

## Announcements and Upcoming Events

The flowers are given by Ken Allen to the glory of God and in memory of Roberta.

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.

### Gloria patri

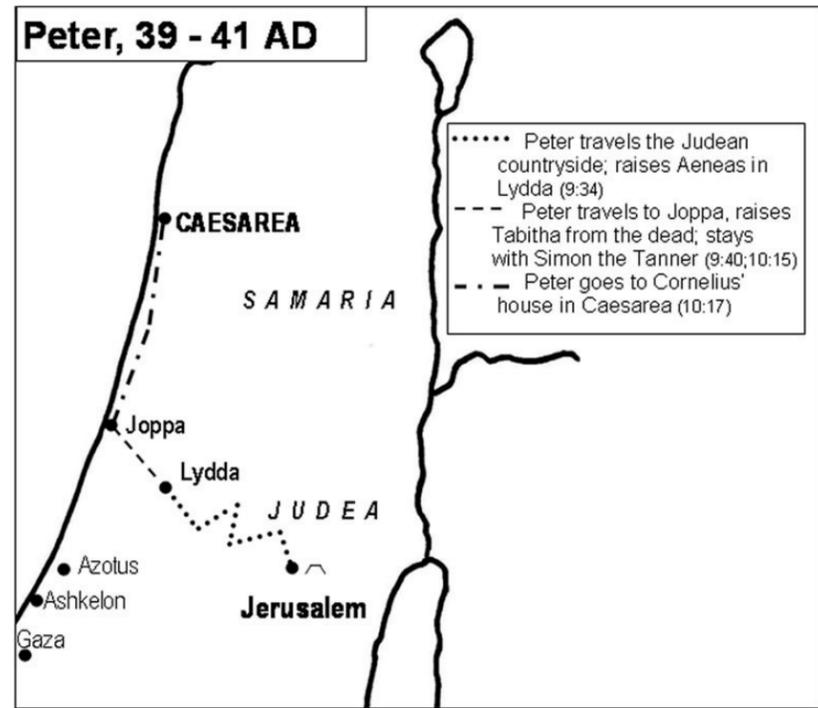
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,  
and to the Holy Ghost.  
As it was in the beginning, is now,  
and ever shall be  
— world without end.  
Amen, amen.

### 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 Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again from the dead, he ascended into heaven, and is seated 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 Ghost, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen

### Doxology

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!



Mapping the stories of Acts 9 and 10

#### 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: Patti Manz

Music Directors: Jon and Helen Eastburn

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

July 9, 2017



Let us worship God this 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time. In our extraordinary story, we see Isaac returning to the deceptive practice his father had long ago introduced. We read the story of Peter, who overcomes his initial fear to proclaim Jesus to the Gentiles (those outside God's

covenant with Israel). These two stories remind us that we are to live by faith, and not by sight. One story is full of conflict and opposition. The other is full of reconciliation and the Holy Spirit's power.



### Call to Worship

After the Lord appeared to Isaac in Beersheba, he affirmed his promise to bless Abraham's son. "Isaac built an altar there and called on the name of the LORD. There he pitched his tent, and there his servants dug a well."

Lord, we gather in this special place to call on your name. We thank you that we can make home in this part of your world, that we have work to do, and that we can worship you today; here and all the places your gospel takes us.

### Prayer of Confession

Gracious Lord,  
You have invited the weary and burdened to come to you. We come. O Lord, I come. We come and learn from you. We seek your gentleness and humility. May we find our rest in you. Free us from the conflict and opposition we have created within ourselves and toward others. Move us toward the room we find in you, Lord Jesus: Your yoke is easy and your burden is light.

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



### Order of Liturgy

- Prelude
- \*Call to Worship (below)
- \*Opening Hymns (below)/ Prayer
- Confession (below)
  - call, prayer, assurance
- \*Gloria patri (back page)
- Scripture (below)
- Message
- \*Hymn of Response (below)
- \*Apostles Creed (back page)
- \*New City Catechism (inside, bottom left-hand)
- Announcements
- Prayers of the People
- Offering
- Offertory: "God With Us"
- \*Doxology (back page)
- \*Sending Hymn (below)
- Benediction
- Choral Benediction: "Spirit of the Living God"

\*Please stand if able

### Scripture

Psalms 133 (page 442)  
Genesis 26 (page 18)  
Acts 10 (page 778)

The Word of the Lord.  
Thanks be to God.

### Songs for Today

- Opening Hymns
- Insert "Men of Faith Raise Up and Sing"
- Hymn of Response
- #428 "In Christ There Is No East or West"
- Sending Hymn
- #517 "I Will Sing of My Redeemer"



## Notes on Morning Scripture

### Genesis

Vs1 Is this the same Abimelek that dealt with Abraham? It seems to be, he is also mentioned in other literature beyond Scripture.

Vs 7 The third “she is my sister” story of the Bible, also in Genesis 12 and 20.

Vs 18 Wells previously mentioned in the Bible include Hagar finding water, Abraham and Abimelek negotiating the use of a well, and Eliezer meeting Rebekah at the well in Haran.

Vs 20 Conflict with water led to Abraham and Lot’s servants parting ways. See Genesis 13.

Vs 20-22 The names and meanings of the wells include: Esek (dispute), Sitnam (opposition), and Rehoboth (room)

### Acts

Vs 1 Roman centurions led 100 Roman soldiers. A legion was made up of 60 centuries. Centurions received five times the pay as normal soldiers. They were respected members of the Roman Army.

Vs 12 unclean animals are listed in Leviticus 11 and Deuteronomy to eat them made the worshipper ceremonially unclean to offer sacrifices.

