

Assurance of Pardon

Hear the good news: Jesus Christ died for all people of every nation, race, tribe, and culture throughout the ages! We rejoice in this good news and that we are counted as part of His redeeming work. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven! Glory to God! Amen.

Call to Communion “Bread of the World” #624 v. 2

The Great Thanksgiving See insert †

The Lord’s Prayer

Breaking the Bread

Receiving the Bread & Cup

Sending Forth

❖Closing Hymn #593

“For the Healing of the Nations”

The chancel rail is open for prayer as you feel led by the Spirit

❖Benediction

❖Community Blessing #672 Refrain

“God Be with You till We Meet Again”

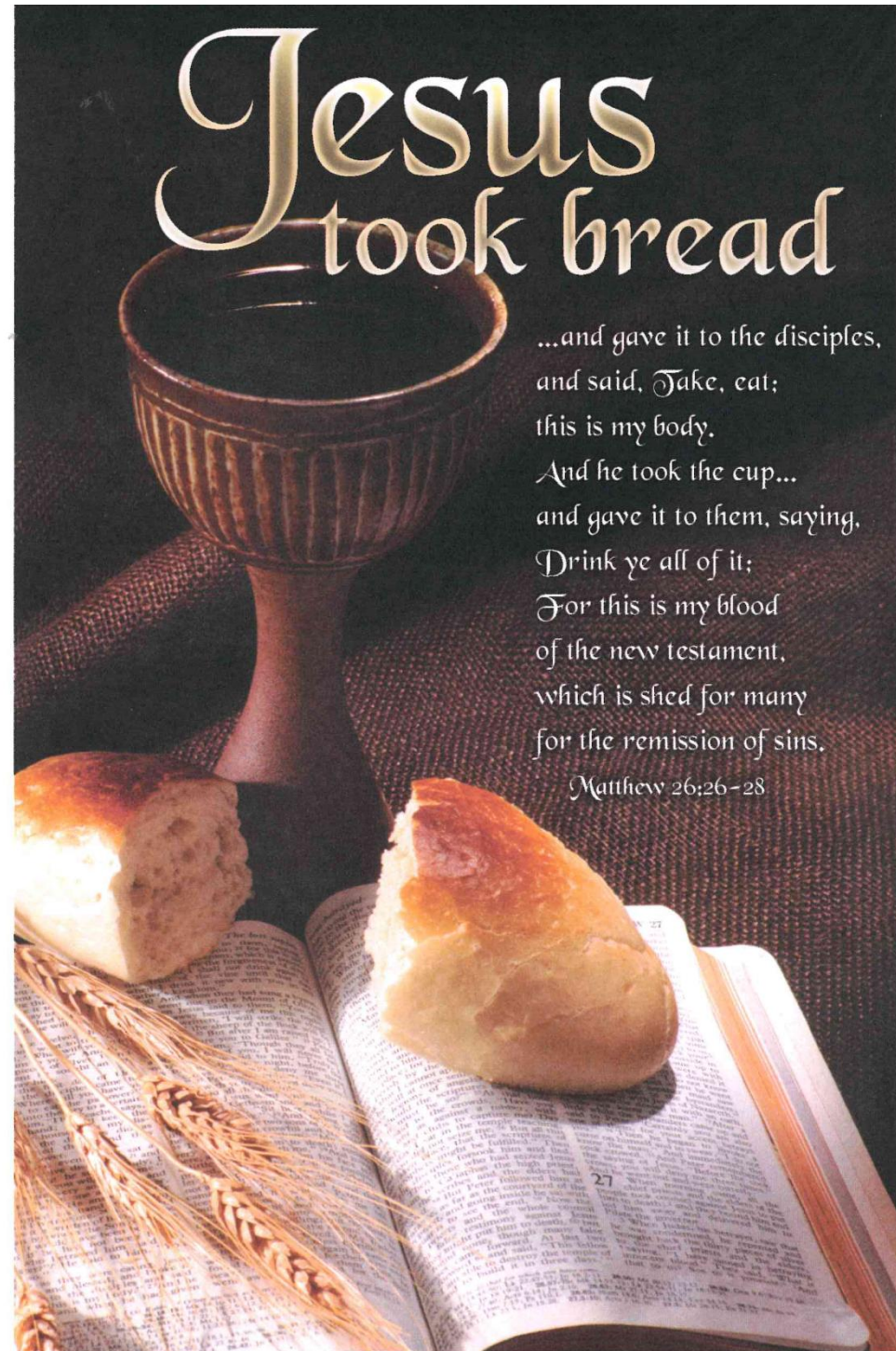
Postlude

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First United Methodist Church

