

This outdoor work by Scottish artist Nathan Coley, is part of a larger project in which Coley posted a series of public announcements around the town of Stirling, Scotland. One included these words, taken from a 17th century royal proclamation made in the French town of Monseine, which was believed to have been the site of frequent miracles.



## *Service for the Lord's Day*

July 8, 2018

14<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

### *Gathering Around the Word*

#### **Striking of the Hour**

#### **Welcome**

#### **Prelude**

*Thee Will I Love, My Strength*

David Cherwien

*We Rise in Spirit and in Body*

#### **Call to Worship**

Many who heard Jesus were astounded when they heard him teach, and when they saw the deeds of power done by his hands.

**And they took offense at him.**

Prophets are not without honor, except among those who know them too well.

**We know Jesus. He is our Lord. He is our Savior. He is God with us.**

We know Jesus.

**Lord Christ, come! And do your deeds of power among us again!**

#### **Hymn 162**

*O Carpenter, Why Leave the Bench*

LEWIS-TOWN

*First Verse: Choir*

*Second Verse: All*

*Third Verse: Women*

*Fourth Verse: Men*

*Fifth Verse: All*

#### **Call to Confession**

## Prayer of Adoration and Confession

**Holy God, so wonderful in mercy and so generous: we confess that our worship is limited because of the smallness of our hearts, the limitations of our thoughts, the failure of our imagination, and the insecurity of our faith. You have given us many teachers, but we have ignored them or forgotten their message. You have given us Christ, but we have rejected his glory because we do not understand.**

**Forgive us, God of love. Remove our faithlessness and restore us in Jesus Christ.**

*A Silence is observed for Personal Confession*

## Response

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*Lord, have mercy upon us, Christ, have mercy upon us.*

*Lord, have mercy upon us.*

## Declaration of Good News

### Passing of the Peace

By words and gestures, we share signs of peace and reconciliation.

## *Hearing the Word*

*All sit*

### Prayer for Illumination

#### Reading from the First Covenant (Responsive)

Psalm 123 and Isaiah 55:6-9

To you I lift up my eyes O you who are enthroned in the heavens! **Seek the Lord while he may be found, call upon him while he is near.**

As the eyes of servants look to the hand of their master, as the eyes of a maid to the hand of her mistress, so our eyes look to the LORD our God, until he has mercy upon us. **Let the wicked forsake their way, and the unrighteous their thoughts; let them return to the Lord, that he may have mercy on them.**

Have mercy upon us, O LORD, have mercy upon us, for we have had more than enough of contempt. **Our God will abundantly pardon. For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the Lord.** Our soul has had more than its fill of the scorn of those who are at ease, of the contempt of the proud. **As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts higher than your thoughts.**

The readings today cause us to think about the difficulty of being familiar with God, while also acknowledging God's holiness.

### Anthem

*Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee*  
Sarah Chapman, soprano

Eric Thiman

### Gospel Reading

Mark 6:1-6

He left that place and came to his hometown, and his disciples followed him. On the sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astounded. They said, "Where did this man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been given to him? What deeds of power are being done by his hands! Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon, and are not his sisters here with us?" And they took offense at him. Then Jesus said to them, "Prophets are not without honor, except in their hometown, and among their own kin, and in their own house." And he could do no deed of power there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and cured them. And he was amazed at their unbelief.

**Sermon**                      *How to Avoid Places Where Miracles Don't Exist*                      Matthew Covington

***Responding to the Word***

*All Stand*

**Response Hymn 65**                      *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah*                      CWM RHONDDA

