

## Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

### Opening Prayer

Leader: Our divine parent has given us minds to know and hearts to love him.

**People: We join with those who, in all times and places, have praised God's name.**

Leader: With one heart and mind may all God's people unite as God's faithful children.

**People: May we bring honor and glory to our Father in Heaven in all we say and do.**

Leader: The fear of the Lord is the foundation of knowledge; it is the foundation of life.

**People: Come! Let us call upon and worship God, together! Let us pray...**

Pastor Jim: Grant us, O Lord, the grace to choose wisdom and have the grace to always do and think what accords with your purpose; that we, who cannot exist without you, may be enabled to live according to your will We ask this in the holy and most precious name of Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, forever and ever.

**People: Amen.**

### Confession of Sin

Leader: Today we come before our divine parent not as despised sinners, but as beloved children. With the confidence of children of God, let us humbly confess our sin and find pardon for them.

**People: Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart. We have failed to be an obedient church. We have not done your will, we have broken your law, we have rebelled against your love. We have not loved our neighbors, and we have refused to hear the cry of the needy. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joy obedience. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen!**

### Pardon of Sin

Pastor Jim: Children of God, believe the good news: through our heartfelt and truthful confession, and by the wisdom and grace of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

### Dedication of Tithes and Offerings

Pastor Jim: The earth is the Lord's, and all that is in it. We have returned the first and best of what God has given us, so that his will may be done, and his kingdom drawn nearer; therefore, let us pray, dedicating our gifts to these holy purposes.

Blessed are you, O God, for you are the maker and provider of all things. You have blessed us with many gifts, including all our possessions. Not one thing is ours to use as we see fit. All things are to be used to spread your Word and demonstrate our mercy to the world, so that the world may turn to you, and find its salvation. Use us and what we have gathered this morning to show your love to the world. We ask this through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen!

### Musical Prayer for Illumination

**Scripture** *(see below)*

*Psalms 141 & Proverbs 1:8-33 (NIV)*

**Reflection**

“Hang Out with the Right Crowd”

Pastor Jim

### Prayer of Intercession

Pastor Jim: Let us bring the needs of the church, the world, and all in need, to God in prayer.

God of heaven and earth, through Jesus Christ you promise to hear us when we pray to you in his name. Confident in your love and mercy, we offer this prayer.

Empower the church throughout the world in its life and witness. Break down the barriers that divide, that, united in your truth and love, the church may confess your name, share one baptism, sit together at one table, and serve you in one common ministry.

Guide the rulers of the nations. Move them to set aside fear, greed and vain ambition, and bow to your sovereign rule. Inspire them to strive for peace and justice, that all your children may dwell secure, free from war and oppression.

Hear the cries of the world's hungry and suffering. Give us, who consume most of the earth's resources, the will to reorder our lives, that all may have their rightful share of the food, medical care, and shelter, and so have the necessities of a life of dignity.

Restore among us a love of the earth you created for our home. Help us put an end to ravishing its land, air, and waters, and give us respect for all your creatures, that, living in harmony with everything you have made, your whole creation may resound in an anthem of praise to your glorious name.

Renew our nation in the ways of fairness and peace. Guide those who make and administer our laws to build a society based upon trust and respect. Erase prejudices that oppress; free us from crime and violence; guard our youth from the perils of drugs and materialism. Give all citizens a new vision of life in harmony.

Strengthen this congregation in its work and worship. Fill our hearts with your self-giving love, that our voices may speak your praise, and our lives may conform to the image of your Son. Nourish us with your Word and sacraments that we may faithfully minister in your name, and witness to your love and grace for all the world.

Look with compassion upon all who suffer. Support with your love those with incurable and stigmatized diseases, those in prison, those denied dignity, those who live without hope, those who are homeless or abandoned. As you have moved toward us in love, so lead us to be present with them in their suffering in the name of Jesus Christ.

Sustain those among us who need your healing touch. Make the sick whole. Give hope to the dying. Comfort those who mourn. Uphold all who suffer in body or mind, not only those we know and love but also those known only to you, that they may know the peace and joy of your supporting care.

We ask for all of this through Jesus Christ, who intercedes for us, and 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.

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

August 9,



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## JOYS & CONCERNS

### **Joy for...**

The donations to the Student LIFE Shop.  
The friendships that support us during difficult times.

### **Pray for...**

Daren Lutson for relief from severe headaches that hospitalized him this week.  
Lisa Kopittke Hannah will undergo surgery for a complete hysterectomy on Wednesday.  
*(Contact Niki Price if you would like to provide food for the family.)*  
Tyler Smith's mom, Christi Dammert, recovering from surgery for a broken kneecap.  
Aggie Gay, recovering from back surgery.  
Sharon Ward, recently diagnosed with stage I cancer.  
Niki Price's sister, Marta, her family, and doctors. Marta is being treated for stage 4 small cell lung cancer which has metastasized to her brain (causing visual impairment) and lymph nodes. Emergency surgery for signs of a ruptured organ was done Saturday.  
The people of Beirut, Lebanon, after this week's devastating explosion.  
All those still without work or under-employed due to COVID-19.  
Success for the medical and scientific communities working on a COVID-19 vaccine.  
All who are lonely and without support systems for help.  
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**