"Growing, Loving & Serving in Christ's Name"

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Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

❖ We know that everyone is differently abled so please stand or sit as best suits your comfort level.

Greetings & Announcements

Prelude

As the music begins, be silent, be thoughtful, and be reverent, for this is the House of the Lord. Before the service, speak to the Lord. During the service, let the Lord speak to you. After the service, speak to one another.

❖ Centering Chorus "Sanctuary" #2164 TFWS

❖ Call to Worship

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

We gather today to celebrate the One True God, creator of all things.

May we truly worship only the Living God who is Creator, Sustainer, and Redeemer.

Sometimes we lose our way and begin to worship that which is not divine.

May we be willing to let go of our false gods and the idols we have come to worship. May we turn to You, your Kingdom, and your Way.

❖ Opening Hymn "God of the Ages" #698 vv. 1, 2, 4

❖ Opening Prayer (in unison)

O God, keep our whole country under your protection. Wipe out sin from this land; lift it up from the depth of sorrow, O Lord, our shining light. Save us from deep grief and misfortune, Lord of all nations. Bless us with your wisdom, so that the poor may not be oppressed and the

rich may not be oppressors. Make this a nation having no ruler except God, a nation having no authority but that of Love. Amen. ☩☩

Sharing of Joys & Concerns

Silent Prayer

Pastoral Prayer

Gloria Patri #70

Children's Moment Pastor Sara

Sung Prayer of Illumination Refrain (x2) #601
"Thy Word Is a Lamp"

Psalter Lesson Psalm 115:3 - 11 #530

Old Testament Lesson Exodus 20:1 - 7 #63

Message Pastor Sara J. Wrona
"No Other Gods Before Me"

❖ Hymn "Fairest Lord Jesus" #189

Offertory

They shall not appear before the Lord empty-handed; all shall give as they are able, according to the blessing of the Lord your God that he has given you.

Deuteronomy 16:16b-17

❖ Doxology

❖ Prayer of Dedication

Invitation

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

Lord God, we often forget that you have called ALL people to be a part of your covenant and that everyone is given the opportunity to freely accept your grace. Let us put aside our arrogance and superiority in thinking that we are something special. Help us to acknowledge that just as everyone else does, we fall short of who you call us to be, how you call us to serve, and the way you entreat us to love. May we have the courage to Love Boldly, Serve Joyfully, and Lead Courageously. Once more, we seek your grace and forgiveness.

Silent Confession

The Great Thanksgiving

One: The Lord of all nations, peoples, tribes, and lands be with you.

Many: And also with you.

One: We lift all of who we are, how God created us and the lands from which we come to you. Lift up your hearts.

Many: We lift them up to the Lord.

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Many: It is right to give thanks and praise.

One: It is right and a good and joyful thing to always give you glory and honor and praise, Lord of all nations, peoples, tribes, and lands! As the Great Artist, you created a diverse kaleidoscope of humanity breathing into us Your Spirit - the Breath of Life - forming us in your likeness and imprinting your image in each of us. Even when we chose to love lesser loves - gods of comfort, security, and power - Your great love kept being faithful to us. It was only You who delivered and liberated us from slavery to sin making a covenant by your grace to be our God, and never let us go. You have been faithful to us through the ages - even through failed leaders, government regimes, and presidencies. For this, and so much more that You alone have done, O Lord, with your creation in every land, nation, and place, we praise Your name and sing that forever song with all the company of heaven:

Many: Holy, holy, holy, Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is One who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

One: Holy are you and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ. Your Holy Spirit that broke out and filled humanity of every nation, tribe, culture, and language at that first Pentecost, that was present in the beginning of creation, is the same Spirit that anointed Jesus to preach the good news to the poor, Shout "Be free!" to those enslaved by lesser loves, Granting clarity to those who have lost their way, Bringing liberation to those who are oppressed, Announcing "The reign of God is here" simply by his presence and ministry.

