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May 14, 2017

Easter Series: Raised with Christ Week 4: We're Peculiar

Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things. For you died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God. When Christ, who is your life, appears, then you also will appear with him in glory. – Colossians 3:1-4

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LEWISTOWN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Mother's Day

May 14, 2017

10:30 AM

Prelude Chorale Prelude on "Nettleton" Iderstine
Toccata on "Nicaea" Smith

Welcome and Announcements

Introit Jesus Loves the Little Children RingLeader

Call to Worship Psalm 23

Leader: The LORD is my shepherd; I lack no good thing.

People: He makes me lie down in green pastures, he leads me beside quiet waters, he refreshes my soul.

Leader: He guides me along the right paths for his name's sake.

People: Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

Leader: You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies. You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

People: Surely your goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

* **Hymn #171** (blue) The King of Love, My Shepherd Is

* **Prayer of Confession** Memorial Drive Presbyterian

O Holy God, forgive us for failing to live our lives in faithful obedience to You. We often turn our backs on the opportunities You place before us to share Your love and grace. Our lives are filled with fear. We are afraid of the unknown, afraid of what is beyond our

understanding, and afraid of what might happen if we truly turn control of our lives over to You. You've sent us into the world to be Your disciples, but fear seems to stop us in our tracks and hinder our actions.

Empower us, O Lord, to be faithful in all that we say and do. Grant us the courage to step out in faith and go where You send us. With faith-filled hearts and open hands, help us to set aside our fears, and walk confidently on the paths where You lead us.

Silent Prayers of Confession

Assurance of God's Forgiveness

Children's Sermon

Anthem

On Jordan's Stormy Banks

Fargason

Pastoral Prayer

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, forever. Amen.

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory The King of Love My Shepherd Is

Wood

* Doxology #591 (blue hymnal)

* Prayer of Dedication

*** Song**

Grace Alone

1. Every promise we can make,
Every prayer and step of faith,
Every difference we can make, is only by His grace.
Every mountain we will climb,
Every ray of hope we shine,
Every blessing left behind, is only by his grace.

Chorus:

*Grace alone, which God supplies,
Strength unknown, He will provide.
Christ in us our cornerstone,
We will go forth in grace alone.*

2. Every soul we long to reach,
Every heart we hope to teach,
Everywhere we share his peace, is only by his grace.
Every loving word we say, every tear we wipe away,
Every sorrow turned to praise, is only by his grace.

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*** Song**

Hymn of Promise

1. In the bulb there is a flower;
In the seed, an apple tree;
In cocoons, a hidden promise:
The butterflies will soon be free!
In the cold and snow of winter
There's a spring that waits to be,
Unrevealed until its season,
Something God alone can see.
2. There's a song in every silence,
Seeking word and melody;
There's a dawn in every darkness,
Bringing hope to you and me.
From the past will come the future;
What it holds, a mystery,
Unrevealed until its season,
Something God alone can see.
3. In our end is our beginning;
In our time, infinity;
In our doubt there is believing;
In our life, eternity.
In our death, a resurrection;
At the last, a victory,
Unrevealed until its season,
Something God alone can see.

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Scripture Reading

1 Peter 2:9-25

Sermon

We're Peculiar

Pastoral Prayer

* **Hymn #388** (blue)

O Jesus I Have Promised

* **Benediction**

* **Closing Chorus**

He is Lord

*He is Lord, He is Lord, He is risen from the dead
And He is Lord. Every knee shall bow
Every tongue confess; that Jesus Christ is Lord.*

Postlude

If God Himself Be for Me

Wood

SERVING IN WORSHIP

Accompanist: Joan Loewen

Introit: Children's Bell Choir: Leah Riden, director

Liturgist: Devon Thomas

Next Week: Nick Smith

Acolyte: Alex and Lucas Garner

Children's Chat: Joan Loewen

Next Week: Lynn Curry

Anthem: Chancel Choir; Doug Garner, director

Ushers: Sue Garner (lead usher), Danny and Alex Garner,
Maryann and Annalise Haines, Ryan Fultz

Children's Church: Donis and Jimmy Zagurskie

Next Week: Lynn Curry and Margo Reeder

Infants/Preschool: Karen McCurdy and Olivia Smith

Next Week: Cathy McClenahen and Karissa Zagurskie

Deacon for the Month: Ginny Westover

Preaching: Pastor James Thomas

Counters: Lisa Snyder and Ginny Westover

Next Week: Kari Cullen and Maryann Haines

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME! If you are visiting with us, please sign the Visitors' Register and pick up a Welcome Bag in the narthex. Children's activity bags, Bibles, large print hymnals and hearing devices are available from the ushers. Childcare through age four is available throughout the service.