August 10<sup>th</sup> ~ Tim Thornton  
August 12<sup>th</sup> ~ Gladys Brosemer

### **ANNIVERSARIES**

No anniversaries

# LPC NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Bethel Murdoch PC Ice Cream Social:** You may place an order by August 9th, by sending an email to: [thebmpc@gmail.com](mailto:thebmpc@gmail.com) or by calling 513-583-9676 and leave a message with your name, phone number, flavor of ice cream, and number of pints and quarts. Order pick up is on August 29<sup>th</sup>, and they ask that you please remain in your car. Someone will come to your car, take your name, and your check made out to BMPC for the amount. The hours of pick-up are between 10 AM and 2 PM.  
*They are not accepting cash.*

Bethel Murdoch Presbyterian Church, 9602 Murdoch Goshen Rd. Loveland, OH 45140

Cost: \$4 a pint or \$8 a quart

Flavors: Butter Brickle, Butter Pecan, Chocolate, Chocolate Chip, Coffee, Cookies N Cream, Peach, Raspberry, Strawberry, Vanilla

**The church office remains closed through August** and all committee meetings should continue to be held remotely. Please contact Pastor Jim on his cell phone or via email. You can reach Jenni on her cell phone or by the church email. Voice mail at the church will be picked up twice a week.

## Psalm 141 (NIV)

- <sup>1</sup> I call to you, LORD, come quickly to me;  
hear me when I call to you.
- <sup>2</sup> May my prayer be set before you like incense;  
may the lifting up of my hands be like the evening sacrifice.
- <sup>3</sup> Set a guard over my mouth, LORD;  
keep watch over the door of my lips.
- <sup>4</sup> Do not let my heart be drawn to what is evil  
so that I take part in wicked deeds  
along with those who are evildoers;  
do not let me eat their delicacies.
- <sup>5</sup> Let a righteous man strike me—that is a kindness;  
let him rebuke me—that is oil on my head.  
My head will not refuse it,  
for my prayer will still be against the deeds of evildoers.
- <sup>6</sup> Their rulers will be thrown down from the cliffs,  
and the wicked will learn that my words were well spoken.
- <sup>7</sup> They will say, “As one plows and breaks up the earth,  
so our bones have been scattered at the mouth of the grave.”
- <sup>8</sup> But my eyes are fixed on you, Sovereign LORD;  
in you I take refuge—do not give me over to death.
- <sup>9</sup> Keep me safe from the traps set by evildoers,  
from the snares they have laid for me.
- <sup>10</sup> Let the wicked fall into their own nets,  
while I pass by in safety.

## Proverbs 1:8-33 (NIV)

- <sup>8</sup> Listen, my son, to your father’s instruction  
and do not forsake your mother’s teaching.
- <sup>9</sup> They are a garland to grace your head  
and a chain to adorn your neck.
- <sup>10</sup> My son, if sinful men entice you,  
do not give in to them.
- <sup>11</sup> If they say, “Come along with us;  
let’s lie in wait for innocent blood,  
let’s ambush some harmless soul;  
<sup>12</sup> let’s swallow them alive, like the grave,  
and whole, like those who go down to the pit;  
<sup>13</sup> we will get all sorts of valuable things  
and fill our houses with plunder;  
<sup>14</sup> cast lots with us;  
we will all share the loot”—  
<sup>15</sup> my son, do not go along with them,  
do not set foot on their paths;  
<sup>16</sup> for their feet rush into evil,  
they are swift to shed blood.  
<sup>17</sup> How useless to spread a net  
where every bird can see it!  
<sup>18</sup> These men lie in wait for their own blood;  
they ambush only themselves!  
<sup>19</sup> Such are the paths of all who go after ill-gotten gain;  
it takes away the life of those who get it.
- <sup>20</sup> Out in the open wisdom calls aloud,  
she raises her voice in the public square;  
<sup>21</sup> on top of the wall she cries out,  
at the city gate she makes her speech:

<sup>22</sup> “How long will you who are simple love your simple ways?  
How long will mockers delight in mockery  
and fools hate knowledge?

<sup>23</sup> Repent at my rebuke!  
Then I will pour out my thoughts to you,  
I will make known to you my teachings.

<sup>24</sup> But since you refuse to listen when I call  
and no one pays attention when I stretch out my hand,

<sup>25</sup> since you disregard all my advice  
and do not accept my rebuke,

<sup>26</sup> I in turn will laugh when disaster strikes you;  
I will mock when calamity overtakes you—

<sup>27</sup> when calamity overtakes you like a storm,  
when disaster sweeps over you like a whirlwind,  
when distress and trouble overwhelm you.

<sup>28</sup> “Then they will call to me but I will not answer;  
they will look for me but will not find me,

<sup>29</sup> since they hated knowledge  
and did not choose to fear the LORD.

<sup>30</sup> Since they would not accept my advice  
and spurned my rebuke,

<sup>31</sup> they will eat the fruit of their ways  
and be filled with the fruit of their schemes.

<sup>32</sup> For the waywardness of the simple will kill them,  
and the complacency of fools will destroy them;

<sup>33</sup> but whoever listens to me will live in safety  
and be at ease, without fear of harm.”