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P - Pastor ♦ C - Congregation ♦ A - Assisting Minister

* **Please stand as you are able**

PRELUDE

RINGING OF THE BELL

WELCOME

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P A Confessional Litany and Lament Commemorating Nine Who Were Slain at Mother Emanuel AME Church

June 17th marks the the sixth anniversary of the evening nine people were shot and killed during a Bible study at Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church in Charleston, S.C.

P And so we cry out,

C Have mercy, O God, have mercy on us.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P O God, in your divine mystery you embrace difference in unity, and you call your people to live in peace with all. We pray for an end to racial and ethnic prejudice. Free us from the dread of difference. Free our society from centuries of violence against the other. Break down the walls that separate your people by color, culture, or religion. Call us to repentance for our sins of racism and prejudice, known and unknown. Transform discrimination into a passion for justice. Guide us to nurture a society that embodies reconciliation and cooperation among all, for the sake of the one who embodies your love, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

GATHERING HYMN *Eternal Father, Strong to Save*

FIRST READING: Job 38:1-11

¹The Lord answered Job
out of the whirlwind:

²“Who is this that darkens
counsel by words without
knowledge?

³Gird up your loins like a man,
I will question you, and you
shall declare to me.

⁴“Where were you when I laid the
foundation of the earth?
Tell me, if you have
understanding.

⁵Who determined its

measurements—surely you
know!

Or who stretched the line upon
it?

⁶On what were its bases sunk,
or who laid its cornerstone

⁷when the morning stars sang
together

and all the heavenly beings
shouted for joy?

⁸“Or who shut in the sea with
doors

when it burst out from the

womb?—
⁹when I made the clouds its
garment,
and thick darkness its
swaddling band,
¹⁰and prescribed bounds for it,
and set bars and doors,

¹¹and said, ‘Thus far shall you
come, and no farther,
and here shall your proud
waves be stopped?’”

A The Word of the Lord.
C **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 107:1-3, 23-32

¹Give thanks to the Lord, for the | Lord is good,
for God’s mercy endures forever.
²**Let the redeemed of the | Lord proclaim
that God redeemed them from the hand | of the foe,**
³gathering them in | from the lands;
from the east and from the west, from the north and | from the south.
²³**Some went down to the | sea in ships,
plying their trade | in deep waters.**
²⁴They beheld the works | of the Lord,
God’s wonderful works | in the deep.
²⁵**Then God spoke, and a stormy | wind arose,
which tossed high the waves | of the sea.**
²⁶They mounted up to the heavens and descended | to the depths;
their souls melted away | in their peril.
²⁷**They staggered and | reeled like drunkards,
and all their skill was of | no avail.**
²⁸Then in their trouble they cried | to the Lord,
and you delivered them from | their distress.
²⁹**You stilled the storm | to a whisper
and silenced the waves | of the sea.**
³⁰Then were they glad when | it grew calm,
when you guided them to the harbor | they desired.
³¹**Let them give thanks to you, Lord, for your | steadfast love
and your wonderful works | for all people.**
³²Let them exalt you in the assembly | of the people;
in the council of the elders, let them sing | hallelujah!

SECOND READING: 2 Corinthians 6:1-13

¹As we work together with him,
we urge you also not to accept the
grace of God in vain. ²For he says,
“At an acceptable time I have
listened to you,
and on a day of salvation I
have helped you.”
See, now is the acceptable time; see, now
is the day of salvation! ³We are putting no
obstacle in anyone’s way, so that no fault
may be found with our ministry, ⁴but as
servants of God we have commended
ourselves in every way: through great

endurance, in afflictions, hardships,
calamities, ⁵beatings, imprisonments, riots,
labors, sleepless nights, hunger; ⁶by purity,
knowledge, patience, kindness, holiness of
spirit, genuine love, ⁷truthful speech, and
the power of God; with the weapons of
righteousness for the right hand and for the
left; ⁸in honor and dishonor, in ill repute and
good repute. We are treated as impostors,
and yet are true; ⁹as unknown, and yet are
well known; as dying, and see—we are
alive; as punished, and yet not killed; ¹⁰as
sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet

making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing everything.

¹¹We have spoken frankly to you Corinthians; our heart is wide open to you.

¹²There is no restriction in our affections,

but only in yours. ¹³In return—I speak as to children—open wide your hearts also.

A The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

*** GOSPEL: Mark 4:35-41** *(please stand as you are able)*

Jesus' calming of the storm on the sea reveals his power over evil, since the sea represents evil and chaos. The boat on the sea is a symbol of the church and invites us to trust God amid life's turbulence.

³⁵When evening had come, [Jesus said to the disciples,] "Let us go across to the other side." ³⁶And leaving the crowd behind, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. Other boats were with him. ³⁷A great windstorm arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that the boat was already being swamped. ³⁸But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion; and they woke him up and

said to him, "Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?" ³⁹He woke up and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, "Peace! Be still!" Then the wind ceased, and there was a dead calm. ⁴⁰He said to them, "Why are you afraid? Have you still no faith?" ⁴¹And they were filled with great awe and said to one another, "Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?"

P The Gospel of our Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY *You Have Come Down to the Lakeshore*

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

*** APOSTLES' CREED** *(please stand as you are able)*

C I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS *(you may be seated)*

A Let us come before the triune God in prayer.

A brief silence.

