#### **Rescheduled to Spring 2021**

Unfortunately, the Christian Education Committee made the difficult decision to cancel the one-day Fall Retreat scheduled for October. We are now looking ahead to Linway's traditional, full-weekend retreat at Ligonier Camp & Conference Center which has been scheduled for April 16-18, 2021.

### **The Sacrament of Holy Communion**

will be held next Sunday, September 13. For those watching the service online, be sure to have your elements ready so that you may partake of communion at home. For those partaking of communion in the sanctuary, pre-packaged communion cups with a wafer will be used.

God is our refuge and strength,  
a very present help in trouble. Psalm 46:1

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