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Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost



“For there the Lord ordained his blessing, life forevermore.”
- Psalm 133:3b (NRSV)

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ORDER OF SERVICE

Singing Together:

Let the Redeemed #238

As the Deer #200

Call to the Community

News of the Church Alive

Remembering Our Faults and Failings (from Romans 11:30-32)

Holy God, we confess we have not been obedient to your will for us.

We have sought justice for ourselves, but neglected justice for others.

We have insisted on our rights, but have not lived rightly in our relationships.

We have desired mercy for our sins, but we have not offered mercy to those who have sinned against us.

So hear us now in silence, as we remember our own faults and failings.

(Silence)

By the power of your Holy Spirit, free us from the prison of our disobedience.

Help us to love as you have loved us, that our lives may testify to your abounding grace through Jesus Christ.

Sister and brothers, the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. Receive the gift of forgiveness and share that gift with others, in the name of Jesus Christ.

Thanks be to God! Amen.

Our Response: Change My Heart, O God #195

The Message

Romans 11:1-2a, 29-36 (CEB)

¹So I ask you, has God rejected his people? Absolutely not! I'm an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, from the tribe of Benjamin. ²God hasn't rejected his people, whom he knew in advance.

²⁹God's gifts and calling can't be taken back. ³⁰Once you were disobedient to God, but now you have mercy because they were disobedient. ³¹In the same way, they have also been disobedient because of the mercy that you received, so now they can receive

mercy too. ³² God has locked up all people in disobedience, in order to have mercy on all of them.

³³ God's riches, wisdom, and knowledge are so deep! They are as mysterious as his judgments, and they are as hard to track as his paths!

³⁴ *Who has known the Lord's mind?*

Or who has been his mentor?

³⁵ *Or who has given him a gift
and has been paid back by him?*

³⁶ All things are from him and through him and for him.

May the glory be to him forever. Amen.

Matthew 15:10-28 (NRSV)

¹⁰ Then he called the crowd to him and said to them, "Listen and understand: ¹¹ it is not what goes into the mouth that defiles a person, but it is what comes out of the mouth that defiles." ¹² Then the disciples approached and said to him, "Do you know that the Pharisees took offense when they heard what you said?" ¹³ He answered, "Every plant that my heavenly Father has not planted will be uprooted. ¹⁴ Let them alone; they are blind guides of the blind. And if one blind person guides another, both will fall into a pit." ¹⁵ But Peter said to him, "Explain this parable to us." ¹⁶ Then he said, "Are you also still without understanding? ¹⁷ Do you not see that whatever goes into the mouth enters the stomach, and goes out into the sewer? ¹⁸ But what comes out of the mouth proceeds from the heart, and this is what defiles. ¹⁹ For out of the heart come evil intentions, murder, adultery, fornication, theft, false witness, slander. ²⁰ These are what defile a person, but to eat with unwashed hands does not defile."

²¹ Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. ²² Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, "Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon." ²³ But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, "Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us." ²⁴ He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." ²⁵ But she came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me." ²⁶ He answered, "It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." ²⁷ She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." ²⁸ Then Jesus answered her,

"Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish."
And her daughter was healed instantly.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

"Dismantling Barriers"

Matt Randolph

Prayers of the People, ending with The Lord's Prayer

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on 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. Amen.

The Lord's Supper

Offertory and Response: Make Me a Servant #193

Closing Song: In My Life, Lord, Be Glorified #196

Going Out

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Reflection for the Christian Life

Why do you think Jesus resisted the Canaanite woman's request? How does this fit with your idea of Jesus' mercy and love? What changed his mind? How does this influence your faith in God?

WE WELCOME VISITORS TO OUR WORSHIP SERVICE THIS MORNING AND INVITE YOU TO JOIN US AGAIN!

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*We are a Stephen Ministry congregation.*

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NURSERY: Lisa Kuzdro

FELLOWSHIP: Tim & Diane Bittner

ARTWORK: Emma Musser

THESE DAYS, July/Aug/Sept issue of Daily Devotions for Living by Faith, is available in the Narthex. The Deacons would appreciate a donation of \$2.00 for this service.