**Affirmation of Faith** (Unison)                      A Declaration of Faith 4.3  
**Jesus Christ overthrew evil powers that enslaved and degraded people, yet he made no use of power to protect himself. He healed those who were sick in body and mind, yet he did not avoid pain and suffering for himself. He commanded his followers to place loyalty to him above loyalty to family and country, yet he lived among them as a servant. Jesus taught with authority, challenging many time-honored customs and ideas, yet he submitted to humiliation and death without a word on his own behalf. He forgave sinners, yet he was counted among sinners. We recognize the work of God in Jesus' power and authority. He did what only God can do. We also recognize the work of God in Jesus' lowliness. When he lived as a servant and went humbly to his death the greatness that belongs only to God was manifest. In both his majesty and lowliness Jesus is the eternal Son of God, God himself with us. Amen.**

**Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer**

**Offering**

**Offertory**                      *The Master Came to Bring Good News*                      Jeffrey Blesch

*All Stand*

**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.*

**Prayer of Dedication**

***Bearing and Following the Word into the Created World***

**Closing Hymn 746**                      *Send Me Jesus*                      THUMA MINA

**Benediction**

**Postlude**                      *Variation on ABBOT'S LEIGH*                      Cyril V. Taylor

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Theologians call it “the Scandal of Particularity,” that Jesus was human and subject to human troubles, while still being God with us. When we misunderstand the ministry of Jesus, it is often because we do not understand his incarnation among us fully.

Buck in a Basket for July through September will benefit Room in the Inn. Your gifts will support a non-perishable pantry to have extra food available for those nights when needed.

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*WELCOME VISITORS! We invite you to pick up visitor's information on your way out, either in the narthex or on the table on the right in the downstairs entrance hall. Ushers will be standing by to help you find them. Always know that a cordial greeting is extended by ministers, officers, and congregation.*

## **Donate Online:**

We have recently set up the church website to accept online donations. Just go to the website below and fill out the simple form. Donations can also be made from your smart phone. You can also scan the QR code, right.

<https://bgpresdonate.cloverdonations.com/online-donations/>



**Our church Elders:** Pam Bratcher, David Coverdale, Mary Evans, Rob Hale, Fred Higgins, Brad Howard, Matt Hunt, John Kernohan, Stuart Kernohan, Tim Leigh, Bobby Rabold, David Sears, Diane Simmons, David Thomison, Denny Wedge.

**Our church Deacons:** Rider Allen, Sally Calkins, Rocky Cooper, Shannon Dyche, Ray Elms, Cathey Green, Jean Harris, Melody Harper, Wayne Hendrix, Ann Rudolph Humphrey, Linda Leigh, Nathan Love, Tom MacMillin, Marilyn Mattingly, David Muffett, Ken Royse, Susan Thomison, Debbie Trickey, and Judy Whitson.

## **Calendar**

### **Sunday, July 8**

8:30 a.m. Coffee Fellowship

9:30 a.m. Sunday School

10:30 a.m. Worship

### **Tuesday, July 10**

11:00 a.m. Special Care

2:00 p.m. Staff Meeting

7:00 p.m. Sunny 16 Camera Club

### **Friday, July 13**

10:30 p.m. Contemplative Prayers

### **Saturday, July 14**

1:30 p.m. Party for Bobbie Strickler

## **The Presbyterian Church Staff**

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*Tim Leigh*

## *Announcements*

**USHERS:** Doug Humphrey and friends

**LAY READER:** Larry Gildesleeve

**MEDIA PERSONNEL:** Stuart Kernohan, Matt Hunt

**NURSERY ATTENDANTS:** Alisia Mosley and Kimberly Watkins

**LIBRARIAN:** Arnie Petrus, [arfranpe@msn.com](mailto:arfranpe@msn.com)

**LECTIONARY FOR SUNDAY, July 15:** 2 Samuel 6:1–5, 12b–19; Psalm 24; Ephesians 1:3–14; Mark 6:14–29.

### **TODAY**

**TODAY'S SOLOIST:** Sarah Chapman is a member of our Collegiate Ensemble. A graduate of South Warren High School, she is a rising Junior Music Education major at WKU where she is a member of the Chorale, MainStage Opera and studies voice with Beth Pope. She has been twice awarded "Female Voice Singer of the Semester". She can be seen this summer in BG OnStage's production of "Into the Woods".

