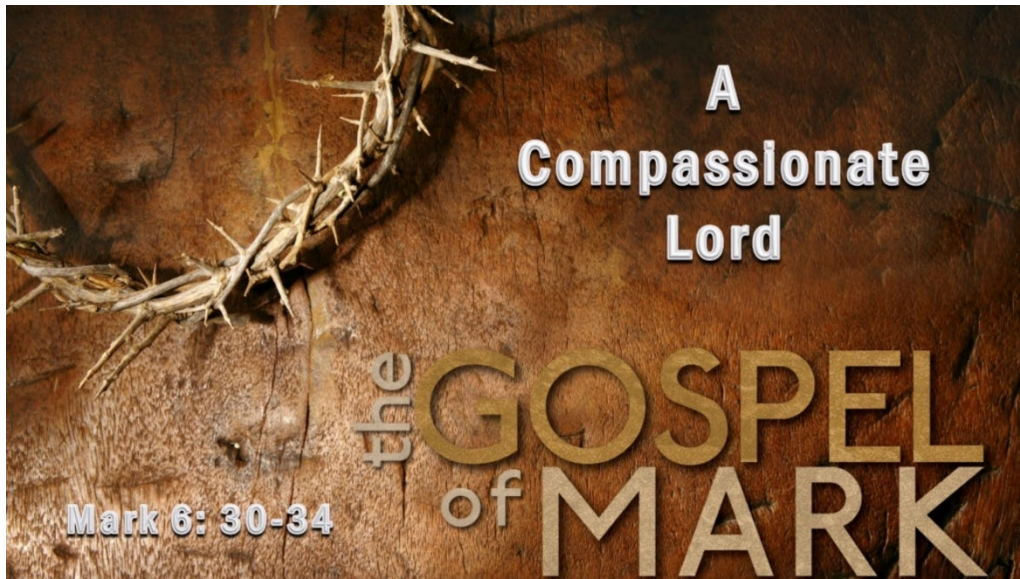


WORSHIP GUIDE

EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

July 18, 2021 ☛ 10 A.M.



Meditation of the Day: "Why indeed must 'God' be a noun? Why not a verb – the most active and dynamic of all"

~Mary Daly~

I Love to Tell the Story



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WE GATHER TO PRAISE GOD

** All who are able may stand.*

Gathering Music ✦

"Das Orgelbüchlein"

Words of Welcome

Prelude to Worship ✦

"If Thou but Suffer God to Guide Thee"

*Call to Community

Whether we are strangers or old friends, God is joining us together in this place.

God's steadfast love is our foundation; God's faithfulness is with us forever.

Whether we are 'natives' or immigrants, God is building us together spiritually.

God's steadfast love is our foundation; God's faithfulness is with us forever.

Whatever walls we try to build between us, in Christ, God tears them down to build a household for all of God's people.

God's steadfast love is our foundation; God's faithfulness is with us forever.

Call to Reconciliation

Prayer of Brokenness

Steadfast God, we confess that we are so busy putting up walls between ourselves and others, we cannot see the home you are building for all of us. We spend so much time noting the differences between us and others, while you are embracing everyone as your child. We run to welcome those who look, talk, and act like us, and you throw open your doors to the stranger, the alien, in our midst. Forgive us, Faithful Heart. By your grace, help us to see the household you are building for all people: there are no plastic protectors on the furniture; there are no rooms that are off-limits; and even the smallest child is welcome to sit at the big people's Table and be fed by your grace. We pray this in the name of Jesus Christ, our peace, our hope, our Lord, our Savior. Amen.

(SILENCE IS KEPT)

Words of Blessing

Do you remember? At one time, you were without Christ; you were the stranger, the outsider, the alien. But now, in Christ, you have been brought home, living in God's household of hope and peace.

God's covenant with us is everlasting; God's steadfast love is forever.

Meditative Interlude ✦

"God of Grace and God of Glory"

Children's Time

(Children are Dismissed for Children's Church)

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

The Holy Scriptures

Hebrew Lesson

2 Samuel 7:1-14 (MSG)

Lector: Amber Nilson

Before long, the king made himself at home and GOD gave him peace from all his enemies. Then one day King David said to Nathan the prophet, "Look at this: Here I am, comfortable in a luxurious house of cedar, and the Chest of God sits in a plain tent."

Nathan told the king, "Whatever is on your heart, go and do it. GOD is with you."