PRAYER CONCERNS

John Cleis	Karen Mencer	Dora Beres
Jim Gottfried	Keith	PJ Ferretti
Refugees of Iraq & Syria	Jim Pappianne	Pat Crocket
Rachel Rasmussen	Katie Ide	Matthew Rodriguez
Skip Sterling	Judy Converse	Alyssa Yeagley
Joan & Don Betty	Robert Coady	Pete Hopper
Jerianne	Josh Fessler	Laura Vago
Ryley Nazario	Danny Hoye	Allen Moyer
Doug Snavelly	Andy McKenzie & wife	Dora Bartis
Ron Bauman	Denise Reichert	Ron Thompson
Dale & Holly Brubaker	Ethan Van Owens	Rose Hershey
Araella Bornmann	Ray Myers	Jesse Howard
Michelle Young	Ruthie Loraw	Vicki Mayers
Ritsch Family	John Yurkovic	Sara Kunkle
Linda Ahern	Claudia Neiner & Family	Anna Deihl
Nancy Shuman	Linda Uliano & Family	Phil Koser
Daniel Kuzdro	Jesse Stoner	Ronald Bruce
Jim & Linda Armstrong	Cassel Family	

In order to keep our Prayer List up to date, we are asking for your help. If you or a family member know of any names that need to be added or removed (with their permission) from our list, please advise the church office. God's care is constantly working in and amongst us, and our Prayer List needs to reflect everyone's present situation. Thank you for your concerns and help in maintaining them.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THIS WEEK IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH:

- Gift card & The Ultimate Cloth® sales during Fellowship Time.
- September Newsletter Deadline is today. All interesting and informational articles can be placed in the secretary's mailbox in the Communication Center or church office or you may e-mail it.
- Donegal Men will meet Wednesday for breakfast, fellowship and prayer, at Gus's Keystone Restaurant. In by 7:00, out by 8:00.

LOOKING AHEAD IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH:

- Food Collection Day is Sunday, September 3. Help a hungry neighbor by bringing a generous offering of any of the following foods/items: sugar, flour, bisquick, syrup, tuna, canned meat, beef stew, fruit juice, peanut butter, crackers, macaroni & cheese, spaghetti & sauce, cold cereal, diapers, paper towels and toilet paper. *(Place your items on the shelf provided by the entrance of the BDC. Best if your items are in bags or boxes.)* Thanks for your continued support!

- BDC Team will practice on Wednesday, September 6, at 6:00 p.m.
- Worship Team Meeting, Wednesday, September 6, 6:30 p.m.
- Choir Practice will begin, Wednesday, September 6, 7:30 p.m.
- Project 300 Meeting, Thursday, September 7, 6:00 p.m.
- One worship service will be held on Sunday, September 10. This service will be held at 11:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary and we will celebrate communion. Following will be the annual church picnic.

UPDATED BACKGROUND CHECKS REQUIRED: The deacons will be offering assistance for completion of Act 34 & Act 151 background checks during Fellowship Time. Assistance will be provided on Sundays, beginning today, through the end of August and the first half of September. Please see Steve Douple for any questions concerning the requirement for updated background checks for all adults involved with any youth activities and programs at DPC. Steve can be reached via email @: s2beagle@aol.com or by phone (call or text) @: (717) 572-2422.

BDC TEAM AND SENIOR CHOIR BEGIN REHEARSALS: BDC Team will meet on Wednesday, September 6 at 6:00 p.m. in the choir room and the Senior Choir will meet on Wednesday, September 6 at 7:30 p.m. in the choir room. We would love to have new members join us. Linda & Bob Mains

SAMARITAN'S PURSE SHOEBOX MINISTRY: Shoebox collection comes early in November. Be thinking what you want to add to your shoeboxes and take advantage of the amazing July school supply sales. Check the article in your newsletter for more details.

PROJECT 300: Anyone interested in serving on the committee to plan the celebration of the 300 years of Donegal's existence should attend the meeting on September 7 at 6:00 p.m. in the conference room. If you have questions, see Portia Brian.

BIRTHDAYS: Please remember the following members of the Donegal Family with a card, phone call, and particularly in your prayers on their birthdays:

Aug. 25 – Annie Ritsch	
Aug. 21 – Jennifer Finch	Aug. 25 – Debra Sturgis
Aug. 23 – Linda Mains	Aug. 26 – Mike Wills

STEWARDSHIP

07/30/17 Offering: \$ 4,814 (includes C.C. \$250) Attendance 101
08/06/17 Offering: \$37,975 (includes C.C. \$33,154) Attendance 70
08/13/17 Offering: \$14,258 (includes C.C. \$8,000) Attendance 93

2017 Per Capita Expense: \$7,319 @ **\$35.53 per member**
2017 Per Capita Contributions YTD: \$ 3,244.17

Capital Campaign Goal: \$125,000.00
Capital Campaign Pledged-to-Date: \$69,634
Capital Campaign Received-to-Date: \$46,834

SERMON NOTES



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