

**ST. DAVID'S (SHERMAN'S) UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**  
TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  
August 9, 2020

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**WELCOME**

**PRAYER OF INVOCATION**

Strong and faithful God, Your outstretched arm governs the mighty forces of creation, and Your gentle hand cradles even the smallest of creatures. Strengthen us of "little faith," and open our eyes to Your presence at every moment of history and in every circumstance of life, that we may face with serenity times of testing and turmoil, and walk with Christ through every storm toward safe haven and true peace. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God for ever and ever. AMEN

**OPENING HYMN:** "Freely, Freely," Sung by Sharon Senft & Luke Mumma;  
accompanied by Jonas Sterner

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

We have been guided through the rough seas of life by a Presence we have often ignored. We have survived many perils by the mercy of an unseen hand. Yet how often have we considered the wonderful works of God or given thanks to the Source of Life? Let us confess our sin and rebellion.

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Gracious God, we confess that we have been ungrateful and insensitive, cutting ourselves off from You and from other people. We do not see our own iniquity. We do not sense any wickedness in our own ways. We seek to measure life by our own standards, not Yours. We do not recognize our own lies or the oppression we inflict on people by whose labors we benefit. Awaken our conscience, we pray, that we may receive pardon and new life.

**TIME OF SILENT PERSONAL CONFESSION**

**ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

The abundance of God's steadfast love is always available to those ready to receive it. The God of covenant claims us as beloved children, redeemed and forgiven. Rejoice in the gladness of God's people, for God is ready to accomplish great things through us. Live in humble trust, willing to try new ventures. Be alert to opportunities to share what God entrusts to your use.

**HOLY SCRIPTURES:** Psalm 105:1–5 & Matthew 14:22–33

**PSALM 105:1–5**

- <sup>1</sup> Give thanks to the LORD, call on his name; make known among the nations what he has done.
- <sup>2</sup> Sing to him, sing praise to him; tell of all his wonderful acts.
- <sup>3</sup> Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice.
- <sup>4</sup> Look to the LORD and his strength; seek his face always.
- <sup>5</sup> Remember the wonders he has done, his miracles, and the judgments he pronounced.

**Matthew 14:22-33**

*Jesus Walks on Water*

- <sup>22</sup> Immediately Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead of him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowd.
- <sup>23</sup> After he had dismissed them, he went up on a mountainside by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, <sup>24</sup> but the boat was already a considerable distance from land, buffeted by the waves because the wind was against it.
- <sup>25</sup> During the fourth watch of the night Jesus went out to them, walking on the lake.
- <sup>26</sup> When the disciples saw him walking on the lake, they were terrified. “It’s a ghost,” they said, and cried out in fear.
- <sup>27</sup> But Jesus immediately said to them: “Take courage! It is I. Don’t be afraid.”
- <sup>28</sup> “Lord, if it’s you,” Peter replied, “tell me to come to you on the water.”
- <sup>29</sup> “Come,” he said. Then Peter got down out of the boat, walked on the water and came toward Jesus.
- <sup>30</sup> But when he saw the wind, he was afraid and, beginning to sink, cried out, “Lord, save me!”
- <sup>31</sup> Immediately, Jesus reached out his hand and caught him. “You of little faith,” he said, “why did you doubt?”
- <sup>32</sup> And when they climbed into the boat, the wind died down. <sup>33</sup> Then those who were in the boat worshiped him, saying, “Truly you are the Son of God.”

**SERMON:** “Time to Act”

## **PASTORAL PRAYER AND 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 debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen

## **COMMUNION PRAYER AND LITURGY**

### **BENEDICTION**

We can stay together no longer; there is work for us out in the world. God grants us opportunities to serve that are available to no other. In quiet confidence we face the week ahead, keeping our eyes upon Jesus.

**CLOSING HYMN:** "It Is Well," Sung by Sharon Senft & Luke Mumma, Accompanied by Jonas Sterner

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## **WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**GRIEFSHARE:** August 4, 11, 18 and 25; September 1 and 8. Meetings are in the Grove building at 6:45 PM. Meetings are stand-alone. It is not necessary to be able to attend every meeting. Spread the word about GriefShare.

**SUMMER LUNCH PROGRAM:** **Items Needed:** *Honey Nut Cheerios, 64 oz. Jars or Boxes of 100% Juice, Pizza Sauce, Raisins (any size), Applesauce Cups.* Items can be dropped off Tuesdays from 5:00 to 6:00 PM at St. David's Lutheran Church.

**CARING FOR OUR OWN OFFERING** (Month of August): There are times when personal finances are stretched to the limit, and during these times of unemployment and business closures, paying the bills can become critical for a family. We want to extend our church family's compassion and care by lending a helping hand in time of need to our members. Please give your donations to our Treasurer Harley Hartman or Linda Huggens before or after services. Either way, please indicate that the monies are for the *Caring For Our Own* offering.

**PRAYER REQUESTS:** Please send your prayer requests directly to Pastor Scott either by text (717-880-6082) or e-mail ([pscott8283@comcast.net](mailto:pscott8283@comcast.net)) prior to Sunday, so that he can lift them up during worship.

**YOUR WEEKLY OFFERINGS:** Because of the current COVID-19 situation, the church's mailbox does not get checked daily as in the past. As a safety precaution, rather than mail your offerings to the church, we would ask that you mail them directly to

our church treasurer, Harley Hartman. Please include one Offering Envelop with your mailed checks indicating the manner in which you would like to have your funds applied. Harley's Mailing Address:

**Harley Hartman, 2195 Blackrock Road, Hanover, PA 17331**

Thank you for your continued support of the ministries of St. David's!

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**You are an answer to a prayer!**

What an unprecedented time this is! But through it all, we have remained open, committed to our mission of ensuring that people have their basic needs met, especially in times like this. Since the pandemic began in mid-March, we have:



Helped over 1,700 people from 850 families who had never visited us before, distributed more than \$110,000 for emergency housing assistance and welcomed more than 280 new volunteers! What a blessing! Thank you for your continued support of our neighbors in need.



It's soon back to school time! We are providing school supplies to our guests in need. Please visit our website to find out how you can support our efforts.

**Do you know someone who needs help because of COVID-19?** Maybe someone who cannot find a job, is having a hard time keeping up with their expenses like rent or utility payments, or has been impacted in other ways from the health crisis? If they live in our service area, please let them know that New Hope is here to help! Share our contact information with them today - thank you!

**Wish List:**

- Canned vegetables & fruits
- Canned meats & peanut butter
- Toilet paper
- Personal care items

**Volunteer with us!**

Give us a call, or visit our website, to see how you can volunteer with our New Hope family!

[www.nhm-pa.org](http://www.nhm-pa.org)