

GATHERING

Announcements and Greeting

Prelude: "Jesus, Priceless Treasure" Johann Walther

Invocation

*Hymn: # 494 "Jesus, Thou Joy of loving Hearts"

LORD'S SUPPER

Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts 494

1 Je - sus, thou joy of lov - ing hearts, thou fount of
 2 Thy truth un - changed hath ev - er stood; thou sav - est
 3 We taste thee, O thou liv - ing bread, and long to
 4 Our rest - less spir - its yearn for thee, wher - e'er our
 5 O Je - sus, ev - er with us stay; make all our

life, thou light of all, from the best bliss that
 those that on thee call; to them that seek thee
 feast up - on thee still; we drink of thee, the
 change - ful lot is cast, glad when thy gra - cious
 mo - ments calm and bright. O chase the night of

earth im - parts we turn, un - filled, to heed thy call.
 thou art good, to them that find thee, all in all.
 foun - tain - head, and thirst our souls from thee to fill.
 smile we see, blest when our faith can hold thee fast.
 sin a - way; shed o'er the world thy ho - ly light.

Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon

*Response: In the Lord I'll be ever thankful; In the Lord I will rejoice! Look to

God: do not be afraid. Lift up your voices; the Lord is near. Lift up your voices;
the Lord is near. (#654)

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

Anthem: "In Green Pastures" Lefebure Wely
Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Hymn: #460 "Break Thou the Bread of Life"

Break thou the bread of life, dear Lord, to me,
as thou didst break the loaves beside the sea.
Beyond the sacred page I seek thee, Lord.
My spirit pants for thee, O living Word!

Bless thou the truth, dear Lord, now unto me,
as thou didst bless the bread by Galilee.
Then shall all bondage cease, all fetters fall.
And I shall find my peace, my all in all.

Scripture Reading: Matthew 14: 13-21

¹³ Now when Jesus heard this, he withdrew from there in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. ¹⁴ When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd, and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. ¹⁵ When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said "This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late, send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves."
¹⁶ Jesus said to them, "They need not go away; you give them something to eat." ¹⁷ They replied, "We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish." ¹⁸ And he said, "Bring them here to me."

19 Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. 20 And all ate and were filled; and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. 21 And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

Sermon: **When Compassion Leads**

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

*Affirmation of Faith - Apostles Creed (see insert)

The Peace of Christ

Offering of Tithes and Gifts

*Hymn #803 “ My Shepherd Will Supply My Need”

My Shepherd Will Supply My Need 803

(Psalm 23)



1 My shep-herd will sup-ply my need; Je-ho-vah is his name.
2 When I walk through the shades of death your pres-ence is my stay;
3 The sure pro-vi-sions of my God at-tend me all my days;



In pas-tures fresh he makes me feed, be-side the liv-ing stream.
one word of your sup-port-ing breath drives all my fears a-way.
O may your house be my a-bode, and all my work be praise.



He brings my wan-dering spir-it back when I for-sake his ways,
Your hand, in sight of all my foes, does still my ta-ble spread;
There would I find a set-tled rest, while oth-ers go and come;



and leads me, for his mer-cy's sake, in paths of truth and grace.
my cup with bless-ings o-ver-flows; your oil a-noints my head.
no more a strang-er, or a guest, but like a child at home.



*Benediction
Silent Prayer (be seated)

Postlude: "May the Mind of Christ" arr. Jack Schrader

The End of Worship
The Beginning of service

*Those who wish may stand

Rev. Robert W. Birch, Minister
Mrs. Dianne Yuninger, Organist/Choir Director

The Sanctuary Flowers are in Loving Memory of my Mother
Given with Love by Sandy Schoettle

WORSHIP HOUR INFORMATION:

It is an Ancient Scottish custom for the pulpit Bible to be brought into the sanctuary and placed by a layperson before the service begins.

PRAYERS OF THE CONGREGATION:

PRAYER FAMILY THIS WEEK: Loretta & Kevin McClarigan

Today we welcome Mwat Dominic D. Asedeh to our pulpit. He is a missionary from Nigeria serving with the Evangelical Missionary Society of ECWA (Evangelical Church Winning All) and has also been a missionary in The Gambia. Mwat is married to Achsah and they have a beautiful 6 month old daughter, Dariah. He is doing the Master of Divinity course at Lancaster Theological Seminary, year 2. It is his first time in the US and July 29 marked his one year anniversary. He lives in Lancaster. He loves to watch documentaries, travel, see new places and try new things.