

Morning Worship
Eighteenth Sunday After Pentecost
September 26, 2021
10:30 a.m.

Welcome

Westminster Chimes

Greeting

Pastor Dennis W. Molnar

Prelude Music

Bobby Neumeier

Scripture Focus

Mark 9: 38-50

Call to Worship

Wesley Madge

Leader: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

People: *the maker of heaven and earth.*

Our hope is in the name of the Lord,

the healer of all that is wounded.

Our trust is in the name of the Lord,

the one we gather to worship and praise.

Opening Hymn

Glory to God #410

God Is Calling Through the Whisper

Young Disciple Time

"Removing Stumbling Blocks"

Scripture Reflection

James 5: 13-20

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

O Lord, let the words of our mouths and the meditation of our hearts be acceptable to you, our Rock and our Redeemer.

For you are our rock, and yet we place our faith in sinking sand.

You are our redeemer, and yet we are convinced that we must save ourselves.

You are our source of unity, and yet we isolate ourselves in every way we can.

You are our fount of forgiveness, and yet we fear that we will be condemned.

Forgive us, O Rock. Forgive us, O Redeemer, and show us what it means to forgive one another.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Forgiveness

Sharing the Peace of Christ

Special Music

God's Gonna Set This World on Fire
Chancel Choir

Moses Hogan

Prayer of Illumination

Morning Message

Spreading the Salt

Hymn

GTG #432

How Clear Is Our Vocation, Lord

Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer

Stewardship of Life Offerings

"Deeper, Wider, and Higher"

Prayer of Dedication

Dear Lord, I give You my hands to do Your work; I give You my feet to go Your way; I give You my eyes to see as You see; I give You my tongue to speak Your words; I give You my mind that You may think in me; I give You my spirit that You may pray in me. Above all, I give You my heart that You may love in me – love the Father and love all humankind. I give You my whole self, Lord, that You may grow in me, so that it is You who lives, works and prays in me. Amen.

Closing Hymn

GTG #719

Come, Labor On

Sending

Choral Benediction

Father, Give Thy Benediction

Chancel Choir

Postlude

Robert Neumeyer, *organ*

The bouquets of flowers enhancing the chancel today are given by the YaSenka and the Rieger families in memory of Bill YaSenka, loving husband, father, and grandfather.

Our condolences and prayers are extended to the Family of Jeff Sterling, who passed on to the Kingdom Triumphant on Thursday, September 23rd. A time of visitation will be held from 4:00 – 8:00 p.m. today and a Celebration of Life and Witness to the Resurrection will be held tomorrow at 10:30 a.m. here at Unity.

Please keep in your Prayers:

Shirley Schultz, under compassionate hospice care at a Hospice Center in Cincinnati.

Lucy Kottner, recovering from hip surgery after a recent fall. She is currently in St. Clair Hospital.

Ruth Marrone, under compassionate hospice care at a Marion Manor. You can send cards to her at Marian Manor, 2695 Winchester Drive, Room C111, Pittsburgh, PA 15220.

Joey, a 5-year old boy, who underwent surgery for a brain tumor last week. His biopsy came back as a malignant cancer. He will begin 6 weeks of cancer treatment. (Joey is a relative of the Volk Family)

Reagan, a 10-year-old, just diagnosed with lymphoma. She is undergoing intense therapy treatments. Please hold her and her family in prayer as they walk through this challenge. (Great-niece of Wendy Charlton)

Kathy Aspinall, who continues undergoing intensive chemotherapy for ovarian cancer.

Childcare is now available during worship. We are currently using a team of volunteers. Parents can drop off their children in the Child Care Room #101.

We are looking for a Child Care Worker for the Nursery to care for our youngest children, Birth – 2.

If you or anyone you know is interested in this paid position, please contact Nancy Schultz at nschultz@unitypresbyterianchurc.org or the church office.

Children can go to the Disciple Zone and Joyful Noise Classes following the Young Disciple Time. The Joyful Noise Class (3-Kindergarten) gathers in Room #201; the Kid Jam Class (1st & 2nd Grade) in Room #205, the Disciple Zone Class in Room #206, The Teens Class in Room #208.

An Adult Bible Focus Course is being offered at 9:00 a.m. every Sunday in Room #204. The Bible Study will focus on the Gospel of John and is led by Elder Mike Kluczan.

A New Bible Study of the Gospel of Matthew is being held on Tuesday evening at 6:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall, led by Kristen Emrick. Matthew's Gospel assumes the reader knows and understands the Torah. With this assumption, Matthew quotes the Old Testament extensively to prove Jesus is the Messiah. In this class 7-week class we will break down Matthew into its main 5 sections and delve into the how the Torah points to Christ.

The Chancel Choir is rehearsing on Wednesday evenings at 7:15. You are welcome to participate regardless of whether you wish to sing on Sundays or not. Singing is good for you, fellowship is good for you, and spending time with like-minded Christians is good for you! Please consider joining us!

Today is Food Pantry Sunday! The last Sunday of each month will once again be Food Pantry Sunday! Please consider bringing in-date, non-perishable foods; toiletries; or paper goods to the Food Pantry on the last Sunday of each month. Donations can be placed in the grocery cart in the front of the sanctuary. Items can also be left on the table next to the Food Pantry any time during the week. Thank you for supporting our ministry to feed our neighbors in need!

