

# *Poland Presbyterian Church*



## **Worship for the Lord's Day August 6, 2023**

Meditation before Worship

After all it is those who have a deep and real inner life who are best able to deal with the irritating details of outer life. Evelyn Underhill

Prelude "Nearer My God to Thee" arr. Paul Cardall

Welcome and Announcements

Introit "Fairest Lord Jesus" arr. Randall Hartsell

\* Call to Worship (Responsive) Carol Carr

God of love,

**Ignite our spirits to worship You with sincere hearts.**

God of truth,

**Illuminate our minds, with the wisdom of Your Word.**

God of peace,

**Inspire our hearts to seek Your will.**

God of grace,

**May we go forth to be Your people of action.**

Let us worship God!

\* Hymn "God of Our Life" (insert)

Unison Prayer of Confession and silent time of personal confession

**God of unfailing love, all You ask is for us to remain faithful. We are asked to share our resources with others. We try, but too often we hoard our possessions, and guard our assets. You ask us to help the less fortunate in this world. We try, but too often our pursuits are self-serving and our efforts selfish in nature. You ask us to love our neighbors, we try but too often, we judge them harshly and refuse Your command to love. Forgive us O God. Cleanse our heart so that we may be a people of justice so that You may send us on the path of love. In Christ name...**

The Good News of God's Grace

Friends, hear and believe the good news of the Gospel!

**In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.**

\* The Gloria Patri

\* Greetings in Christian Friendship

Anthem

“It is Well With My Soul”

arr. McKay & Denny Crockett

Prayer for Illumination

Gracious God, as Scripture is read may we listen for Your Word, strive to understand Your teachings, and let the verses light our path and penetrate our hearts. Amen.

Scripture Reading - Isaiah 55:1-5

Everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you that have no money, come, buy, and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy? Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live. I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David. See, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. See, you shall call nations that you do not know, and nations that do not know you shall run to you, because of the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you.

Offering

Offertory

“Honey in the Rock”

arr. Greg Howlett

Prayer of Dedication

\* Doxology

Prayers of the People and Lord’s Prayer

Sermon Text Matthew - 14:13-21

Now when Jesus heard this, he withdrew from there in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them and cured their sickness. When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, ‘This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves.’ Jesus said to them, ‘They need not go away; you give them something to eat.’ They replied, ‘We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish.’ And he said, ‘Bring them here to me.’ Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. And all ate and were filled; and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

Word Proclaimed

“Is There a Place of Quiet Rest?”

Dr. Paul W. Anderson

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

Communion

\* Affirmation of Faith - Apostle's Creed

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ His only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

\* Hymn "For the Bread Which You Have Broken" (insert)

\* Benediction

\* Postlude "Hymns of Peace" arr. Phillip Keveren

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\* Please stand if you are able

*The flowers today are given to the glory of God in loving memory of  
Mr. & Mrs. Otis R. Heldman, given by Elizabeth A. Heldman.*

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#### ***In Our Prayers...***

***David Donachie***

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**WIT lunch** will be on Monday, August 21<sup>st</sup> at 11:30 a.m., at Tigers Table - 10499 Main St., New Middletown. Call Sally Covell 330-757-1706 by August 18<sup>th</sup> to RSVP.

**Gentle Yoga Mat Class** with Coco Miller meets every Tuesday from 6:30-7:45 p.m. The fee is \$15.00. Please call 330-402-1533 for registration and more information.

**Calendar for the week of August 6, 2023**

**Sunday, August 6<sup>th</sup>**

9:00- No Outreach Meeting

9:00-NO Mission Committee Meeting

10:00-Worship Service w/communion- Outdoors

11:00 -Lemonade Table, Worship & Music

11:00-New Members Class, Pastor's Office

**Monday, August 7<sup>th</sup>**

10:30-Parish Life Meeting, Outside/Library

7:30-Scouts, YH

**Tuesday, August 8<sup>th</sup>**

6:30-Gentle Yoga, Room 24

8:00-Tuesday Evening Group, CR

**Wednesday, August 9<sup>th</sup>**

9:00-Staff Meeting Zoom

**Thursday, August 10<sup>th</sup>**

12:30-Zoom Lunch

**Friday, August 11<sup>th</sup>**

**Saturday, August 12<sup>th</sup>**

**Sunday, August 13<sup>th</sup>**

9:00-Stewardship Meeting, Pastor's Office

9:00-Christian Ed Meeting, Library

10:00-Worship Service, Outdoors

11:00 -Lemonade Table, Parish Life