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Seventh Sunday of Easter

8:00 AM & 10:30 AM

*If you are a guest, thank you for worshiping with us today. We invite you to take a moment to complete a visitor's card located in the back of the pew in front of you and place it in the basket at the end of the pews. We also invite you to sign your name in our guest book located in the back entrance of the sanctuary.*

*We welcome infants and children and all their wiggles & voices in our worship! For your comfort, we also have a children's corner in the back of the sanctuary where your child can relax and play and you can still participate in the worship experience. We also have nursery care downstairs during our 10:30 AM worship service. Please see a member of the welcoming team for assistance!*

*We pray God's blessing upon you. For today's service, we will be using the black hymnal.*

*For our worship through Eastertide we invite you to meditate on a different question each week as part of our worship, and then to write a response to the question on one of the colored pieces of paper provided. Then, during the final hymn, crumple your piece of paper into a ball and bring it forward to place it in the basket at the front of the sanctuary. These pieces of paper will then be used as part of a community art project that will be revealed on Pentecost Sunday. The question for today is: *What opens your eyes to the Holy Spirit?**

## **WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **PRELUDE**

*Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart*

arr. Labenske

### **CALL TO WORSHIP<sup>1</sup>**

One: Great Spirit of God, you have healed our wounds.

**ALL: You have brought us from paths of hurt and anger.**

One: You have blessed our life that we might be a blessing to others.

**ALL: Let us worship you in great joy.**

One: Let us remember the ways you have turned our mourning into dancing.

**ALL: Let us give thanks to you forever. AMEN.**

*\*Those for whom it is comfortable, please rise.*

**\*OPENING HYMN NO. 292** (black hymnal)

*Breathe on Me, Breath of God*

**\*TIME OF CONFESSION**

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION<sup>2</sup>

**ALL:** God of Forgiveness, hear now the confession of our sins. Our greed and our lust for power create enemies where we should find friends. We fail to offer comfort and aid to those who are afraid and beat down by the burdens of life. We are as blind and willful as Saul to the pain and destruction of our wrongdoings and our well-meaning crusades. Forgive us, merciful One. Give us sight to see with your eyes, that we may bring hope and peace to our world. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

ACT OF PRAISE NO. 493 (red hymnal)

*Gloria Patri*

**ALL SING:** 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.

(10:30 AM) **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

**SCRIPTURE**

*Acts 9: 1-9, 17-19*

**MESSAGE**

**MIDDLE HYMN NO. 465** (black hymnal)

*Teach Me, O Lord, Your Holy Way*

**GRADUATION RECOGNITION<sup>3</sup>** (see insert)

**JOYS AND CONCERNS**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**ALL:** 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 sins, as we forgive those who sin 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.

(10:30 AM) **WORSHIP CHOIR ANTHEM**

*Gonna Be a Great Day*  
by Williams/Martin

\*Those for whom it is comfortable, please rise.

## OFFERTORY

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY

*Be Thou My Vision*

arr. Tate

\*OFFERTORY RESPONSE NO. 551 (red hymnal)

*Doxology*

**ALL SING:** 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

\*CLOSING HYMN NO. 451 (black hymnal)

*Be Now My Vision*

\*BENEDICTION

\*CHORAL BENEDICTION NO. 277 (black hymnal, v. 1)

*Holy, Holy, Holy*

**ALL SING:** Holy, holy, holy, God the Almighty! Early in the morning we praise your majesty. Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty! God in three persons, blessed Trinity.

\*POSTLUDE

*Spirit of God*

by Garnas-Holmes

\*Those for whom it is comfortable, please rise.

One vase of altar flowers is presented in honor of Jeff Sleeper's birthday, with love from Drew, Danika, Holt, & Hayden Dallam.

One vase of altar flowers is presented in honor of all volunteers serving as hall monitors by Church Council.

Thank you to the Worship Choir for participating in the late service today.

Thank you to the Eastertide Worship Team for planning today's service. The team consists of Elaine Bevivino, Jim Shiffer, Tim Snyder, & Pastor Jeff.

We offer a hearing assistance system called *Listen Technologies*. If you would like to use a receiver, please check with the volunteers at the sound booth at the rear of the sanctuary.