Jesus showed us what faithful love and leadership looks like: He healed the sick, fed the hungry, and ate with sinners calling them friends. By Jesus' baptism of suffering, death and resurrection, he gave birth to the church. Jesus demonstrated his allegiance to God by staying on mission, taking all humanity from slavery to sin and lesser gods, and making a new covenant with us by water and the Spirit.

On the night Jesus gave himself for us and the world, he took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Take, eat; this is my body given for you. Do This in the remembrance of me."

When the supper was over, Jesus took the cup, gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

And so, We remember your mighty acts in Jesus Christ and pledge our allegiance to you above all other things that compete for our worship, God of all nations and peoples. We offer ourselves as holy and living sacrifices in union with what Christ has done for us as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Many: Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

One: God of all creation, pour out your Holy Spirit on all of us gathered here - made in Your image - and on these gifts of bread and cup. Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ, that we - diverse and wonderfully made - may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by Jesus' blood.

By your Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world, until Christ comes in final victory and we feast at his heavenly banquet.

Through your Son, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your Holy Church,

All honor, glory, and allegiance is yours, Almighty God, now and forever.

Amen. †

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

TODAY, Sunday, July 5 Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

10:00 AM -Worship Service

WORSHIP LEADER: *M.J. Cline*

GREETER: *Alana Gipson*

USHERS: *Gloria Womer & Paul Wrona*

MONDAY, July 6

6:00 PM -Bible Study

TUESDAY, July 7

6:00 PM -Trustees Meeting

7:00 PM -Women's Prayer Group (Zoom)

WEDNESDAY, July 8

6:00 PM -PPRC Meeting

SUNDAY, July 12 Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

10:00 AM -Worship Service

WORSHIP LEADER: *Don Sheaffer*

GREETER: *Brentta Sheaffer*

USHERS: *Pat Daugherty & Janel Cibik*



UPCOMING MEETINGS

Tuesday, July 21 Finance/Council Meeting at 6 p.m.

Thursday, July 29 Worship Committee Meeting at 6:30 p.m.



The BULLETINS today are given to the Glory of God and in honor of our daughter Melissa's birthday on July 1 by Don & Brentta Sheaffer.



First United Methodist Church, Leechburg

Prayer List

"...if my people who are called by my name humble themselves, pray, seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and heal their land. Now my eyes will be open and my ears attentive to the prayer that is made in this place."

2 Chronicles 7:14 - 15

Please be in prayer for Family and Friends:

Michelle & Sutton Anthony, Alex Anto, Bryan, Larry Blankenship, Katie Brayshaw, Brendan, Ray Bryan, Randall Campitella, Dan, Bob Davis (Pr. Sara's stepdad), Delayne and family, Emily, Esther, Richard & Marilyn Harmon, Debbie Hill, Joshua Hobbins, Theresa Hunter, Ruth Hyer, family friends of Shawna Johns, Gil Lanzarotti, Denise Linger, Beth Learn, Alexis Martin, Colleen Morrill, Duncan Morrill, Niko and family, Rose Sklar, Paula Smith, Tim, Chloe Womer, and the family of Sue Harwick.

Our Homebound Members:

Margie Anto, Norma Ewing, Dolores Hepburn, Betty Hunter, Polly Lambing, Phyllis Lamison, Lois Learn, Rodger & Gina Morrill, Carol Parsons, Stan & Sally Pepler, Grace Pettner, Dave Sherbondy, Bob & Vange Stewart, Dick & Dee Waugaman, Helen Weaver.

Any changes please let Pam know in the office.

