

# 8<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

July 26, 2020

10:00 a.m.

**PRESERVICE MUSIC**.....*“Jesus, the Very Thought of You”*

**WELCOME** .....*Jim Loeffler*

**INVOCATION** .....*Rev. Dennis Swineford*

**PRELUDE**.....*“Great Are You Lord”*

**PRAISE SONG**.....*“Holy Spirit You Are Welcome Here”*

**CHILDREN’S MESSAGE** .....*Adrianne Morton*

**SCRIPTURE READING**.....Romans 8:18-30.....*Sue Fuller*

**THE LORD’S PRAYER**

**OFFERING A PRAYER OF OUR GIFTS & THANKS TO GOD**

**HYMN #175**.....*“Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee”*

**SERMON**.....*Rev. Dennis Swineford*

**“Hope in the Midst of Suffering”**

Romans 8:18-30

**SONG OF RESPONSE**.....*“Thank You”*

**BENEDICTION/BLESSING**

**CLOSING SONG**.....*“Great Are You Lord”*

# Scriptures for Today's Worship Service: Romans 8:18-30

## Present Suffering and Future Glory

<sup>18</sup> I consider that our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us. <sup>19</sup> For the creation waits in eager expectation for the children of God to be revealed. <sup>20</sup> For the creation was subjected to frustration, not by its own choice, but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope <sup>21</sup> that<sup>[a]</sup> the creation itself will be liberated from its bondage to decay and brought into the freedom and glory of the children of God.

<sup>22</sup> We know that the whole creation has been groaning as in the pains of childbirth right up to the present time. <sup>23</sup> Not only so, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for our adoption to sonship, the redemption of our bodies. <sup>24</sup> For in this hope we were saved. But hope that is seen is no hope at all. Who hopes for what they already have? <sup>25</sup> But if we hope for what we do not yet have, we wait for it patiently.

<sup>26</sup> In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us through wordless groans. <sup>27</sup> And he who searches our hearts knows the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for God's people in accordance with the will of God.

<sup>28</sup> And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who<sup>[b]</sup> have been called according to his purpose. <sup>29</sup> For those God foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brothers and sisters. <sup>30</sup> And those he predestined, he also called; those he called, he also justified; those he justified, he also glorified.



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### We've missed you!

Are you ready to begin

"in-person" worship today??!!

We will, of course, be in full compliance with CDC

Guidelines:

- Face Masks
- Social Distancing
- Temperature Check
- Sanitizing & Disinfecting
- Limiting our Capacity

**If you would like to join us on any Sunday, please call the church office at 899-5962 by Friday, before to let us know you are coming.**



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Please make checks payable to The Erie Community Foundation and kindly deliver to the Foundation (459 West 6th Street, Erie, PA 16507) with this completed form no later than August 10, 2020.



## ALL INFORMATION IS REQUIRED

Donor Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

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