

## Contemporary Worship at 9:30

Jim Ruchalski - Worship Leader  
 Joey Dastra, Samuel Longmire, Jonathan Thorbahn,  
 Amanda Newell, Renee Pedersen, Barb St. John - Praise Band

“Your Love Never Fails”

Welcome

Scripture: Romans 10: 5-13

“Forever”

“O Praise the Name”

“Forever Reign”

Prayer

Scripture: Luke 10: 25-37

“Go and Love Likewise”  
 Pastor Joe DiPaolo

Offering

Holy Communion

“How Great is Our God”

Blessing

Greeters: Brenda Troop, Wendy Thorbahn, Hollis Thorbahn

Tech Crew: Lamont Cooke, Lincoln Newell, Chris Reindollar

**EGG HUNT AT FIRST UMC! This Saturday, April 13th!** Registration begins at 12:30 PM and hunting begins at 1:00! This event is open to all children 5th grade and under. You may pre-register on our website!

**We still need helpers on the day of the Hunt** for hiding eggs, supervision, and registration beginning at noon. Please sign up in the Gathering Place or Celebration Center! Or on our website ([www.engagegodfirst.org](http://www.engagegodfirst.org)) under the “Events” tab.

**WE WANT YOU...** Our 9:30 service is in need of YOUR GIFTS! The Contemporary Worship Service continues to grow, and we know there are many of you with a heart to give back. We encourage everyone to share their gifts and help grow God’s Kingdom! We need ushers, greeters, communion preparers, artists, musicians, singers, slide presentation, lighting, pray-ers... no gift is too small when it’s in God’s hands! If you’re interested, please attend an informational meeting next Sunday April 14th in Celebration Center at 11 AM. Our interim worship leader, Jim Ruchalski, will discuss the many different ways that you can be involved. Come see what being a part of the worship family is all about! Please sign up by emailing [office@engagegodfirst.org](mailto:office@engagegodfirst.org) so we have an idea of how many are coming.



You may use this QR code to give to the ministries and special offerings at First UMC! After connecting, you will see a drop down box to select the specific ministry you wish to support, and a confirmation email will be sent for your records. Thank you for your support of First UMC!

**WELCOMING ALL TO OUR CHURCH** – As many of you know the recent General Conference in St. Louis, decided to reaffirm traditional biblical teaching on marriage and sexuality. Many within our congregation agree with that reaffirmation, while others do not. We all agree, however, that First Church is and will remain a place that invites and welcomes all. The Sacred Worth Team, a group within our church which advocates for LGBTQ+ concerns, has rainbow ribbons available at both Gathering Place and Celebration Center Welcome Desks, for those who desire to wear them as a sign of solidarity and welcome.

**PILGRIMAGE TO ISRAEL** - Pastor Joe will lead a pilgrimage to Israel in late January 2020! During the ten day trip you will visit holy locations in Bethlehem, Nazareth, and Jerusalem. You will ride on the Sea of Galilee and visit the ancient city of Jericho, as well as Herod's fortress at Masada. You will have the opportunity to talk with local Jewish leaders, Palestinian leaders, and journalists to hear the various thoughts on the current political struggles. And you could take an extra four days into Jordan to visit Petra and Hebron! Your heart and mind and spirit will be enriched as you travel to the land where Jesus and the prophets and disciples lived and worked. If you are interested or would like more information as it becomes available, please contact Katherine Spear and she will keep you up to date as information is finalized! ([kgs.130@gmail.com](mailto:kgs.130@gmail.com) or 717-394-7231 ext 3304)

### Local Missions of First Church

**Anchorage Breakfast Ministry** – An ecumenical ministry hosted here at First UMC, which feeds 150+ persons per day, Monday to Friday, all year long. Patty Eastep is the Director ([www.anchoragebreakfast.org](http://www.anchoragebreakfast.org))

**Discovery Corner Preschool** – Offers loving care and education of preschoolers in age- appropriate skills, and knowledge of the Bible. Libby Barringer is our Director. ([www.discoverycornerpreschool.org](http://www.discoverycornerpreschool.org))

**LUMINA (Lancaster United Methodist Inner-City Alliance)** – A cooperative mission project that provides resources, education and support for our neighbors who experience poverty and hardship; First Church member Coreen Russo is Executive Director ([www.luminaoutreach.org](http://www.luminaoutreach.org))

**MANIFEST** - A Partnership of Lancaster City’s United Methodist churches, LUMINA, and IMPACT! Missions. Manifest is a housing rehab ministry that transform blighted properties into decent, affordable homes for low -income buyers, increase home ownership, & stabilizes neighborhoods

