

Announcements and Upcoming Events

The flowers are given by Bill and Evelyn Hart to the glory of God and in honor of the engagement of their granddaughter, Elizabeth to Garrett Herr.

June 14, 6 p.m., **Deacons**

June 21, 6:45 p.m., **Session**

June 26 through June 28, 9 am to Noon. **VBS.**

July 1 to July 8, **Mission Trip.** Please keep the Mission Team in your prayers for safe travels, safety on the worksite and for opportunities to share Jesus and his love.

July 2, 10 a.m. **Combined Worship Service with the River Churches at Holcombe-Jimison Farmstead Museum.** Please bring a side dish to share.

July 17 to July 21, 9 am to Noon. **Summer Art Camp.** We are collecting paper towel and toilet paper rolls, cardboard egg cartons, clean gallon jugs and coffee cans with lids.



Traveling 500 miles to find your soulmate? Priceless.
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Communion Liturgy

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

The Invitation to the Table

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts

We lift them up to the Lord.

Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised.

Let us give thanks unto the Lord our God.

...who forever sing to the glory of your name.

CHOIR: 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, hosanna in the highest.

Great is the mystery of our faith:

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

The Words of Institution

The Sharing of the Bread

The Sharing of the Cup

(You are invited forward to receive the elements.)

Prayer

Session:

Class of 2017
Barbara Matlack
Randy Niederer

Class of 2018
Patti Manz
Tim Shaub

Class of 2019
Mark Niederer
Kristine Schmidt, Clerk

Deacons:

Class of 2017
Judy Niederer, Secretary

Class of 2018
Gail Butterfoss
Lettie Ritner, Vice-Moderator

Class of 2019
Chris Manz, Moderator

Ministers: All members of Titusville Church

Pastor: Rev. Kenneth Good

Worship Assistant: Randy Niederer

Music Directors: Jon and Helen Eastburn

The Rev. Dr. R. William Shaub, Pastor Emeritus
Barbara Matlack, Office Administrator

June 11, 2017

THE EXTRAORDINARY

GOD'S MAJESTIC WORK of REUNIFICATION & ADOPTION

Let us worship God!

Today is a story of journey. In the Extraordinary, Eliezer travels on Abraham's behalf to find a wife for his son. Mission accomplished!

Memorable trips are made when we encounter what we set out to find.

In our journey we are called to bear witness to Jesus Christ. We bear his name. Stephen teaches us that enduring earthly end is a way we

become like Christ and see his glory. Today, we have a gift as we journey: we meet our Lord at the Table. The table nourishes us this Trinity Sunday, as we bless the One God in three persons.



Call to Worship

I bind unto myself today
The strong name of the Trinity,
By invocation of the same,
The Three in One and One in Three.
I bind this day to me for ever,
By power of faith, Christ's Incarnation;
His baptism in the Jordan River;
His death on cross for my salvation;
His bursting from the spiced tomb;
His riding up the heavenly way;
His coming at the day of doom;
I bind unto myself today.
I bind unto myself the name,
The strong name of the Trinity;
By invocation of the same.
The Three in One, and One in Three,
Of whom all nature hath creation,
Eternal Father, Spirit, Word:
Praise to the Lord of my salvation,
salvation is of Christ the Lord.

Verses 1,2 and 9 from the Breastplate of St. Patrick

Prayer of Confession

Against the demon snares of sin,
The vice that gives temptation force,
The natural lusts that war within,
The hostile men that mar my course;
Or few or many, far or nigh,
In every place and in all hours
Against their fierce hostility,
I bind to me these holy powers.

Against all Satan's spells and wiles,
Against false words of heresy,
Against the knowledge that defiles,
Against the heart's idolatry,
Against the wizard's evil craft,
Against the death-wound and the burning
The choking wave and the poisoned shaft,

Protect me, Christ, till thy returning.
I bind unto myself the name,
The strong name of the Trinity;
By invocation of the same.
The Three in One, and One in Three

Let us pause for a silent time of personal confession...

Stanzas 6 and 7 from Breastplate of St. Patrick



Order of Liturgy

Prelude

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***Opening Hymn** / Prayer (page 1)

Confession (page 1)

—call, prayer, assurance

*Gloria patri

Scripture (page 1)

Message

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*New City Catechism (page 2)

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Prayers of the People

Offering "I Will Come to You"

*Doxology

Communion (page 4)

***Sending Hymn** (page 1)

Benediction

Choral Benediction: "I Will Come to You"

*Please stand if able

Scripture

Psalm 129 (page 442)

Genesis 24 (page 15)

Acts 6-7 (page 774)

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Songs for Today

Opening Hymn

#682 "Guide Me O Thou Great Jehovah"

Hymn of Response

#680 "All The Way My Savior Leads Me"

Sending Hymn

#666 "A Charge to Keep I Have"

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Notes on Morning Scripture

Genesis

2 the senior servant is not mentioned by name, but many scholars suggest it was Eliezer, whose name means, God is My Help. Eliezer is mentioned in Genesis 15 as Abraham's heir.

10 town of Nahor: Abraham's brother is introduced in Genesis 11:27 and his family line is detailed in 22:20-24

22 the nose ring weighed a quarter of an ounce and the bracelets weighed four ounces.

45 Rebecca's name mean, "to tie, to couple, to join"

Acts

6:1 hellenistic jews were jewish in race and greek in culture. Most communities existing in biblical times were found in Greece, modern Turkey and Egypt.