COMMUNITY VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL: The theme for VBS this year is "A Mighty Fortress" and the location will be the First Methodist Church. Lewistown Presbyterian is responsible for teaching the Bible stories each evening. If you love to share God's word with children, please let us know! We are also responsible for Monday's snack of Victory Trail Mix (recipe will be provided). If you can help with these or other VBS needs, please speak to Ginny Westover or contact the church office and let us know.

YOUTH GROUP NEWS: Youth group for youth in grades 6-12 is held Sunday evenings from 6 – 7:30 on the third floor of the church. However, please note the following schedule changes:

- There will be no youth group meeting this evening in honor of Mother's Day.
- Next week, May 21, the youth will meet at 6 PM at the Lewistown Christian and Missionary Alliance Church on the Lewistown Terrace for a worship service sponsored by the Mifflin County High School's Fellowship of Christian Athletes. Our own Nick Smith will be one of the speakers. Following the service, the group will go to Sweet Frog in Burnham for a celebration of our 2017 High School graduates. Pick up time is 8:30 at Sweet Frog.

MEDICAL VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: Krislund Camp and Conference center is in need of volunteers to provide a medical presence during their summer camping program. If you are or know of an RN, LPN, PA, doctor or EMT who could help, please contact the Camp at 814-422-8878 or click on the "volunteer" tab at www.krislund.org. Medical volunteers are housed in the air-conditioned cabins with private bathrooms.

CHURCH PICNIC: Mark your calendars! The annual church picnic at Derry Township (Kish) Park is scheduled for July 11 at the green pavilion!

SNACK COLLECTION: Donations of snacks for LUMINA and Backyard ministries can be placed in the box in the Narthex.

FAITH FESTIVAL: The annual Faith Festival sponsored by local churches will be held at the Mifflin County Library grounds on Saturday, May 20 from 10 AM – 2 PM. The Community Band will be playing from 10 – 11, Evangel Baptist's praise band from 11-noon, and local bluegrass gospel group, Dry Bones, will be performing at noon. Churches will have booths with information, food, and activities for all!

WEEK OF CARING: The Lewistown Area Week of Caring is slated for July 31 – August 4 from 9 AM – 3 PM each day. Both skilled and unskilled labor is needed as local churches work together to bless our neighbors. Scheduled projects include painting, deck construction, fencing and yard clean-up. You can register to help for any part of the week at fumclewistown.org.

SMALL GROUP MINISTRY: Many small group are available to encourage you in your faith:

- **Adult Sunday Morning Study** meets in the church parlor on Sundays at 9 and is studying He Chose the Nails: What God Did to Win Your Heart by Max Lucado. All are welcome to join this very meaningful study led by Pat Brown.
- **Youth Sunday Morning Study** is continuing to study the life of David and what it means to be a person after God's heart. They meet on the third floor at 9 AM. All youth in grades 6-12 are welcome!
- **Sunday Afternoon Study:** This Small group on the first Sunday of each month for ongoing learning and encouragement. They meet in the parlor following the worship service.
- **Wednesday Morning Group:** The Wednesday Morning Group that meets at 6:30 AM at the manse is beginning a new study by Ann Voskamp called The Broken Way.

GRADUATE AND TEACHER RECOGNITION: Next week we will be honoring our graduates during the worship service and with a reception following worship. We will also take the opportunity to say thank you to our teachers.

PRESCHOOL GRADUATION: Our preschool classes will be celebrating their graduations on Tuesday, May 16 for the morning class, and Wednesday, May 17 for the afternoon class. These graduation services demonstrate much of the good work that is done in our school. You are encouraged to witness the energy and excitement of the graduates and to encourage their parents and families by attending one or both of these services.

PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION: Our preschool and nursery schools are accepting registrations for the 2017-2018 school year. Please encourage friends and family to consider our school. Also let them know that the afternoon preschool class has been moved one half hour earlier to accommodate parents who also have children in elementary schools.

BABY BOTTLE BOOMERANG: You can participate in Crossroads Pregnancy Center's fund-raiser by taking home a baby bottle "bank" and filling it with your loose change (or bills if you choose!) and then returning it on Father's Day, June 19.