### First United Methodist Church

Lead Pastor: Rev. Joseph DiPaolo  
 Pastor: Rev. Janet Saddel

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## First United Methodist Church

**Our Vision**  
 To be a central hub of Christian ministry in Lancaster County & beyond

**Our Mission:**  
 Connect people to Jesus Christ & the church, grow Christian disciples, & relieve suffering

April 7, 2019  
 Fifth Sunday in Lent

\* please stand if able

Prelude *Holy Manna* arr. Karen Thompson  
*Holy, Holy, Holy* arr. Kevin McChesney  
 Youth Handbell Choir- Peter Omundsen, Director

Announcements & Greeting

(10:45) Introit *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*  
 Chancel Choir- Brian Norcross, Director

\*Call to Worship

With what shall we come before the Lord?  
**Shall we come with vast offerings and make great sacrifices?**  
 The Lord has told you what is good:  
**To do justice, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with our God!**  
*Based on Micah 6:6-8*

\*Hymn *Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty* No. 64

Common Prayer Liturgist

**Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hidden. Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Scripture Reading **Romans 10:5-13** Pew Bibles, NT, p.149  
 The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

(8:15) Anthem *Shine On Us* Smith/arr. Harlan  
 Chapel Choir - Peter Omundsen, Director  
 Judy Williams, piano

(10:45) Anthem *O Love* Elaine Hagenburg  
 Chancel Choir- Brian Norcross, Director

Concerns of the People

Pastoral Prayer

\*Hymn *Come Down, O Love Divine* No. 475

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading **Luke 10: 25-37** Pew Bibles, NT, p.67

Sermon *Go and Love Likewise* Pastor Joe DiPaolo

\*Affirmation of Faith *Affirmation from 1 Corinthians 15 & Colossians 1* No.888

This is the good news which we have received, in which we stand, and by which we are saved:

**Christ died for our sins, was buried, was raised on the third day, and appeared first to the women, then to Peter and the Twelve, and then to many faithful witnesses. We believe Jesus is the Christ, the Anointed One of God, the firstborn of all creation, the firstborn from the dead, in whom all things hold together, in whom the fullness of God was pleased to dwell by the power of the Spirit.**

**Christ is the head of the body, the church, and by the blood of the cross reconciles all things to God. Amen.**

\*Gloria Patri *Glory Be to the Father* No. 71

**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.**

Invitation to the Lord’s Supper Acolyte

\*Confession and Pardon

**Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart. We have failed to be an obedient church. We have not done your will, we have broken your law, we have rebelled against your love, we have not loved our neighbors, and we have refused to hear the cry of the needy. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*(All pray in silence.)*

Hear the good news:

Christ died for us while we were yet sinners;

that proves God’s love toward us.

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

**In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!**

**Glory to God. Amen.**

\*Passing the Peace

Invitation to the Offering Liturgist

Offertory *What Feast Will You Bring?* C. McCartha  
 Laura Medvic, soprano; Marion Piersol-Miller, alto;  
 Ben Webber, tenor; Allen Popjoy, bass; Judy Williams, piano

\*Procession of Offerings

\*Doxology *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* No. 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.**

\*Prayer of Thanksgiving Acolyte

The Great Thanksgiving *with sung responses, Musical Setting C, Hymnal p. 20*

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, as we forgive 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.**

Communion Hymns *(Please sing one stanza for each kneeling table)*

*Blest Be the Tie That Binds* No. 557  
*Love Divine, All Loves Excelling* No. 384  
*What Wondrous Love Is This* No. 292

Prayer after Communion

**Eternal God, we give thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we will go into the world renewed in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

\*Hymn *Jesus, Thine All-Victorious Love* No. 422

\*Blessing

Dismissal *As We Part for the Towns and Cities (green hymnal)* No. 3180

**As we part for the towns and cities, where you summon us to go, guide us, Lord, give us strength and courage, teach us all we need to know. Keep us humble, fixed on you, forever seeking, born anew. Kindle holy fires within us; may your Holy Spirit glow.**

Postlude *Variations on Azmon* Paul Bouman  
 Peter Omundsen, organ



**We welcome all to worship today!**

*To help us stay connected with you, please fill out the “Connect Card” that is found in your bulletin. This card helps the church track changes in email, phone, address, and more. On the card you can tell us your areas of interest by checking all that apply. Be sure to share your prayer requests with the staff by writing them on the card and placing it in the offering plate. Staff members pray for each request on Wednesday afternoon. Thank you for helping us get to know and stay connected with you!*

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**ACTIVITY BAGS FOR CHILDREN** Activity bags for children are available at the Welcome Center for use during the 8:15 and 10:45 services. Blue bags are for non-readers and green bags are for readers. Return the bag to the Welcome Center after the service and pick from the prize box!