But that night, the word of GOD came to Nathan saying, "Go and tell my servant David: This is GOD's word on the matter: You're going to build a 'house' for me to live in? Why, I have not lived in a 'house' from the time I brought the children of Israel up from Egypt till now. All that time I have moved about with nothing but a tent. And in all my travels with Israel, did I ever say to any of the leaders I commanded to shepherd Israel, 'Why haven't you built me a house of cedar?'

"So here is what you are to tell my servant David: The GOD-of-the-Angel-Armies has this word for you: I took you from the pasture, tagging along after sheep, and made you prince over my people Israel. I was with you everywhere you went and mowed your enemies down before you. Now I'm making you famous, to be ranked with the great names on earth. And I'm going to set aside a place for my people Israel and plant them there so they'll have their own home and not be knocked around anymore, nor will evil men afflict you as they always have, even during the days I set judges over my people Israel. Finally, I am going to give you peace from all your enemies.

"Furthermore, GOD has this message for you: GOD himself will build you a house! When your life is complete and you are buried with your ancestors, then I'll raise up your child, your own flesh and blood, to succeed you, and I'll firmly establish his rule. He will build a house to honor me, and I will guarantee his kingdom's rule permanently. I'll be a father to him, and he'll be a son to me. When he does wrong, I will discipline him in the usual ways, the pitfalls and obstacles of this mortal life. But I will never remove my gracious love from him, as I removed it from Saul, who preceded you and whom I most certainly did remove. Your family and your kingdom are permanently secured. I am keeping my eye on them! And your royal throne will always be there, rock solid."

Gospel Lesson✠

Mark 6:30-34, 53-56 (NRSV)

Katie Penick

The apostles gathered around Jesus and told him all that they had done and taught. He said to them, 'Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest a while.' For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat. And they went away in the boat to a deserted place by themselves. Now many saw them going and recognized them, and they hurried there on foot from all the towns and arrived ahead of them. As he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things.

When they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret and moored the boat. When they got out of the boat, people at once recognized him, and rushed about that whole region and began to bring the sick on mats to wherever they heard he was. And wherever he went, into villages or cities or farms, they laid the sick in the marketplaces, and begged him that they might touch even the fringe of his cloak; and all who touched it were healed.

The Message

Healing a Worried Mind

Contemplative Interlude✦

"To You, O God, All Creatures Sing"

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Invitation to Give

Blessing Our Gifts

Thank you, God, for the ministries of the people of your church. Thank you, God, for the blessings you have poured out upon us. We have taken a portion of our abundance and given it to you in grateful thanksgiving. Bless these gifts so they may help to support the ministries of this church. May they dismantle the walls that divide us so all people will be one in the new family gathered in Christ Jesus. Amen.

Sacrament of Communion

Invitation to the Table

The Story

Blessing the Bread and Cup

The Family Meal

Prayer of Thanksgiving

*Prayer of Our Savior

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
Hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come.
Thy will be done in earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.
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.**

Sending Forth

God is good,

All the time.

All the time.

God is good.

Go in Peace, beloved friends!

Amen.

Prelude to Service✦

"Organ Symphony No. 5"

GO FORTH IN PEACE & SERVE!





CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Week of July 18th



Mask Policy

Masks are required everywhere in the building, except while seated. (**No Exceptions !!!**)

Social Distancing Is Still Required and Enforced.

Ongoing Food Collection



We are still collecting non-perishable food items for the new Zion Food Bank to supplement our Soup Kitchen outreach. This will help to provide needed nutrition throughout the week for those who need it. Please continue to bring your offerings of food for our neighbors with a joyful heart before the Lord! As you all harvest your gardens, the food pantry will gladly accept extra fruits and veggies.

Block Party



We will be collecting school supplies to give out as prizes at our next Block Party, August 7th at 3pm (Rain date August 14). We will also need donations (Prizes, chips, juice, water, hot dogs, etc.) and volunteers (to help set-up, assist with games/prizes, to make chicken salad sandwiches, etc.)

Blessing of the Backpacks



Children, grandchildren, teachers, and school staff are all invited to bring their backpacks to church on August 29th for a special blessing. In early September, we will be donating school supplies to Title One schools, Bester Elementary and the local Head Start program. We will also be blessing our Micah's backpacks and all donated school supplies (#2 Pencils, Sharpener, Erasers, Coloring books, Dry erase markers, wet wipes, colored pencils, washable markers, glue, crayons, notebooks, and socks). Please join us on this special day.



Soup Kitchen – July 20th from 5pm-6:15pm in the basement Fellowship Hall.