The deacons would like to thank the congregation for helping to complete the chancel flower donations for 2021. We will begin taking orders for the 2022 chancel flowers in the coming months, and you can be on the lookout in the bulletin for more information.

The Fall BBQ is this coming Saturday, October 2nd, from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Get your tickets today! The BBQ is a great opportunity for fellowship and is a fundraiser for the church. We will be serving pulled pork, chicken, coleslaw, pasta salad, and a roll. There will be a vegetarian option as well. The tickets are \$10 ahead of time and \$15 the day of the event. **Tickets are available after church today in the transept or sale in the office during the week.** Please invite your friends and family to enjoy! If you are interested in volunteering, please reach out to Chris Franceschina at chris.franceschina@gmail.com.

High Nooners will be gathering this Wednesday, September 29 to tour the Teenie Harris photographic exhibit at The Carnegie Museum of Art in Oakland. Cost will be \$14.99, payable upon entering the museum. Museum members enter free of charge. Immediately after touring, we will have lunch at The Union Grille, directly across from the main entrance of the museum on Forbes Avenue. Lunch will be separate checks. If you plan to attend, call or email Linda Aspinall at 412-276-6803 or laspinall27@gmail.com. When responding let Linda know if you can drive, or will need a ride to the museum. We will leave the church parking lot at 9:30 a.m. *You can also respond on Realm – simply log in, click Community, then News to see the event notice, and click RSVP.*

The next Food and Fellowship Luncheon is planned for after worship next Sunday, October 3rd, 12:00 p.m. at Hunter Blue's on Noblestown Road! Outdoor seating weather permitting. Just to get an idea of how many would like to join us on August 29th, you can respond to Ashley Cesaratto at a.k.cesaratto@gmail.com or text or phone her at 412-897-5204 or Linda Aspinall at laspinall27@gmail.com or text or phone her at 412-915-7678. Or you can RSVP on Realm (go to Communications, then click News).

Today is the last day to make a special contribution to the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance Fund. Presbyterian Disaster Assistance Teams are responding to the earthquake in Haiti and the flooding caused by Hurricane Ida. The response includes food, water, shelter, and emergency needs such as WASH (water, sanitation and hygiene), emergency power generators, shelter, first aid and more. If you would like to give an additional contribution, please send your donation to Unity Presbyterian Church designated for Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, or use our online donation options through Realm and the Presbyterian Foundation. Links are on the website.

Please join us for a time of fellowship this morning. Beverages and treats are available in the lounge.

Next Sunday, is World Communion Sunday and we will share in the Sacrament of Communion together.

There is a Information Carousel located in the transept with all kinds of forms, information, disciple mission opportunities, and more to help you connect with all the options at Unity Presbyterian Church. Check it out!

How Do I Create My Account in Realm? It's easy. Contact Pam Frost and she'll send you a Realm invite by email. Then:

1. **Find the Realm invitation in your email. If you don't see it, check your email's spam folder to ensure it wasn't sent there by mistake.**
2. Click the link inside the email.
3. Enter your email address and create a password for your account. This gives you access to the web version of Realm. You can now log into the Realm Connect app (the mobile version) using this same account information.

Mobile Check-in is Here! Realm's mobile check-in solution give us an additional way to check-in for worship services. You still need to pre-register for a worship service. You also need to have the **Realm Connect App** on your mobile device. For iOS devices, go to Apple Store; for Android devices, go to Google Play. Then, you don't need to stop by the check-in table in the transept on Sunday morning. You can just check-in from your mobile device any time up to one hour before the service begins. If you have Realm Connect app notifications turned on, you will receive a notification for upcoming mobile check-in events. You can tap this notification to start the check-in process. If you don't have notifications turned on, tap the **Mobile Check-In** option from your app's main menu instead. Need help with any of this? Please reach out to Pam at pfrost@unitypresbyterianchurch.org.

The Nominating Committee is looking for your suggestions for Elders, Deacons and members of next year's Nominating Committee to be elected later this year at the congregational meeting. Include your suggestions on the form below, and place it in the offering plate or return it to the Church Office.

OFFICE (Elder, Deacon, Nom Comm.) **NAME**

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Stewardship Snapshot

We look forward to seeing more of you in worship on Sundays and participating in the work of the church. Facebook Live is nice but seeing people in person is really comforting.

We rely on you to send your donations to the church in the mail, arrange for your bank to send your check to the church, make use of online giving (go to www.unitypresbyterianchurch.org , select the "Donate" button and follow the prompts).

More people have chosen to use the convenience of online giving. It can be linked to your bank account or credit card. Online giving totaled \$4630 in August. There were 46 online donations from 21 different families.

Member giving (\$236,106 YTD) has been decreasing and no longer covers our expenses.

Thank you for your generosity.

Food Pantry - \$150 was donated this week. Check with Sally or Nadine to see how you can help.

PASTOR PETEY'S COMMENT –My human told me that it was reported that 3 percent of carbon dioxide emissions come from airplanes. I think I will boycott flying in an airplane. I would rather participate in a Zoom meeting.

Stay safe and keep healthy. Woof.