

LEWISTOWN-TRINITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
July 18, 2021 – In-Person & Zoom Worship Service - 9:00 A.M.

GREETING & WELCOME - ANNOUNCEMENTS – JOYS AND CONCERNS - OPENING PRAYER

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Liturgist: Marlene Baker

God is our refuge, what have we to fear?

God is a very present help in times of trouble, a source of comfort during distress.

There is no matter so small that God is not aware of it, no problem too great that we cannot share it with Him.

Our God who moves mountains and sets streams on their courses, within your providence you take care of even us. We praise you and honor you, God of Creation; you are our refuge and strength.

***OPENING PRAISE – Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing # 400**

Song Leader: Diane Lewis

1. **Come, thou Fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace; streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise. Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above. Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it, mount of thy redeeming love.**
2. **Here I raise my Ebenezer; hither by thy help I'm come; and I hope, by thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home. Jesus sought me when a stranger, wandering from the fold of God; he, to rescue me from danger, interposed his precious blood.**
3. **O to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be! Let thy goodness, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to thee. Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love; here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for thy courts above.**

***UNISON PRAYER – Some of us come with hearts full of trepidation and anxiety. Some come with hearts full of pain too deep for words. Some come with hearts full of the bitter taste of betrayal or overflowing with sadness. Some come with challenging health issues. May this time of worship recreate in us a sense of gratitude for where we will be through Christ our Lord. Amen**

OLD TESTAMENT – Psalm 27:7-14 - This is the Word of God for the people of God. Thanks be to God!

RESPONSE - Spirit Song #347

1. **O let the Son of God enfold you with his Spirit and his love. Let him fill your heart and satisfy your soul. O let him have the things that hold you, and his Spirit like a dove. Will descend upon your life and made you whole.**

Refrain: **Jesus, O Jesus, come and fill your lambs. Jesus, O Jesus, come and fill your lambs.**

2. **O come and sing this song with gladness as your hearts are filled with joy. Lift your hands in sweet surrender to his name. O give him all your tears and sadness; give him all your years of pain, and you'll enter into life in Jesus' name. (Refrain.)**

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Diann Gault

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Prayers: Mary Fulton

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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

WORSHIPING GOD WITH OUR TITHES & OFFERINGS

***DOXOLOGY**—Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

***OFFERTORY PRAYER** – We present these gifts, O God, in the confidence that healing, hope, and wholeness will flourish through them and because of them. Amen.

***HYMN** – Softly & Tenderly Jesus Is Calling # 348

1. **Softly and tenderly Jesus is calling, calling for you and for me; see, on the portals he's waiting and watching, watching for you and for me.**

Refrain: **Come home, come home; you who are weary, come home---; earnestly, tenderly, Jesus is calling, calling, O sinner, come home!**

2. **Why should we tarry when Jesus is pleading, pleading for you and for me? Why should we linger and heed not his mercies, mercies for you and for me? (Refrain.)**
3. **Time is now fleeting, the moments are passing, passing from you and from me; shadows are gathering, deathbeds are coming, coming for you and for me. (Refrain.)**
4. **O for the wonderful love he has promised, promised for you and for me! Through we have sinned, he has mercy and pardon, pardon for you and for me. (Refrain.)**

NEW TESTAMENT - 1st Peter 4:7-11 – This is the Word of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God!**

MESSAGE – A Word of Encouragement

Diann Gault District Certified Lay Speaker

***CLOSING HYMN** – Freely, Freely # 389

1. **God forgave my sin in Jesus' name, I've been born again in Jesus' name, and in Jesus' name I come to you, to share his love as he told me to. He said, "Freely, freely you have received, freely, freely give. Go in my name, and because you believe, others will know that I live.**
2. **All - - power is given in Jesus' name, in - - earth and heaven in Jesus' name, and in Jesus' name I come to you, to share his power as he told me to. He said, "Freely, freely you have received, freely, freely give. Go in my name, and because you believe, others will know that I live.**

***UNISON CLOSING PRAYER** – O give thanks to the LORD, call on his name, make known his deeds among the peoples. Sing to him, sing praises to him; tell of his wonderful works. Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice. Seek the LORD and his strength; seek his presence continually. (Psalm 105:1-4)