All are welcome! Social distancing and masks required!

Downtown Hagerstown 4H Club – July 22nd at 4:30pm via Zoom.

<https://zoom.us/join> -- Meeting ID **815 1055 0627** Passcode **899733**.

Zion Book Club– July 23rd at 7 pm



Joys & Concerns

As a community of believers, we are all called to ministry, some as ordained ministers, the rest of us as laity. It is in our very being that we minister to one another. We celebrate one another's joys with grateful hearts before our God and we comfort one another when any of the flock has a heavy heart. First Corinthians 12:12 tells us, "That just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ." It is in that spirit; that we share any concerns that weigh heavy on our hearts along with any joys that may be lifting our spirits.

Birthdays and Anniversaries

Happy Birthday to **Domenick Gerlando** (July 24th), May this year of your lives be filled with happiness as we celebrate the gift of each of *YOU*. We hope and pray that this year of your lives are filled with an abundance of blessings, and for any times of trial that may arise, that you find the perseverance and strength in Christ to prevail.



Prayer Requests



Prayer is one of the most important spiritual disciplines of our faith, promoting communication with God, and love for God and neighbor. Submit your prayer requests to the church office to be included on the prayer list. Join with us in prayer as we pray with our Zion siblings and their loved ones: [Tess Anderson](#), [Kelly Bedard](#), [Holly Bell](#), [Naomi Bracket](#), [Linda Cantilena](#), [Kim & Bill Cook](#), [Ruth Dwyer](#), [Rusty Guessford](#), [Jim Hatfield](#), [Mike Heyser](#), [Sherry Hockman](#), [Jeanne France Hvidding](#), [Ann Kalinoski](#), [Mike Lorfin](#), [David Ridenour](#), [Betsy Roulette](#), [Norm Schmidt](#), [Diana Shafer](#), [Staci Shafer](#), [Thelma Summers](#), [Janet Taylor](#), [Brett Hendershot](#), and [Robert Yeoman](#).



JOIN US FOR A
BLOCK PARTY

All are welcome!!

August 7, 2021
Starting at 3:00 p.m.

Hotdogs, Games, Crafts, Music and more

BESTER ELEMENTARY
SCHOOL
2021-2022 SCHOOL SUPPLIES

- #2 Pencils-sharpened
- Colored Pencils
- Crayons
- Coloring books
- Pens-red, blue & black
- Clean Tear Wide-Ruled Paper (not college ruled)
- Child-safe Scissors
- Small bottle of White Glue/Glue Sticks
- Ruler with Metric & US measurements
- Erasers
- Folders
- Kleenex
single subject Spiral Notebooks
(Red, Blue & Yellow)
- Highlighters
- Pencil Bag-NO pencil boxes
- Small Pencil Sharpener
- package of 4 Dry Erase Markers
- Washable Markers
- container of Clorox Antibacterial Wipes
- Socks (Cotton)





Restock the SHELVES

Please help us restock the shelves of our Food Pantry so we can continue with this much needed ministry.

Here is a list of some of the items we are in need of.

Food Items

Single serving cereal
Breakfast Bars
Granola Bars
Single serving Tuna Creations
Individual cups of Fruit and Applesauce
Canned or Dried Fruit
Canned Vegetables
Canned Meat
Hamburger Helper
Spaghetti
Spaghetti Sauce
Brown or White Rice
Ramen Noodles
Fruit Juice and Tea Mixes
Canned Tuna and Salmon
Canned Chicken
Canned Soups, Chili, and Stew
Chef Boyardee

Snack Cakes and Pies
Dried Fruit
Peanut Butter
Oatmeal
Olive Oil
Canola Oil
Crackers
Dried Spices, Salt and Pepper
Instant Mashed Potatoes
Meals in a Box
Nuts
Popcorn

Anything else you can think of that does not have to be refrigerated or microwaved. (Some of our neighbors do not have access to these things)

Non-Food Items

Soap
Shampoo
Toothpaste
Toothbrushes
Razors
Deodorant
Individually wrapped toilet paper
Cleaning supplies
Laundry detergent
Small packs of Clorox wipes

Paper Towels
Diapers
Baby wipes
Pull Ups
Wash cloths
Feminine products
Pet Food

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(in the Parking Lot)
201 N. Potomac St.
August 7, 2021
3:00-5:00 p.m.

Food, Games, Crafts, Music and more



Bring your family and friends!!

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Donations are welcome for Micah Backpack and Soup Kitchen Food Pantry.

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