*“Jesus replied, ‘I am the bread of life.’” Is that all He is—a loaf of bread, or is Jesus more than this?*

*How can we get to the place where we see Jesus as our EVERYTHING? - Pastor Randy*

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

**11th Sunday After Pentecost August 8, 2021**

**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** *Ephesians 4, 5*

 *Do not use harmful words, but only helpful words, the kind that build up and provide what is needed,*

 *so that what you say will do good to those who hear you. And do not make God's Holy Spirit sad;*

 *for the Spirit is God's mark of ownership on you, a guarantee that the Day will come*

 *when God will set you free. Get rid of all bitterness, passion, and anger. No more shouting or insults*

 *no more hateful feelings of any sort. Instead, be kind and tender-hearted to one another,*

 *and forgive one another, as God has forgiven you through Christ.*

 *Since you are God's dear children, you must try to be like him. Your life must be controlled by love,*

 *just as Christ loved us and gave his life for us as a sweet-smelling offering and sacrifice*

 *that pleases God.*

 **Opening Hymn** *“Where Charity and Love Prevail”* [VS. 1, 3, 5]# 549

 Where charity and love prevail, there God is ever found;

brought here together by Christ’s love. By love are we thus bound.

Forgive we now each other’s faults as we our faults confess;

and let us love each other well I Christian holiness.

Let us recall that in our midst dwells God’s beloved Son;

as members of His body joined, we are in Him made one.

 **Opening Prayer**

 **Almighty God, whose blessed Son before His passion prayed for His disciples**

 **that they might be one, as You and He are one: Grant that your Church, being bound together**

 **in love and obedience to You,  may be united in one body by the one Spirit,**

 **that the world may believe in Him whom You have sent, Your Son Jesus Christ our Lord;**

 **who lives and reigns with You, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

**Children’s Message**

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

Gifts and Offerings 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** *“Break Thou the Bread of Life”* # 599

 Break thou the bread of life, dear Lord, to me, as thou didst break the loaves beside the sea;
 beyond the sacred page I seek thee, Lord; my spirit pants for thee, O Living Word!

Bless thou the truth, dear Lord, to me, to me, as thou didst bless the loaves by Galilee;
then shall all bondage cease, all fetters fall; and I shall find my peace, my all in all.

**Gospel Lesson** *St. John 6:35, 41-51*

 **35**Jesus replied, “I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never go hungry,

 and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty………The Jewish opposition grumbled about him

 because he said, “I am the bread that came down from heaven.”

 **42**They asked, “Isn’t this Jesus, Joseph’s son, whose mother and father we know?

 How can he now say, ‘I have come down from heaven’?”

 **43**Jesus responded, “Don’t grumble among yourselves. **44**No one can come to me unless they are drawn

 to me by the Father who sent me, and I will raise them up at the last day. **45**It is written in the Prophets,

 *And they will all be taught by God.*  Everyone who has listened to the Father and learned from him

 comes to me. **46**No one has seen the Father except the one who is from God. He has seen

 the Father. **47**I assure you, whoever believes has eternal life. **48**I am the bread of life. **49**Your ancestors

 ate manna in the wilderness and they died. **50**This is the bread that comes down from heaven so that

 whoever eats from it will never die. **51**I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats

 this bread will live forever, and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.”

 **Sermon** *“It’s Not About the Bread”*

 **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.

**Hymn**  *“Come, Ye Disconsolate”* # 510

 Come, ye disconsolate, where'er ye languish, come to the mercy seat, fervently kneel.
 Here bring your wounded hearts, here tell your anguish; earth has no sorrow that heaven cannot heal.

 Joy of the desolate, light of the straying, hope of the penitent, fadeless and pure!
 Here speaks the Comforter, tenderly saying, "Earth has no sorrow that heaven cannot cure."

 Here see the bread of life; see waters flowing forth from the throne of God, pure from above.
 Come to the feast of love; come, ever knowing earth has no sorrow but heaven can remove.

**Benediction**

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

**Choral Benediction**   *“Where Charity and Love Prevail”* [VS. 2]# 549

 With grateful joy and holy fear true charity we learn;

let us with heart and mind and strength now love Christ in return.

**Lectionary Reading**

Reading the scriptures help us to learn: about God, about his world, about ourselves,

and about how they fit together in his purposes.

**Sunday, Aug 15 12th Sunday after Pentecost**

John 6:51-58 - 1 Kings 2:10-12; 3:3-14

Psalm 111 - Ephesians 5:15-20

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR & SAVE THE DATE!**

**August 25th at noon**

Women’s Fellowship Meeting at Crescentville

Please bring your lunch. beverages and desserts will be provided.

**September 11th, 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM**

Crescentville Indoor/Outdoor Flea Market

Please bring your treasures to our church soon so they can be prepared for sale. Vendor tables not available.