8 AM Worship Tech: Mary Jane Snyder

8 AM Welcome Team: Barry & Nancy Schwartz; Don & Diane Strine

8 AM Sound Tech: Layla Beyer

8 AM Video Tech: Dave Beyer

8 AM Hall Monitor: Pam Minnich

10:30 AM Worship Tech: Tori Everhart

10:30 AM Welcome Team: Jeff & Nancy Sleeper; Pat & Dennis Cooper

10:30 AM Sound Tech: Ron Miles

10:30 AM Video Tech: George DeMers

10:30 AM Camera Tech: Elaine Bevivino

10:30 AM Hall Monitor: Bob Katherman

10:30 AM Nursery: Missy Kiefer & Tammy Gordon

WOW Kids: Scott & Lori McCracken

<sup>1</sup>The call to worship was written by Nancy C. Townley, an ordained elder in the United Methodist Church. It was shared with permission for use in worship on the *Ministry Matters* website at

<https://www.ministrymatters.com/all/entry/3724/worship-connection-may-5-2019>. Accessed May 28, 2019.

<sup>2</sup>The prayer of confession comes from *The Abingdon Worship Annual* edited by Mary J. Scifres and B.J. Beu, Copyright © Abingdon Press. Shared with permission for use in worship from the *Ministry Matters* website

<https://www.ministrymatters.com/all/entry/3723/worship-elements-may-5-2019>. Accessed May 28, 2019.

<sup>3</sup>Adapted from <http://hackingchristianity.net/2010/05/graduation-sunday-liturgy.html>

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## Graduate Recognition Litany

L: This morning, we recognize and celebrate the accomplishments of graduates in our community.

**P: We give blessings to you for all that you have achieved and many more achievements yet to come.**

L: We thank God for being our way and our truth, and we ask that God would bless these graduates as they finish their course of study.

**P: We are grateful for those who taught and worked beside you, and all who supported you along the way.**

L: May God continue to walk with you, graduates, as you move forward in life to the next chapter. May God release you from any anxiety or confusion that this time may bring.

**P: We trust that God will strengthen your many talents and skills, instill you with confidence in the future God has planned for you, and give you energy to be used for the good of all people.**

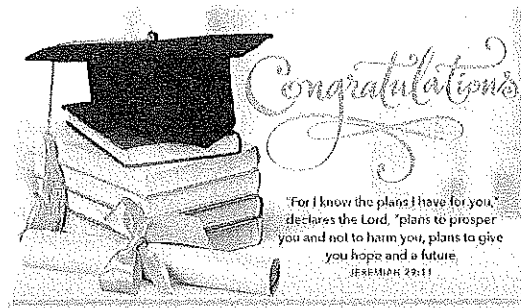
L: Graduates, in this time of new beginnings, we hope that you feel the respect, love, and support that you have from your church family.

**P: May you always know that Christ is alive and goes before you, and may you know that we stand behind and beside you, ready to live into God's call on all of our lives.**

## Graduate Recognition Sunday

June 2, 2019

Today, Mt. Zion UCC recognizes and congratulates our high school graduates. They and their families were hosted to breakfast by the Singles group and we will honor them at both services.



### *Cora Beyer*

Cora is the daughter of Dave and Steph Beyer and granddaughter of Jim and Brenda Beyer. She graduated from Red Lion Area High School. In high school, Cora was on the varsity tennis team and was team captain. Cora was part of the Red Lion Mini Thon all four years and during her senior year, Cora was the Overall Chair. She was honored as Student of the Month by the Red Lion Rotary as well as awarded a scholarship from the Red Lion Area Educational Foundation and the H.O.P.E. Jeanette Cartwright Memorial. As a member of the National Honor Society and an honor roll student, Cora earned the Academic Excellence Award. In the fall, Cora will attend Gettysburg College where she will dual major in political science and public policy.

### *Sydney Cooper*

*Sydney Cooper will be a 2019 graduate from West York High School. She will attend Duquesne University in the fall to study nursing. During her four years of high school she served on Student Council, as a Mini-thon Co-coordinator and as a class officer. She was also involved with National Honor Society, Link Crew, and Musicals. Outside of school she invested many hours a week and 13 years dancing at York Area Repertoire of Dance and as a part of the studio's dance company.*

### *Logan Kline*

Logan Kline, grandson of Tillie Henry and nephew of Anne Henry, is graduating from Elizabethtown Area High School. Logan was involved in marching and concert band, pep club and was a member of The National Honor Society. He will be attending Messiah College this fall.

