

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

July 12, 2020

Opening Prayer

Leader: Isaiah 55:11 says, “The Word of the Lord will not return empty;

People: it will accomplish all that God intends.”

Leader: Psalm 85:10 says, “Steadfast love and faithfulness will meet;

People: righteousness and peace will kiss.”

Leader: Luke 10:27 says, “You shall love the Lord your God,

People: and love your neighbor as yourself.” Amen.

Leader: Let us pray: God of the covenant, in our baptism you called us to proclaim the coming of your kingdom. Give us courage like you gave the apostles, that we may faithfully witness to your love and peace in every circumstance of life, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

Sung Call to Confession

Confession of Sin

Leader: The Apostle Paul reminds us that we have been buried with Christ in our baptism, so that we might be raised to new life with him through faith in the power of God. Trusting in God’s grace, alone, let us truthfully and fully confess our sin and find pardon.

Leader: For failing to love others as you have loved us...

People: God of grace, forgive us!

Leader: For wasting your gifts and hoarding your goods...

People: God of grace, forgive us!

Leader: For fearing those who are strange to us and ignoring those in need...

People: God of grace, forgive us!

Leader: For losing heart and abandoning hope...

People: God of grace, forgive us!

Leader: for all the ways we turn away from you...

People: God of grace, forgive us!

Leader: We offer our prayers in the name of the One who saves us...

People: Jesus Christ our Redeemer and Savior. Amen.

Pardon of Sin

Elder: Because we were buried with Christ in the waters of our baptism, we are also raised to new life with him. Believe the good news of the Gospel! In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

People: Thanks be to God!

Dedication of Tithes and Offerings

Elder: Through this tithe, we give glory to God. Through the offering of our worldly treasures, we do our part to grow God’s kingdom and make it flourish among us. Give as freely as you have freely received!

Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with many gifts, including our lives, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have here gathered, in feeding the world with your love; through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Musical Prayer for Illumination

Scripture *(see insert)*

Genesis 12:1-9 (NLT)

Message of Consolation and Encouragement in a Time of Transition

~ Elder Lisa Allgood, Acting General Presbyter, Presbytery of Cincinnati

Music

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Prayer of Intercession

Elder: God of all kindness, you gave your only Son, because you loved the world so much. We pray for the peace of the world. Move among us by your Spirit, break down barriers of fear, suspicion, and hatred. Heal the human family of its divisions and unite it in the bonds of peace and justice.

We pray for our country. Enrich our common life; strengthen the forces of truth and goodness; teach us to share prosperity, that those whose lives are impoverished may pass from need and despair to dignity and joy.

We pray for those who suffer. Surround them with your love, support them with your strength, console them with your comfort, and give them hope and courage beyond themselves.

We pray for our families, for those whom we love. Protect them at home; support them in times of difficulty and anxiety, that they may grow together in mutual love and understanding, and rest content in one another.

We pray for the Church. Keep us true to the Gospel and responsive to the gifts and needs of all. Make known your saving power in Jesus Christ, by the witness of our faith, our worship, and our life. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord, who taught us to pray, saying, **“Our Father...”**

Music

Sending and Benediction

Leader: My friends, thanks for coming and worshipping with us today. Now go in peace and serve the Lord.

Elder: The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you. Amen.



Scripture

Genesis 12:1-9 (NLT)

12 The Lord had said to Abram, “Leave your native country, your relatives, and your father’s family, and go to the land that I will show you. ²I will make you into a great nation. I will bless you and make you famous, and you will be a blessing to others. ³I will bless those who bless you and curse those who treat you with contempt. All the families on earth will be blessed through you.”

⁴So Abram departed as the Lord had instructed, and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he left Haran. ⁵He took his wife, Sarai, his nephew Lot, and all his wealth—his livestock and all the people he had taken into his household at Haran—and headed for the land of Canaan. When they arrived in Canaan, ⁶Abram traveled through the land as far as Shechem. There he set up camp beside the oak of Moreh. At that time, the area was inhabited by Canaanites.

⁷Then the Lord appeared to Abram and said, “I will give this land to your descendants.” And Abram built an altar there and dedicated it to the Lord, who had appeared to him. ⁸After that, Abram traveled south and set up camp in the hill country, with Bethel to the west and Ai to the east. There he built another altar and dedicated it to the Lord, and he worshiped the Lord. ⁹Then Abram continued traveling south by stages toward the Negev.

