

▲ HYMN *Where Charity and Love Prevail* No. 549

▲ BLESSING THE PEOPLE

POSTLUDE *Great Is Thy Faithfulness* Chisolm & Runyan

**SERVING GOD AND YOU TODAY**

Preacher	The Rev. J. William Lentz, Jr.
Liturgist	The Rev. Nancy M. Ludwig
Pianist	Cheryl Cunningham
Acolytes	Logan Holman, 8:15; Elizabeth Keegan, 11:00
Lectors	Stephanie McCurry, 8:15; Adrian Meyer, 11:00
Greeters	Dottie Montgomery; 8:15; Chris Schmidt, 9:30; Joanne Lambert, 11:00
Head Usher	Jack Tarman
Ushers	Lyn Matthews, Dick Rapson, Charlie Rumbel, 8:15 Dick Schroeder, Dick Millham, Mike Bernard, Mike Kearns 11:00
Sound Operators	Brad Beck, 8:15; Brad Beck and Kris Borcheck, 9:30; Brad Beck, 11:00

**PASTORS AND STAFF**

J. William Lentz, Jr., Senior Pastor  
Nancy M. Ludwig, Associate Pastor  
Lilian L. Cotto, Pastor of Latino Ministries

Ruth Kuchinsky-Smith – Director of Music	Karen Douglass – Parish Nurse
Charlie de Mets - Organist	Deborah Gwynn – Business Manager
Susan Tinney – Bells and Choral Musician	Diane Lendzinski – Church Secretary
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Brad Beck – Youth Coordinator	Nancy Collier – Media Consultant

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Joanne Tompkins – Teacher	Julie Brown - Teacher

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Julie Brown, Jamie Enge,  
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# Lehman Memorial Church

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**8:15 a.m.                      October 8, 2017 – 18th Sunday after Pentecost                      11:00 a.m.**

PRELUDE *How Firm a Foundation* Funk  
Cheryl Cunningham, Pianist

APOSTOLIC BLESSING AND WELCOME Pastor Bill Lentz

Welcome to our service of worship. Your presence is a great joy to us. Our hope is that you'll feel welcome and that the Spirit of God will touch your soul in worship. Please sign the Covenant of Fellowship, sharing as much information as you'd like, and then pass it down the pew for others to sign.

▲ Please stand if comfortable

▲ CALL TO WORSHIP Pastor Nancy Ludwig

Pastor: Step away from worry and retreat to worship God.  
**People: How can we do that when the world is in such a mess?**  
 Pastor: First seek peace, then refreshment, then wisdom and light.  
**People: Yes! We'll gain the heart and perspective to serve joyfully.**  
 Pastor: Rest your spirits. Quiet your souls. God is with us.  
**People: Praise God who calls us away to worship and to serve.**

▲ HYMN *Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty* No. 64

OPENING PRAYER

**Gracious God, we pray and worship today ever mindful of the ways we have so blithely turned away from your love and call. Turn us around again. Open our hearts and our spirits to receive your love so that we may truly belong to you, and to our neighbors, and walk in paths of true discipleship. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

INTERLUDE *Be Still and Know That I am God* Anonymous

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION Stephanie McCurry, 8:15; Adrian Meyer, 11:00

PSALTER Psalm 80 (Response 1) No. 799

ANTHEM (8:15) *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee* Beethoven  
Cheryl Cunningham, Piano Solo

(11:00) *Every Valley* Beck  
Sanctuary Choir, Ruth Kuchinsky-Smith, Director

▲ GOSPEL READING Matthew 21:33-46 Pew Bible (NT), p. 24

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord.  
People: **Thanks be to God.**

▲ GLORIA *Glory Be to the Father* No. 70

**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.**

SERMON

*Is This Love, Or What?!*

Pastor Bill Lentz

Jesus' parable depicts God as displaying "Crazy Love," a willingness to go to great lengths to be in relationship with us, on God's terms though and not our own. The parable prompts us to repent of our failure to see and act upon the witness of contemporary prophets whose voices speak passionately about helping the poor, eliminating racial injustice, and confronting aspects of our culture that denigrate life. This past week's mass public murder in Las Vegas is a case in point of a nation failing to hear the prophetic words on a nation bent on violence.

▲ HYMN *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling* No. 384

▲ AFFIRMATION *From the Epistles of Timothy* No. 889

OFFERINGS OF GRATITUDE *Be Thou My Vision* Traditional Irish

▲ PROCESSION OF GRATITUDE *Doxology* No. 94

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!  
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!  
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

▲ PRAYER OF GRATITUDE

**God of Love you are pleased when we give you every  
good thing we have, so that all who hunger and thirst for  
bread and joy may be filled. Take our offerings as a sign of  
our witness to your love and goodness towards us. Let  
our offerings lead someone to Jesus, someone to rejoicing,  
someone to serving, someone to forgiveness, or someone  
to hope. Be in our Church so that we may be in your  
world, in Jesus' name. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER No. 895