*What is it to have faith in God? The writer of the Book of Hebrews describes faith as being “certain of the things we cannot see.” There’s no gray in certainty. As we trust God, we find ourselves believing in who Jesus was when He walked the earth. As today He speaks to us about God’s coming kingdom, may we prepare to welcome that kingdom by living kingdom lives; even in the here and now. – Pastor Randy*

***Crescentville & Frankford Memorial United Methodist Churches***

**Ninth Sunday after Pentecost August 7, 2022**

**Welcome**

 Chorus of Welcome *“The Family of God”*

I’m so glad I’m a part of the family of God—I’ve been washed in the fountain, cleansed by His blood!

Joint heirs with Jesus as we travel this sod; for I’m part of the family, the family of God.

 **Call to Worship** *Hebrews 11*

 *To have faith is to be sure of the things we hope for, to be certain of the things we cannot see.*

 *It was by their faith that people of ancient times won God's approval.*

 *It is by faith that we understand that the universe was created by God's word,*

 *so that what can be seen was made out of what cannot be seen.*

 **Opening Hymn** *“I Know Whom I Have Believed”* [VS. 1-3]# 714

 I know not why God's wondrous grace to me he hath made known,
 nor why, unworthy, Christ in love redeemed me for His own.

*Refrain:* But I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that He is able
 to keep that which I've committed unto Him against that day.

 I know not how this saving faith to me He did impart,
 nor how believing in His word wrought peace within my heart. *Refrain*

 I know not how the Spirit moves, convincing us of sin,
 revealing Jesus through the word, creating faith in Him. *Refrain*

 **Opening Prayer**

 **Grant to us, Lord, we pray, the spirit to think and do always those things that are right,**

 **that we, who cannot exist without You, may by You be enabled to live according to Your will;**

 **through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit,**

 **one God, for ever and ever. Amen.**

**Children’s Message**

**Joys & Concerns………………….……..*Gathered Prayer***

Gifts and Offerings

Offertory *“The Giving Song”* The Doxology *“Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow” # 95*

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.

 **The Offertory Prayer**

 **Hymn** *“Take Time to Be Holy”* [VS. 1-3]# 395

 Take time to be holy, speak oft with thy Lord; abide in him always, and feed on His word.
 Make friends of God's children, help those who are weak, forgetting in nothing His blessing to seek.

 Take time to be holy, the world rushes on; spend much time in secret with Jesus alone.
 By looking to Jesus, like Him thou shalt be; thy friends in thy conduct His likeness shall see.

 Take time to be holy, let Him be thy guide, and run not before Him, whatever betide.
 In joy or in sorrow, still follow the Lord, and, looking to Jesus, still trust in His word.

**Gospel Lesson**   St. Luke 12:32-40

 [Jesus said] “Don’t be afraid, little flock, because your Father delights in giving you the kingdom.

**33**Sell your possessions and give to those in need. Make for yourselves wallets that don’t wear out—

 ***a treasure in heaven that never runs out***. No thief comes near there, and no moth destroys.

**34*Where your treasure is, there your heart will be too.***

**35**“Be dressed for service and keep your lamps lit. **36**Be like people waiting for their master to come home

 from a wedding celebration, who can immediately open the door for him when he arrives and knocks

 on the door. **37**Happy are those servants whom the master finds waiting up when he arrives.

 I assure you that, when he arrives, he will dress himself to serve, seat them at the table

 as honored guests, and wait on them. **38*Happy are those whom he finds alert, even if he comes***

 at midnight or just before dawn.  **39**But know this, if the homeowner had known what time

 the thief was coming, he wouldn’t have allowed his home to be broken into. **40*You also must be ready***,

 because the Human One  is coming at a time when you don’t expect him.”

 **Sermon** *“Thy Kingdom Come”*

 **Affirmation of Faith** *The Apostles’ Creed*

 I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth;

 And in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord: who was conceived

 by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary,

 suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried;

 the third day He rose from the dead; He ascended into heaven,

 and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;

 from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead;

 I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,

 the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,

 the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

**Service of Holy Communion**

The Lord be with you…………………...…**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts……………………...…..**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God….**It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

...And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven

 we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**HOLY, HOLY, HOLY LORD, GOD OF POWER AND MIGHT, HEAVEN**