JOYS & CONCERNS

Joy for...

Our return to indoor worship!

Pray for...

Linda Slusher, *recovering from surgery to insert rod after breaking her leg*
Safe travel and good health for Pastor Jim, Jennifer, Meredith & Sam on their vacation

The Rev. Bill Westmoreland, *long-time pastor and member of the Presbytery until his retirement, recovering from open heart surgery this week*

States whose COVID-19 cases are increasing

All those who struggle and live in poverty

Our home bound - Norma Koerkel, Gene Strand, Sunni & Karl Kadon

Please keep in your hearts and prayers all the sick and shut-ins of LPC.

Please notify the LPC office of the progress and recovery of the individuals and loved ones named above. Names will appear for 2 weeks unless the office is otherwise notified. Thank you.

BIRTHDAYS

July 12 ~ Mary Frees, Charlie Brosemer, Mike Nesbitt

July 17 ~ Jim Poe

ANNIVERSARIES

July 16 ~ Maggie & Daren Lutson and Tara & Geoff Kasulones

LPC NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Member Directory Updates: Please update your 2020 Member Directory with the following changes:

Joyce Thalheimer cell phone: 513-827-2163

Rose Stephens address: 3612 Vineyard Haven Dr., Apt. 1, Loveland, OH 45140

Amy Brown (Custodian) phone number: 513-817-5169

Ruth Davis address: 15010 Shell Point Blvd., Ft. Meyers, FL 33908

Summer Staff Vacation: Pastor Jim will be on vacation July 10-23. Contact Jenni in Pastor Jim's absence with any concerns.

Student LIFE Shop: We will be collecting school supplies for the LIFE Food Pantry's Student LIFE Shop once again this year. Next Sunday we will have a collection bin in the Narthex where you can place your supplies. We will also offer a few dates to drop off supplies in the circle driveway for those who are not attending in-person worship services. Look for an announcement of those dates soon. We will be collecting through Sunday, August 9th.

2020 Student LIFE Shop Supply List

1 subject & 3 subject spiral notebooks ~ 5, 8, or 10 subject dividers
Planners ~ Dry Erase Markers ~ Post-it-Notes
Highlighters ~ Graph Paper ~ Erasers ~ Scissors - adult size
Calculators ~ Bottles of glue ~ Three Ring Binders - 1.5", 2", 2.5", 3"

Indoor Worship Guidelines: See our website for a complete list of guidelines.

The church office and building will remain closed through July (except for Sunday worship) for outside activity.

A Message from our Friends at NEST

Dear Friend,

Beginning in 2012, there have been more children living below the federal poverty level in the suburbs than in urban areas. Nationwide, 15 million children live at or below the poverty level. That is almost two out of five. In Ohio, the number of children living in low-income housing in the suburbs in the last few years has doubled. Food, shelter, and clothing are very important for at-risk kids, but the only thing that will truly change the trajectory of their lives is education. NEST Community Learning Center strives to make this change a reality.

Our unique program, NEST (**N**utrition, **E**ducation, in a **S**afe environment = **T**ransformation) Community Learning Center was founded in March 2016 with the mission to address academic and non-academic barriers that perpetuate the cycle of generational poverty in suburban communities. Through its innovative mobile classrooms, NEST's After-School Program, Early Learner Program, and Summer Lunch Learn & Play Program deliver accessible and free homework help, targeted tutoring, technological tools (internet access, computers, printers), school supplies, and nutritious snacks and meals to the suburban poor in their own "backyard".

We would be thrilled to have you partner with us in supporting our local area at-risk children. There are several ways to support NEST through these fundraisers: purchase tickets and attend the events, donate items for our live auction, silent auction and raffles, or event sponsorship. We have three upcoming fundraisers this year:

- July 25 – Aiming High for NEST Sporting Clays Classic
- August 29 – Landing Event Center Grand Opening
- October 23 – NEST's Dancing with the Stars

Proceeds from these events will be used to expand our programming. Please go to our website at www.nestclc.org for more information about these events. Should you have any questions regarding partnering with us or the NEST organization, please contact us by email at nestclcevents@gmail.com. We look forward to having you join with us to help us to meet the very real need for our services in our local communities.