**DEACONS OF THE WEEK** this week will be Shannon Dyché and Judy Whitson. Deacons assist the Pastors in caring for our congregation. You may contact them through the church office: 843-4707.

**FLOWERS AT THE COMMUNION TABLE** are given to the glory of God are in loving memory of Brooke Rice, who died June 30, 2018. Brooke was the granddaughter of Gilbert and Merrilyn Calhoun. The flowers are given by the Calhoun family.

**THE ROSE AT THE COMMUNION TABLE** honors the birth of John Duncan Trickey, who was born June 22, 2018. John Duncan is the son of Bri Trickey, and the grandson of Debbie Trickey and Fred Trickey.

**THERE WILL BE AN ELDER WAITING BY THE PIANO** after the worship service. The elder wants to hear from you. The Session wants there to be an exchange of ideas. An elder is available for conversations on any subject all week if you wish to call. The elder for this Sunday is Rob Hale.

**SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL CONTINUES!** Each week we gather in Fellowship Hall for breakfast (serving 9:15-9:45ish) and intergenerational learning and fun. Our theme is "Hospitality and Witness" and we will explore various scriptures and activities related. Nursery for age three and under as required.

**BUCK IN A BASKET FOR JULY, AUGUST AND SEPTEMBER** will be for Room in the Inn and building a good pantry of extra food items that might be needed on any given Thursday evening or Friday morning. Our budgeted funds are used up almost entirely by laundry, and this will enable us to have extra food handy as needed for those nights.

**SUMMER BREAKFAST:** Please consider bringing one or two items to help us with our meal. Sign up here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f094aa9ab2ca7f49-summer1> Most items can be brought ahead (by noon Friday, or by 9am Sunday). Please label and put in the kitchen if brought ahead.

### **COMING UP SOON:**

**GAME NIGHT and Ice Cream Social** - this Saturday July 14, 5:00pm until 9:00(ish) in Fellowship Hall. Bring a finger food appetizer and a favorite ice cream topping. We'll have homemade ice cream and many games to teach and share (you can also bring your favorite games too). Come when you can, leave when you must. Fun for all ages!

**THE FAMILY OF BARBARA A. STRICKLER** invites you to attend her 90<sup>th</sup> birthday celebration at the Fellowship Hall of our church on Saturday, July 14<sup>th</sup> from 1:30pm to 3:30pm. No gifts, please.

**CONCERTS IN THE PARK** on Fridays, 7:00-9:00pm in Circus Square Park. This Friday is The Ernie Small Blues Band! Come join the fun and wear your TPC tee-shirt (we have some available for sale in the office).

**OTHER NEWS:**

**PRESCHOOL LEARNING CENTER** Registration is open for the Fall preschool program. Packets are available in the church office, PLC hallway, or on our website. We are offering a 2's class for the first time this year! Our options include: Twinkling Stars Class (2's) on Tues/Thur 9:00-1:30 with a tuition of \$150. Rising Stars Classes (3's) on Mon/Wed 9:00-12:00noon for \$115 OR Tues/Thur 9:00-1:30 for \$140. Shooting Stars Classes (4's) on Mon/Wed is still open with a tuition of \$140. Tell your family and friends about our wonderful program right here at the church. Schedule a visit to come by.

**FOOD PANTRY** Please remember that, as we are fed spiritually around the Table, we are also wanting to feed our neighbors in need. Please consider bringing canned goods in for the needy to receive from our Food Pantry. In the month of June, our pantry assisted 93 people or families with food. Donations of food goods may be left in the designated drawers under the stairs in the 10<sup>th</sup> Street lobby. We thank all who help to contribute to this ministry.



*We express sympathy to Gilbert and Merrilyn Calhoun for the death of their granddaughter Brooke Rice, who died June 30, 2018. We also express sympathy to Ella May and her family for the death of Marvin May, who died June 29, 2018.*