

Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

July 5, 2020

Opening Prayer

Leader: Romans 7:24-25 says, "Who will save us from the ways of death?"

People: Jesus Christ our Lord; thanks be to God!"

Leader: 2 Corinthians 12:9 says, "God's grace is sufficient for us."

People: In Christ, the weak are made strong."

Leader: Psalm 30:5 says, "Weeping may linger for the night,"

People: but joy comes in the morning." Amen.

Pastor: 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.

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.

People: O Lord our God, you call each of us to proclaim your Gospel, but we remain silent in the presence of evil. You call us to be reconciled to you and one another, but we are content to live in separation. You call us to seek the good of all, but we fail to resist the powers of oppression. You call us to fight pretensions and injustice, but we sit idly by, endangering the lives of people far and near. Forgive us, O Lord. Reconcile us to you by the power of your Spirit and give us the courage and strength to be reconciled to others. We ask this through Jesus Christ, the Savior of the world. Amen.

Pardon of Sin

Pastor: 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

Leader: 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!

Pastor: 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.

Scripture

SEE BELOW

Psalm 45:10-17 (NIV)

Song of Songs 2:8-13 (NIV)

Reflection on the Meaning of the Scriptures

"The Greatest Love Ever Known"

Pastor Jim Goff

Prayer of Intercession

Gracious God, because we are not strong enough to pray as we should, you provide Christ Jesus and the Holy Spirit to intercede for us in power. In the confidence we ask you to accept our prayers.

Faithful God, you formed your Church from the despised of the earth and showed them mercy, that they might proclaim your salvation to all. Strengthen those whom you

choose today, that they may faithfully endure all trial by which you conform your Church to the cross of Christ.

Creator of all, you entrusted the earth to the human race, yet we disrupt its peace with violence and corrupt its purity with our greed. Prevent your people from ravaging creation, that coming generations may inherit lands brimming with life.

Sovereign God, you hold both the history of nations and the humble life of villages in your care. Preserve the people of every nation from tyrants, heal them of disease, lead them to peace, and protect them in time of upheaval and disaster, that all may enter the kingdom that cannot be shaken.

God Most High, in Jesus you show us the authority that pleases you, for he rules not by power or might, but serves in obedience to your will. We pray for all in authority over us: for our president, Donald Trump, for Congress, for our Governor, Mike Dewine, and for our state legislature. Deliver them from vain ambitions that they may govern in wisdom and justice.

Merciful God, since Jesus longed to protect Jerusalem as a hen gathers her young under her wings, we ask you to guard and strengthen all who live and work here. Deliver your people from jealousy and contempt that may show mercy to all their neighbors.

Compassionate God, your Son gives rest to those weary with heavy burdens. Heal the sick in body, mind, and spirit. Lift up the depressed. Befriend those who are grieving or who are lonely. Comfort the anxious. Stand with all victims of abuse and violence. Uphold those who live with addiction. Fill us all with your Holy Spirit that we may bear each other's burdens and so fulfill the law of Christ.

God of glory, you see how all creation groans in labor as it awaits redemption. As we work for and await your new creation, we trust that you will answer our prayers with grace, and fulfill your promise that all things work together for god for those who love you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who taught us to pray, saying, "Our Father..."

Sending and Benediction



Loveland

Presbyterian Church

LOVING • PRAYING • CARING



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JOYS & CONCERNS

Joy for...

For all the sacrifices others have made to build and defend this country, so that we may know freedom.

Pray for...

Tyler Smith as he begins his move to Bowling Green, KY for grad school Wyoming Presbyterian Church, *many of their youth & adult chaperones are in quarantine due to a child who came down with COVID-19 on a mission trip to NC*
The family of Frances Thompson, *LPC member who passed away June 1.*

Aggie Gay, *diagnosed with spinal stenosis and awaiting surgery*

Susan Macsotai, *recovering from successful knee surgery*

States whose COVID-19 cases are increasing

All who are suffering from depression or loneliness

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 5 ~ Jean Gantt

July 8 ~ Ashley Frees

July 9 ~ Kecia Sears

July 11 ~ Gene Strand

July 12 ~ Mary Frees, Charlie Brosemer, Mike Nesbitt

ANNIVERSARIES

No Anniversaries

LPC NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thank you to the following for their Gifts & Memorials:

Don Books ~ Endowment Fund

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

Indoor Worship Guidelines:

- We will continue to wear masks for your protection and invite you to do the same
- We will social distance by spacing families at least six feet apart in the pews
- No printed material will be passed out
- Bibles and hymnals will be removed from the pews
- No congregational singing
- No sacrament in July
- Hand sanitizing stations will be in place
- One person may use the restroom at a time

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

Dear Loveland Presbyterian Church,

I am writing to let you know that my mother, Frances Thompson, passed away on June first at her home in Loveland. In recent years, and particularly the past one, she had a lot of trouble with orthopedic problems and I am not sure if she had been at church or even in contact with you. Since she was a past member of your church family, though, I wanted to let you know of her passing. She will be buried with her father in her hometown, Hoquiam, Washington when the pandemic abates so the family can travel across the country safely.

Thank you to everyone at the church over the years who provided friendship and love to my mom.

Sincerely,

Martha Thompson

Scripture

Psalm 45:10-17 (NIV)

- ¹⁰ Listen, daughter, and pay careful attention:
Forget your people and your father's house.
- ¹¹ Let the king be enthralled by your beauty;
honor him, for he is your lord.
- ¹² The city of Tyre will come with a gift,
people of wealth will seek your favor.
- ¹³ All glorious is the princess within her chamber;
her gown is interwoven with gold.
- ¹⁴ In embroidered garments she is led to the king;
her virgin companions follow her—
those brought to be with her.
- ¹⁵ Led in with joy and gladness,
they enter the palace of the king.
- ¹⁶ Your sons will take the place of your fathers;
you will make them princes throughout the land.
- ¹⁷ I will perpetuate your memory through all generations;
therefore the nations will praise you for ever and ever.

Song of Songs 2:8-13 (NIV)

- ⁸ Listen! My beloved!
Look! Here he comes,
leaping across the mountains,
bounding over the hills.
- ⁹ My beloved is like a gazelle or a young stag.

Look! There he stands behind our wall,
gazing through the windows,
peering through the lattice.

¹⁰ My beloved spoke and said to me,
“Arise, my darling,
my beautiful one, come with me.

¹¹ See! The winter is past;
the rains are over and gone.

¹² Flowers appear on the earth;
the season of singing has come,
the cooing of doves
is heard in our land.

¹³ The fig tree forms its early fruit;
the blossoming vines spread their fragrance.
Arise, come, my darling;
my beautiful one, come with me.”