SABBATH AWAY: The State College Presbyterian Church is hosting Dr. Tony Leach and members of the Essence of Joy Choir at the McCann School of Art in Alexandria for an afternoon of reflection on the power of emotion in spirituality from 2 - 6 PM on May 21. There will also be time for personal reflection and prayer.

YOUR CHURCH OFFICERS:

- **The Session** is responsible for the leadership of various aspects of the church's ministry. The following is a list of all your currently-serving elders & their respective committee responsibilities:
 - **Moderator:** Pastor Thomas
 - **Clerk:** Susan Ferguson
 - **Property:** Carole Auker, Dave Noss, Glenn Snyder
 - **Christian Education:** Pauli Belfiore, Susan Ferguson
 - **Fellowship:** Bill Sisson & Ruth Fisher
 - **Mission & Evangelism:** Amy Smith & Donis Zagurskie
 - **Music/Worship:** Sue Garner & Cole Cullen
 - **Nursery/Preschool:** Pat Brown & Tara Reeder
 - **Stewardship:** Ed Curry & Lonnie Griffith
- **The Deacons** are responsible for caring ministries of the church. If you know of someone who needs special attention, please contact them. They are: Gerri Aitkin - Moderator, Lynn Curry, Tom Gross, Marilyn Miller, Leah Riden, Elaine Siddons, Lisa Snyder, Janie Welshans, Larry Welshans, Ginny Westover and Carol Zorn.

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE

1 Peter 2:9-25

⁹ But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light. ¹⁰ Once you were not a people, but now you are the people of God; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

¹¹ Dear friends, I urge you, as foreigners and exiles, to abstain from sinful desires, which wage war against your soul. ¹² Live such good lives among the pagans that, though they accuse you of doing wrong, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day he visits us.

¹³ Submit yourselves for the Lord's sake to every human authority: whether to the emperor, as the supreme authority, ¹⁴ or to governors, who are sent by him to punish those who do wrong and to commend those who do right. ¹⁵ For it is God's will that by doing good you should silence the ignorant talk of foolish people. ¹⁶ Live as free people, but do not use your freedom as a cover-up for evil; live as God's slaves. ¹⁷ Show proper respect to everyone, love the family of believers, fear God, honor the emperor.

¹⁸ Slaves, in reverent fear of God submit yourselves to your masters, not only to those who are good and considerate, but also to those who are harsh. ¹⁹ For it is commendable if someone bears up under the pain of unjust suffering because they are conscious of God. ²⁰ But how is it to your credit if you receive a beating for doing wrong and endure it? But if you suffer for doing good and you endure it, this is commendable before God. ²¹ To this you were called, because Christ suffered for you, leaving you an example, that you should follow in his steps.

²² "He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth."

²³ When they hurled their insults at him, he did not retaliate; when he suffered, he made no threats. Instead, he entrusted himself to him who judges justly. ²⁴ "He himself bore our sins" in his body on the cross, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; "by his wounds you have been healed." ²⁵ For "you were like sheep going astray," but now you have returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

May 14 – May 21, 2017

TODAY, May 14 Mother's Day

- 9:00 AM New Member's Class
- 9:00 AM Small Group Study-parlor
- 9:00 AM Teen Bible Study
- 10:30 AM Worship Service

MONDAY, May 15

- 11:30 AM Prayer Ministry
- 6:00 PM Joy Seekers
- 7:00 PM Boy Scouts

TUESDAY, May 16

- 4:00 PM Backyard Club at Woodlawn
- 7:00 PM Morning Preschool Class Graduation

WEDNESDAY, May 17

- 6:30 AM Small Group Study at the manse
- 7:00 PM Afternoon Preschool Class Graduation

THURSDAY, May 18

PANORAMA DEADLINE

SUNDAY, May 21 Graduation Sunday

- 9:00 AM New Member's Class
- 9:00 AM Small Group Study-parlor
- 9:00 AM Teen Bible Study
- 10:30 AM Worship Service
- 11:30 AM Graduate Reception
- 11:30 AM Choir Rehearsal
- 6:00 PM Fellowship of Christian Athletes service at Lewistown CMA
- 7:45 PM (approx.) Youth meet at Sweet Frog for Celebration of Graduates

GIVING REPORT AS OF 5/7/17

Weekly Need:	\$3,265.14	YTD Need:	\$62,038.16
Last Week:	\$4,227.00	YTD Received:	\$61,916.29