**APPENZELLAR CANTATA-** On Sunday April 28, at the 8:15 & 10:45 services in the sanctuary, the premiere of a new cantata “All is Yours” by James Ra will be presented with full orchestra and Chancel Choir under the direction of Director of Music Brian Norcross.

The cantata celebrates FUMC’s connections to Korea and the missionary work of the Appenzellers. James Ra is a Franklin & Marshall graduate and of Korean descent. The cantata has familiar texts and hymns, such as “Amazing Grace,” and “All Creatures of Our God and King,” as well as dramatic original music. One movement is a new setting of “For Space to Grow,” text written by former FUMC member Charlie Sanders. Invite friends and family to join us as we celebrate FUMC’s Korean heritage!

**SELF-DEFENSE SEMINAR! At First Church, Saturday April 20th at 9:30 AM**

Guest instructor Louie Tita will lead a 2-hour class on practical self-defense techniques. Louie has a background in Karate, Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu, Boxing and Yoshitsune Combat Jiu-Jitsu. As a member of Slate Belt Community Church, he launched a MMA Outreach which is used to promote the gospel message to local communities to gain confidence in their ability to defend themselves if need be. Expect a fun, relaxed, go-at-your-pace environment! Cost: \$5 Register online from our church website under “Events”. Invite friends and family!

**SCHOLARSHIP AVAILABLE FOR FIRST CHURCH STUDENTS!** First UMC awards educational scholarships to First Church students. Applicant criteria includes: 1) active FUMC membership for at least one year, 2) completion of freshman year (or 25% of program), 3) and an aggregate GPA of 2.5 or higher. Individuals remain eligible for funds for three years of undergraduate study and then three years of graduate study but must complete the application yearly. Graduate/vocational/seminary students may also apply! Priority for funds is given to seminary students. Part time students will also be considered if funds are available. Information and applications can be printed from the “Scholarship” tab on our website homepage ([www.engagegodfirst.org](http://www.engagegodfirst.org)). Applications may also be picked up at the church office. A current transcript MUST accompany the applications. Deadline for the church office to receive completed applications is June 15th. Please contact Don Griswold with questions ([degriswold2@gmail.com](mailto:degriswold2@gmail.com))

**SHINING GOD’S LIGHT** - You are invited to attend the Annual Women’s Banquet in Celebration Center on Tuesday, April 30 at 6:00 PM. Dorcas Kamanda, United Methodist pastor, nurse, and missionary is returning from Sierra Leone to bring her inspiring message. Anne Shannon from WGAL TV will serve as our Mistress of Ceremonies, and musical entertainment will be presented by the 32 students in the McCaskey Chamber Choir, directed by Timothy Sterner. The Scarlett Runner will prepare delicious Sierra Leone Pepper Chicken, as well as a vegetarian entrée. The First Church men will serve the meal. This will be an evening not to miss! Register online at [www.EngageGodFirst.org](http://www.EngageGodFirst.org) or complete the registration form in your bulletin and deposit it in the wall box near the Gathering Place Welcome Center.

|                 | 8:15   | 9:30  | 10:45  |
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| Greeters        | N: Jim & Maureen Herr<br>W: Art & Louise Williams                              | Brenda Troop<br>Wendy Thorbahn<br>Hollis Thorbahn | N: John Gross<br>W: Barry & Joyce Rodeffer   |
| Ushers          | Jeff Bradley, Nancy Bradley, Jim & Annette Day, Philip Harnish, Doug Ockrymiek | Brenda Troop<br>Wendy Thorbahn<br>Hollis Thorbahn | Barry Rodeffer, John Donald, Kit & Pam Emert, Paul Emert, Gerald Kiger, Kyle McWilliams, Ron Trout, Harry & Carol Yost |
| Tech Crew       | Tim Benton   | Chris Reindollar                                  | Brian Dombach  |
| Liturgist       | Sophia Steed   | -----   |  |
| Acolyte         | Austin Day   | -----   | Cooper Lehman  |
| Welcome Center  | Dottie Reidlinger  | Bill & Ruth Coakley                               | Ethel Esianor-Mitchual   |
| Fellowship Time | Jim & Maureen Herr   | -----   | Michelle & Brian Dombach   |
| Security        | Chuck McWilliams   |   |  |