### *Ryan Myers*

Ryan Myers is the son of Denee and Steve Myers, and brother to Jordyn. Ryan graduated from York Suburban High School on May 30, 2019. While a student at YSHS, Ryan was very active in the music program and played trumpet in concert band, marching band, and jazz band all four years, and pit orchestra for two years. Ryan was also a member of the YSHS baseball team all four years, as well as Legion and County baseball teams. He also bowled in a youth league at Suburban Bowlerama, where his high series was 725. For the past two years, Ryan was a Panther Pack volunteer at North Hills Elementary. Ryan will be attending Robert Morris University near Pittsburgh. He plans to pursue a Statistics & Predictive Analytics major with a minor in Sport Management to achieve his goal of becoming a sports statistician.

Mt. Zion also wishes to congratulate **Emily Miller, Emily Schriver, & Jenna Smeltzer** on completion of their respective degrees. Emily Miller graduated in December from Penn State with a Bachelor's of Science in Accounting. She is currently working on her Master's of Accounting online. She starts work in Baltimore in October at RSM (an accounting firm). Emily Schriver graduated from Penn State with a Bachelor of Science degree in Human Development and Family Studies with a minor in Child Maltreatment and Advocacy Studies. She will be starting graduate school in the Fall at Millersville to earn a Master of Education degree in school counseling. Jenna Smeltzer graduated from Westchester University in December with a RN-BSN. She is now working at Penn State Health St. Joseph Hospital in Reading on the medical surgery and oncology floor.

*Refrain*

C A7 Dm C F Gm

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guest,

And we're broth - ers and sis - ters in God's love, in God's

A A7 Dm Gm C Dm

love, and we're broth-ers and sis-ters in God's love.

## Breathe on Me, Breath of God

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*Edwin Hatch, 1886; alt.*

1 Breathe on me, Breath of God, fill me with life a - new  
 2 Breathe on me, Breath of God, un - til my heart is pure,  
 3 Breathe on me, Breath of God, stir in me one de - sire:  
 4 Breathe on me, Breath of God, so shall I nev - er die,

That I may love the way you love and do what you would do.  
 Un - til with you I will one will, to do and to en - dure.  
 That ev - ery earth - ly part of me may glow with ho - ly fire.  
 But live with you the per - fect life of your e - ter - ni - ty.

*Between parish assignments in London, Edwin Hatch taught classics at Trinity College, Quebec, and lectured at Oxford. This hymn appeared in a leaflet, "Between Doubt and Prayer"*

Tune: TRENTHAM S.M.  
 Robert Jackson, 1894

*William Matson, 1866; alt.*

1 Teach me, O Lord, your ho - ly way,  
 2 Help me, O Sav - ior, here to trace  
 3 Guard me, O Christ, that I may ne'er  
 4 Bless me in ev - ery task I face,

and give me an o - be - dient mind,  
 the sa - cred foot - steps you have trod;  
 for - sake the right, or do the wrong;  
 be - gun, con - tin - ued, done for you;

That in your ser - vice I may find  
 and ful - ly trust - ing in my God,  
 A - gainst temp - ta - tion make me strong,  
 Ful - fill your will in all I do,

my heart's de - light from day to day.  
 to grow in good - ness, truth, and grace.  
 and keep me in your shel - tering care.  
 and grant me your a - bun - dant grace.

*William Matson, English poet and Congregational minister, wrote a poem of 321 four-line stanzas titled "The Inner Life" (1866). This hymn of obedience to Christ has been drawn from that extended poem.*

Tune: ROCKINGHAM L.M.  
 Anon.

Adapt. Edward Miller, 1790



*Ancient Irish text, c. 8th century; transl. Mary E. Byrne, 1905**Versified by Eleanor H. Hull, 1912; adapt.*

Unison

1 Be now my vi - sion, O God of my heart;  
 2 Be now my wis - dom, and be my true word;  
 3 Rich - es I need not, nor life's emp - ty praise,  
 4 Sov - erign of heav - en, my vic - to - ry won,

noth - ing sur - pass - es the love you im - part—  
 ev - er with - in me, my soul is as - sured;  
 you, my in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways;  
 may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heav - en's Sun!

You my best thought, by day or by night,  
 Moth - er and Fa - ther, you are both to me,  
 You and you on - ly are first in my heart,  
 Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,

wak - ing or sleep - ing, your pres - ence my light.  
 now and for - ev - er your child I will be.  
 great God, my trea - sure, may we nev - er part.  
 still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

*Dating from the eighth century or earlier, this Irish hymn was translated into prose by Mary Byrne. It was then versified by Eleanor Hull, author of several books on Irish literature and history. David Evans arranged the Irish melody for this text in 1927.*

Tune: SLANE 10.10.9.10.  
*Traditional Irish melody  
 Harm. David Evans, 1927*