Vs 41 see I Corinthians 15:1-11

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## Web Link

<http://www.biblestudytools.com/dictionary/clean-unclean/> helpful article on what the Bible teaches about being clean or unclean

<https://thewaterproject.org/water-crisis/water-in-crisis-middle-east> tells of current water shortage dynamics in the region

<https://enduringword.com/bible-commentary/acts-10/> helpful background commentary on Acts 10

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0BQb48TqFbg> Franklin Graham shares about his compulsion to share the gospel

<http://www.desiringgod.org/articles/then-the-end-will-come> preaching the gospel to the nations

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## 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 28 What happens after death to those not united to Christ by faith?

**Answer: At the day of judgment they will receive the fearful but just sentence of condemnation pronounced against them. They will be cast out from the favorable presence of God, into hell, to be justly and grievously punished, forever.**

To learn more about Question 28, including Scripture background, prayer, commentary and video from scholars, visit <http://newcitycatechism.com/new-city-catechism/#28>

## Editorial: Gentiles

In Acts 10, we begin the third phase of gospel announcement that Jesus introduced in Acts 1:8. The gospel was announced first to Jerusalem, then to Judea and Samaria, and today, to the gentiles. The Gentiles are the people (nations) that weren’t Jewish. They were outside the covenant.

We sometimes forget that we have been included in God’s covenant through adoption. Here is a reading from Ephesians 2, which includes a familiar, famous phrase from the Bible, followed by a selection on how Gentiles and Jews were made a new spiritual family through Jesus Christ.

*2 As for you, you were dead in your transgressions and sins, <sup>2</sup> in which you used to live when you followed the ways of this world and of the ruler of the kingdom of the air, the spirit who is now at work in those who are disobedient. <sup>3</sup> All of us also lived among them at one time, gratifying the cravings of our flesh<sup>[a]</sup> and following its desires and thoughts. Like the rest, we were by nature deserving of wrath. <sup>4</sup> But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, <sup>5</sup> made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions—it is by grace you have been saved. <sup>6</sup> And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus, <sup>7</sup> in order that in the coming ages he might show the incomparable riches of his grace, expressed in his kindness to us in Christ Jesus. <sup>8</sup> For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God— <sup>9</sup> not by works, so that no one can boast. <sup>10</sup> For we are God’s handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.*

*<sup>11</sup> Therefore, remember that formerly you who are Gentiles by birth and called “uncircumcised” by those who call themselves “the circumcision” (which is done in the body by human hands)— <sup>12</sup> remember that at that time you were separate from Christ, excluded from citizenship in Israel and foreigners to the covenants of the promise, without hope and without God in the world. <sup>13</sup> But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far away have been brought near by the blood of Christ.*

*<sup>14</sup> For he himself is our peace, who has made the two groups one and has destroyed the barrier, the dividing wall of hostility, <sup>15</sup> by setting aside in his flesh the law with its commands and regulations. His purpose was to create in himself one new humanity out of the two, thus making peace, <sup>16</sup> and in one body to reconcile both of them to God through the cross, by which he put to death their hostility. <sup>17</sup> He came and preached peace to you who were far away and peace to those who were near. <sup>18</sup> For through him we both have access to the Father by one Spirit.*

*<sup>19</sup> Consequently, you are no longer foreigners and strangers, but fellow citizens with God’s people and also members of his household, <sup>20</sup> built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the chief cornerstone. <sup>21</sup> In him the whole building is joined together and rises to become a holy temple in the Lord. <sup>22</sup> And in him you too are being built together to become a dwelling in which God lives by his Spirit.*

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## Prayers to the Lord and Author of Life (offered in 7/9 worship by the congregation)

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

Dear Tabby,

Any thoughts on building a good life?

Mum in Mercer

Dear Mum,

Sure! There are some 1100 chapters in Scripture that can direct you, but let’s see what we find in just one of the chapters: Genesis 26.

The chapter starts out with a famine: a reminder that there are days of refreshment and seasons of challenge. The righteous shall not worry in the year of drought, for there is always work to be done (Jeremiah 17:8). Not everything will always be smooth, but we can know the goodness of God each day.

First, remember that you are part of a story bigger than yourself. Isaac heard God’s reaffirmation of his promise to Abraham. All that Isaac was to experience was “because Abraham obeyed me and did everything I required of him, keeping my commands, my decrees and my instructions” (26:6). We build on the legacy of Christian faith that existed prior to us.

Second, try to avoid repeating bad habits and patterns, because they bring harm, not only to you, but to others. The story of Isaac using his father’s “She is my sister trick” had brought harm the first time to Abimelek’s family, and this was not lost on him when Isaac tries the same thing. So rather than pull out the tricks from the past that got you by, build something constructive with today.

Third, when there is abundance, receive it as a gift from the Lord. Because there are Philistines in this world trying to undo what you’ve done (26:15) for a wide variety of reasons. So, work well, and when you experience blessing from it, praise the Lord.

Fourth, use your space well. Bonhoeffer taught that Christians must use alone time well in order to benefit from community. Isaac’s agricultural prosperity brought tension with the local tribes, and he named his wells “conflict” and “opposition”. But when he found enough space away from the conflict and opposition, he named a well, “room”. Sometimes a little space allows for a little flourishing.

Fifth, rely on God’s promises in Scripture. Call on the name of the LORD in the place where you pitch your tent and do your work.

Sixth, keep integrity within your relationships. Isaac had ups and downs in his relationship with Abimelek, but in a time of trial, Abimelek came to him to work out a good relationship.

Finally, enjoy a good surprise or two along the way. “We found water!” the servants reported to Isaac. This surprise brought life itself to his household. Our Lord is full of grace and truth.