A Holy God, you gather your people from east and west, north and south. We pray for the mission of the church throughout the world, that your steadfast love may be made known to all peoples. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A You laid the foundations of the earth and the waters are the womb of creation. The morning stars sing your name and all creation shouts for joy. We pray for your blessed creation, that it may continue to flourish and magnify your glory. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A You keep watch over all nations. We pray for countries experiencing violence, hunger, and unrest. Guide worldwide and local community organizations in their efforts to establish safety and justice. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A You are close to the brokenhearted and near to those in distress. We pray for those who are experiencing oppression. Liberate us from the systems and chains that bind us. Remove the barriers that separate us from one another. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A You dwell with us in this faith community. We pray for our leaders and elders. Grant them knowledge, patience, and kindness, that through their leadership you may be exalted in this assembly. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A Your love endures in all situations. On this Father's Day, we pray for those who are fathers or wish to be fathers, for those with broken or strained relationships, for those who are missing their fathers, and for fathers who have lost children. Bless and strengthen them. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P We lift our prayers to you, O God, trusting in your abiding grace.

C Amen.

*** LORD'S PRAYER** *(please stand as you are able)*

P Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

C 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 and ever. Amen

BENEDICTION

DISMISSAL

P Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

SENDING HYMN *Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me*

The image shows a musical score for the hymn "Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me". It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff at the top and a bass clef staff at the bottom. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The melody is written in the treble clef, and the bass line is in the bass clef. The lyrics are written below the treble staff.

1 Lord, take my hand and lead me up - on life's way;
2 Lord, when the tem - pest ra - ges, I need not fear;
3 Lord, when the shad - ows length - en and night has come,

di - rect, pro - tect, and feed me from day to day.
 for you, the Rock of A - ges, are al - ways near.
 I know that you will strength - en my steps toward home,

With - out your grace and fa - vor I go a - stray;
 Close by your side a - bid - ing, I fear no foe,
 then noth - ing can im - pede me, O bless - ed Friend!

so take my hand, O Sav - ior, and lead the way.
 for when your hand is guid - ing, in peace I go.
 So, take my hand and lead me un - to the end.

POSTLUDE

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Altar Flowers

Flowers are given to the glory of God by Carey & Brenda Plummer in honor of their 47th wedding anniversary.

Rosebud

The rosebud this morning announces the birth of Wesson Paul Saneholtz to Ross & Chelsey Saneholtz on Sunday, May 9. Proud Grandparents are Ed Saneholtz and Carol Kopke.

Funeral

The Celebration of Life of Bernhard T. "Ben" Michaelis, who entered the Church Triumphant on Thursday, June 10th, was held Monday, June 14th. Please keep his family and friends in your prayers.

This week please hold in prayer: Karl & Oneta Wiechers, Mary Lou Zwiebel, Rick Ford, Paul Mowery, Juanita Clausen, John Castello, John Sharpe, Jacob Skeens, for all those on our hearts and minds, and for peace in our nation and the whole world.

HELP!! Please consider volunteering as Readers – Ushers – Camera Operators – Sound Board Operators. You can sign up for one week or for a month. The sign up sheet is on the bulletin board in the narthex or talk to Joe Kohout or Laura Ellis-Kruse to volunteer. WE NEED YOUR HELP!!

Altar Flowers Needed

Open dates: August 29. September 12, 19. October 3, 31. November 14. December 5. Please sign up on the chart in the narthex for your special day!! If no one signs up for a Sunday we will be using an artificial bouquet.

Thursday evening services

Our Thursday evening service begins at 7 pm. Tell your friends.

JOIN US in reading the New Testament in chronological order in 2021! This week's readings are:

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| June 20: Acts 7:17-43 | June 24: Acts 8:4-25 |
| June 21: Acts 44-53 | June 25: Acts 8:26-40 |
| June 22: Acts 7:54-8:1a | June 26: Acts 9:1-19a |
| June 23: Acts 8:1b-3 | |

CARING CORNER: Our June Caring Corner will highlight the various food pantries in Henry County. It can be very difficult for some families to keep their children fed during the summer months when they are home from school. Please consider donating food items that will help alleviate these difficulties. We suggest easy shelf-stable items such as:

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| Peanut Butter | Jelly | Pudding/Jell-o Cups |
| Macaroni & Cheese | Pasta | Spaghetti Sauce |
| Soup | Canned Meats (Tuna, Chicken, etc.) | |
| Granola Bars | Canned Fruit and Vegetables | |

Devotionals

The new devotionals are available at both entrances. We have *Portals of Prayer* and *Christ in Our Home* in both regular and large print editions. They will be available in the mailbox by the back doors. Please help yourself to your favorite devotional book.

Membership Directory

The 2021 Membership Directory is available today at both entrances.

Northwestern Ohio Community Action Commission presents:

The Summer Foods Program

THIS PROGRAM PROVIDES FREE LUNCHESES AND FUN TO CHILDREN
AGES 1-18 (UP TO AGE 21 WITH A DISABILITY)

Christ United Methodist Church

1255 Glenwood Avenue, Napoleon, Ohio

JUNE 9TH TO JULY 29TH – LUNCH SERVED 11:45-12:30

THERE WILL BE NO LUNCHESES SERVED ON JULY 5TH

ALL KIDS & TEENS EAT FREE; NO INCOME OR ID REQUIREMENTS;
NO REGISTRATION REQUIRED

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