10 see Matthew 10:19

15 see II Corinthians 3:12-18

7:16 Machpelah tomb we read in Genesis 23

7:59 Jesus said same words, see Luke 23:46

7:60 see John 20:23

Web Link

http://www.thisischurch.com/christian_teaching/lectionary_bible_notes/lectionarybiblenotesyeara/trinitysundayyeara.htm liturgy prepared for Trinity Sunday by a Methodist Church in England

<http://www.louvre.fr/en/oeuvre-notices/eliezer-and-rebecca> famous paintings by Nicholas Poussin

<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Rebecca> provides a very helpful family tree of the Patriarchs at the bottom of the page

<https://vimeo.com/31700217> highly respected theologian N.T. Wright reviews the "sweep of Scripture"

<http://www.bible-history.com/links.php?cat=39&sub=758> information on dowries in biblical times.

<http://www.artbible.info/art/large/682.html> paintings of the Stoning of Stephen

<https://coatofmanycolors.net/2013/06/14/matchmaking-of-the-patriarchs-finding-a-bride-for-isaac/> you can navigate from this page to other articles on why the oath takes place on Abraham's thigh and if Eliezer is the unnamed servant.

New City Catechism

A 52 question catechism developed by Redeemer Presbyterian Church in New York. For an introduction to this catechism, visit: <http://www.newcitycatechism.com/intro.php>

Part 2: Christ, Redemption, Grace

Week 25 Does Christ's death mean all our sins can be forgiven?

Answer: Yes, because Christ's death on the cross fully paid the penalty for our sin, God graciously imputes Christ's righteousness to us as if it were our own and will remember our sins no more.

To learn more about Question 25, including Scripture background, prayer, commentary and video from scholars, visit <http://newcitycatechism.com/new-city-catechism/25>

Editorial: The Right Road

Place yourself in Eliezer's shoes. You were the senior servant in Abraham's estate. You have been faithful to him throughout his travels, struggles, prosperity and blessing. You watched as Isaac was promised, and when Sarah finally brought him forth. You remember him as a young child, running around the tribe. You helped teach him and shape him. You recall when he joined his father in the journey to Moriah. You observed how he was upon return. You wept with him as he grieved his mother's death.

Now master Abraham has a job for you. You are tasked to travel to his homeland and find Isaac a wife. Think about that: Abraham has charged you with quite an amazing mandate. "Don't let him marry a Canaanite", your master warns. Abraham reasoned that this Canaanite land will be Isaac's, but his wife was to come from the home of his upbringing.

You agree to the task, clarify what is required of you and make an oath. And before you know it, you've packed ten camels full of goods and treasures and you begin your long journey.

This journey takes you to the town of Abraham's brother. When Abraham first left Ur of the Chaldees, he and his wife traveled with Abraham's father and nephew. One of his brothers had died in Ur. Nahor stayed behind and did not travel with his father.

Upon arriving at Nahor's village, Eliezer prays. He had made the journey, and now his job is before him. "Lord, God of my Master Abraham, make me successful today, show kindness to my master Abraham". Eliezer then sets up some "guidelines" for God to use when revealing his answer---but God answers Eliezer's prayer before he is even finished. The woman that God sends is beautiful, diligent and pure. This causes Eliezer to hurry to meet her and offer his gifts. He then waits quietly to watch God reveal his plan. God's good work will bring success to Eliezer.

Eliezer then offers his testimony to Rebekah's family, hoping that they will also affirm the hand of God. In his request to bring Rebekah back to Isaac, Eliezer worships the LORD. The LORD had led Eliezer on the right road.

What did this right road provide to Eliezer? He experiences fellowship with Rebekah's family. Being on the right road allowed Eliezer to have good boundaries and to negotiate the next steps with Rebekah's family. He witnesses Rebekah's family give her their blessing. And he watches Rebecca drop her life to follow this man back to Isaac. What outstanding faith Rebekah displays! Blessed, she goes forth into her new life and the LORD's blessing.

Imagine being in Eliezer's shoes as he introduced Isaac to his bride. Being blessed, she blesses Isaac. And she receives his love. Rebekah helps bring healing to the promised son. All of these things speak to the right road prepared by the LORD.

Prayers to the Lord and Author of Life (offered in 6/11 worship by the congregation)

Dear Tabby, Raising Life (issues) Acts 9:36

Dear Tabby,

I wonder about the role I play in my local congregation. What I do doesn't seem important.

Limited in Lambertville

Dear Limited,

Luke tells us that the Apostles were involved in the daily distribution of food, in addition to their "attention to prayer and the ministry of the Word". The Apostles set the qualification for table waiting (which at first glance might seem like menial work): the table waiters were to be full of the Holy Spirit and full of wisdom. These qualifications teach us there is no work that cannot be important when offered to the glory of God. All work (even what is perceived as less, unimportant or tedious) to be done right, requires the presence of the Spirit and the wisdom of God.

The wonderful thing is when the qualifications were clearly communicated, "the proposal pleased the whole group" (6:5). To speak to what you've brought forth: if you approach your role with the Holy Spirit and wisdom, it will please your congregation and they will affirm the importance of a job well done.

The Apostles felt the table waiting was so important. After clearly communicating their expectations for the job, they prayed for the table waiters, and they laid their hands upon them to commission them.

My suggestion is to join someone in prayer regarding your role in the congregation. You'll be blessed when you remember that someone spoke with Almighty God about your work.

When the congregation is pleased to announce the Spirit's presence upon daily work, and identifies our need for wisdom, and prays for one another, we will start to see the Lord of the Church at work. His work is good! In the Book of Acts, Luke identifies three outcomes:

1. The word of God spread
2. The number of disciples increased rapidly
3. A large number of priests became obedient to the faith

The primary outcome is the word of God spreads. This should be our focus during every job on behalf of the congregation. There is paradox in the other two outcomes. When God's word spreads, there are new followers and those already established in faith (perhaps even stuck in routine and comfort) grow in their obedience. The new and old join together to promise God.