 **AND EARTH ARE FULL OF YOUR GLORY, HOSANNA IN THE**

 **HIGHEST. BLESSED IS HE WHO COMES IN THE NAME OF THE**

 **LORD. HOSANNA IN THE HIGHEST.**

...And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ,

 we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice,

 in union with Christ’s offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

 **CHRIST HAS DIED; CHRIST IS RISEN, CHRIST WILL COME AGAIN.**

...Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church,

 all glory and honor is yours, almighty God, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

*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 and debts as we forgive our debtors and those who*

 *trespass**against us. And lead us not into temptation,**but deliver us from evil.*

 *For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.*

*BREAKING THE BREAD………………………………….GIVING THE BREAD AND CUP*

Communion Hymn: *“ Lord Who at That First Eucharist Did Pray”*

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

 **Holy Father, who gathered us here around the table of Your Son to share this meal**

 **with the whole household of God: in that new world where You reveal the fullness of Your peace,**

 **gather people of every race and language to share in the eternal banquet of Jesus Christ**

 **our Lord. Amen.**

**Hymn** *“My Faith Looks Up to Thee”* [VS. 4]# 452

 My faith looks up to thee, thou Lamb of Calvary, Savior divine!
 Now hear me while I pray, take all my guilt away, O let me from this day be wholly Thine!

 May thy rich grace impart strength to my fainting heart, my zeal inspire!
 As Thou hast died for me, O may my love to Thee pure, warm, and changeless be, a living fire!

 While life's dark maze I tread, and griefs around me spread, be Thou my guide;
 bid darkness turn to day, wipe sorrow's tears away, nor let me ever stray from Thee aside.

**Benediction**

***Quiet Meditation, Reflection, and Prayer***

**Choral Benediction** *“I Know Whom I Have Believed”* [VS. 4]# 714

 I know not when my Lord may come, at night or noonday fair, nor if I walk the vale with Him,
 or meet Him in the air. But I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that He is able

 to keep that which I've committed unto Him against that day.

**Lectionary Scripture Readings**

The Bible is an epic story of love, life, death, war, family, and more. It has its ups and downs, and it's pretty riveting. If you're not a reader, this may be the one book worth saying you read. If you're going to read anything, you can say you read the biggest bestseller of all time.

**August 14, 2022 – 10th Sunday after Pentecost**

Luke 12:49-56 - Isaiah 5:1-7 - Psalm 80:1-2, 8-19 - Hebrews 11:29-12:2

**Joys & Concerns: Keep those prayers going and thank God for His answers! To add a prayer request or share a joy, *please call the church and leave a message.***

***(215) 745-7115***  *Praying for others makes us more aware of what we have to be thankful for. When we pray for someone who is experiencing hard times or health issues, it’s natural to think about our own blessings—and it’s a good time to thank God for those blessings.*

**Prayer Requests July 31st**

Theresa (Cocoa's stepdaughter) prayers for a safe delivery of her baby on Aug 3rd.

Freysa - Struggling to pay bills

Sutton Family - Prayers for the boys to learn respect for others, especially parents.

Prayers for Dave Greenlaw (son of Kass Greenlaw)

Betty Dawson is in Pathways at PPH recovering from a stroke. Prayers for healing.

**Continuing Prayers:**

Pastor Randy & Family Sana Aman Zilpha Browne Dorothy Buzzard

Caroline (Burghaze’s Daughter) Rev. Khan Scott Meyer Ed Ingle

Cass Quigley Betty Sauerwald & family Wondor Korto

Sylvia Spotts Suzanne Turner Tony Petrucci

Prayers for the Ukraine and Russia - for world peace

Prayers for our city and end to violence

 *August 7, 2022*

*Dear Members and Friends*

*of Crescentville and Frankford Memorial UMCs,*

As Cindy and I look forward to some time away by ourselves, we plan this time to be from **August 13th until Saturday, September 3th**. We are thankful for good health that allows us to enjoy some time away. Please know how grateful both Cindy and I are for your ongoing prayers and support.

In my absence, Pastor Jack Ross, Pastor of Redeemer UMC, will provide pastoral care for those who request it. I ask that, if you have need for pastoral care, to please contact Sue Creevey (Crescentville) at—(267) 847-6029 or Pat Raymond (Frankford Memorial) at—(215) 288-9800. They will put you in contact with Pastor Ross.

And, as we are still using Zoom, please know that I have recorded sermons for the Sundays that we are away that will be shown to those who attend services in our buildings on Sundays as well as afterward via our church websites.

God bless you all, and, thank you, again for your prayers and support!

Peace,

*Pastor Randy*