Our Church Leadership

Clergy & churches with appointment changes

Central District Superintendent Rev. Deb Ackley-Killian

Bishop Sandra Steiner-Ball
& the WPAUMC Appointive Cabinet

WPAUMC Conference Staff

UMC Council of Bishops

The Church Universal

Our Nation

All those in areas of conflict

Church Missionaries & Agencies throughout the World

Those Who Are Marginalized throughout the World

West Middlesex UMC

POT LOVE LUNCH

We are sponsoring the Pot Love lunch at Cross Roads Presbyterian on **Saturday, July 18th**. We are looking for people to help with the lunch and also making chocolate chip cookies (without nuts, please). There is a sign-up sheet in the vestibule.

SUMMER YOUTH CAFÉ

Leechburg Area School District is sponsoring a summer youth café with healthy and free meals for all youths ages 18 and under. No sign-up is required. It will be held in the cafeteria now through July 16 from 11 a.m. to noon.



VBS July 13 - 17

First Lutheran is looking for volunteers to help during VBS this year. This year for crafts they need donations of clean styrofoam egg cartons and paper towel tubes/cores. Please bring them into the overflow area. Help is always

needed, please consider giving your time, talents, and/or monetary donations or all three! If you have any questions, you can speak with Don Sheaffer. Thank you. Registration is open now. You can register online at: myvbs.org/15656 or scan the QR code on the VBS flyer.

CASUAL CHURCH

The next Casual Church is **Wednesday, July 15th at 6 p.m.** Come together in faith, worship, and fellowship! Come as you are as there will be a short devotional message, Christian music and prayer, and a light meal will be provided.

MEN'S MINISTRY

The Men's Ministry will continue on **Saturday, July 18 at 9 a.m.** at Frankies. This will be on the third Saturday of each month and locations may differ. Look for more information in the upcoming bulletins for locations.



The first Sunday of each month we will collect a special offering for Rise Against hunger. **The packing event is on Saturday, September 12th.** We are the host for this year's event.

Money raised so far: **\$1,104.00**

Money still need: **\$896.00**

MISSION JOURNEY FUNDRAISING/OPPORTUNITIES:



October 11 - 16, We are going to Red Bird Mission! There are still open spots available. If you want to be a part of the team but can't join us for the week, please consider helping us financially by donating through the following opportunities: loose change collection jars and the envelope fundraiser.

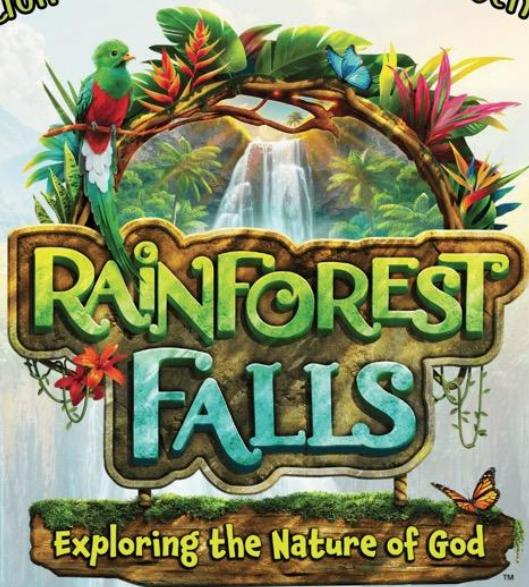
NURSERY POLICY

At the last Church Council meeting, we voted to update our requirements for use of the nursery. The nursery is available for children from birth through 1st grade. Children must be accompanied by a family member who is at least 18 years and older. Children are not permitted in areas other than the nursery while upstairs in the education wing.

PLASTIC BAGS NEEDED

The Leechburg Food Bank is asking for used plastic bags for their food distribution. They use 300 bags every time they pack monthly. Please bring them in and put them in the overflow area. Thanks for your help!

Vacation Bible School in Leechburg!



Monday, July 13 – Friday, July 17

5:30pm until 8:30pm

Includes Dinner

@ First Evangelical Lutheran Church

358 Main St. Leechburg

To register, contact our sponsoring congregations:

First United Methodist Church

724-845-8761

First Evangelical Lutheran Church

724-845-7518

Cross Roads Community Presbyterian Church

724-845-1901

REGISTER ONLINE:

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