

# Tenth Sunday after Pentecost - August 18, 2019

FESTIVAL LOVEFEAST - 10:00 A.M.  
COMMEMORATING THE RENEWAL OF THE  
MORAVIAN CHURCH ON AUGUST 13, 1727

WATCHWORD FOR THE WEEK: *Let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith.* Hebrews 12:2

BAND CHORALES .....Home Church Band, Art Sorensen, leader

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS .....The Rev. Andrew Heil

PRELUDE - *Lord, Thou Hast Been Our Dwelling Place* .....Massah M. Warner (1836-1900)  
Gregor BellChor

CALL TO WORSHIP

CONGREGATION .....T. *Pilgrimage*, Page 437

Lord Jesus, for our call of grace, to praise your name in fellowship,  
we humbly meet before your face and in your presence lovefeast keep.  
Shed in our hearts your love abroad, your Spirit's blessing now impart;  
Grant we may all, O Lamb of God, in you be truly one in heart.

(Serve)

SPECIAL MUSIC - *Blessed Are All They*.....Massah M. Warner  
Gregor BellChor

CONGREGATION - *They Walked with God*.....T. *Speratus*, Page 396

They walked with God in peace and love but failed with one another;  
while sternly for the faith they strove, they fell out with each other.  
But he in whom they put their trust,  
who knew their frames, that they were dust,  
with pity healed their weakness.

He found them in his house of prayer with one accord assembled,  
and so revealed his presence there; they wept for joy and trembled.  
One cup they drank, one bread they broke,  
one baptism shared, one language spoke,  
forgiving and forgiven.

Then forth they went, with tongues of flame in one blessed theme delighting;  
the love of Jesus, and his name, God's children all uniting.  
That love our theme and watchword still;  
the law of love may we fulfill—  
give love as love we're given.

*In Essentials Let Us Be United*.....T. *Covenant*, Page 397

In essentials let us be united, joining in God's sovereign truth,  
that our Father is the Lord Almighty, maker of the heav'ns and earth;  
that God sacrificed his Son, Christ Jesus, who became for us salvation wondrous,  
that the Holy Spirit lives in each heart that does believe.

In the non-essentials of church doctrine let us open-minded be,  
showing kindness, mercy, understanding, and respect diversity;  
let us practice tolerance and goodness, walk in love and be our Savior's witness;  
for we are God's family even though we different be.

In all things our Father, Lord and Savior, teaches us the law of love;  
then let love determine our behavior, for 'tis God's command to all;  
may this motto live in all God's children as we strive to follow love's direction;  
may God bless us as we show charity in all we do.

BLESSING: Come, Lord Jesus, our guest to be, and bless these gifts bestowed by thee.  
Bless thy dear ones everywhere, and keep them in thy loving care. Amen.

(Daily Texts, 2019, page ix)

(Partake)

ANTHEMS - *The Lord Is in His Holy Temple* .....Massah M. Warner (1836-1900)  
*Create In Me a Clean Heart* .....Massah M. Warner (1836-1900)  
*Psalms 84 – Cantique de Jean Racine* .....Gabriel Fauré (1845-1924)

Choir

(Collect)

CONGREGATION - *On This Day of Celebration* .....T. *Hymn to Joy*

On this day of celebration, at this time when hopes are new,  
God, we gather as your people, called to put our trust in you.  
You have made the world we live in; you have worked through history.  
In your plan we find our purpose, in your love, our unity.

Long ago, you sent a Savior to our world in deep despair.  
In your Word made flesh you came, our life to know, our sins to bear.  
Christ has died and Christ is risen! In this season we proclaim:  
Yesterday, today, forever—Jesus Christ is still the same!

Through two thousand years of changes, through these passing centuries,  
You have called your church to witness to Christ's love that claims and frees.  
Each new generation hears you, each must find a fresh new way  
To make known the life you offer, to the people in their day.

On this day, we pause and wonder what the future years will bring,  
Yet we know you clothe each flower and you make each sparrow sing.  
How much more will you protect us with your guiding, caring hand!  
By your Spirit, lead us boldly in the future you have planned.

*We in One Covenant Are Joined* .....T. *Worship*, Page 527

We in one covenant are joined and one in Jesus are;  
with voices and with hearts combined, his praise we will declare;  
in doctrine and in practice one, we'll love and serve the Lord alone,  
with one accord sound forth his praise, till we shall see his face.

(Stand)

*(During the singing of the next hymn, children age 4 and up are welcome to follow Godly Play leaders to continue their worship in RB-227. At 11:00, children will travel to CE-101 for Sunday School.)*

CONGREGATION - *Bless, O Lord, This Congregation* .....T. *Austrian Hymn*, Page 442

Bless, O Lord, this congregation, gather us within your fold;  
may we walk in love before you as your saints in days of old.  
Grant your peace to rest upon us; let our prayers to you be heard;  
speak salvation to our spirits as you promised in your word.

SCRIPTURE LESSON: James 3:1-12, page 981 .....The Rev. Ginny Tobiassen

SERMON - *Boat Stories: Steering the Ship*

CONGREGATION - *With Our Sainted Ones in Glory* .....T. *Austrian Hymn*, Page 229

With our sainted ones in glory seated at the heav'nly board,  
may the church that's waiting for you keep love's tie unbroken, Lord.  
In your service, Lord, defend us, in our hearts keep watch and ward;  
in the world where you have sent us, let your kingdom come, O Lord.

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY INVITATION AND PRAYER

ANTHEM - *Come Down O Love Divine*.....Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)  
Choir

PRAYERS FOR THE CHURCH AND FOR THE WORLD.....Rev. Heil

CONGREGATION - *Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing*....T. *Sicilian Mariner's Hymn*, Page 559

Lord, dismiss us with your blessing; fill our hearts with joy and peace.  
Let us each, your love possessing, triumph in redeeming grace.  
O, refresh us, O, refresh us; trav'ling through this wilderness.  
Thanks we give and adoration for your gospel's joyful sound.  
May the fruits of your salvation in our hearts and lives abound.  
Ever faithful, ever faithful to your truth may we be found.  
Savior, when your love shall call us from our struggling pilgrim way,  
Let no fear of death appall us, glad your summons to obey.  
May we ever, may we ever reign with you in endless day.

BENEDICTION

CHORAL RESPONSE

POSTLUDE - *The Church of Christ in Every Age*.....arr. J. Bert Carlson

Virginia Hege Tobiassen, *Pastor*  
Andrew Heil, *Associate Pastor*  
Margaret Norris, *Director of Christian Education*  
Glenn Siebert, *Director of Music*  
Susan Foster, *Organist*  
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**THE BIRTHDAY OF THE MORAVIAN CHURCH**

The signing of the "Covenant for Christian Living" by our ancestors on May 12, 1727, brought great blessing to the 300 refugees living on the estate of Count Zinzendorf in Saxony. The first communion service of the united community after May 12 was held on August 13 at the village church in Berthelsdorf. So great was the blessing felt during this communion and so great and lasting was its influence that it has been called the *Birthday of the Renewed Moravian Church*. The "Covenant for Christian Living" continues to serve as a guide for our life together.

It was also on this memorable day in 1727 that the custom of the lovefeast in the Moravian Church had its beginning. Having returned home to Herrnhut after the communion, the villagers gathered in small groups, continuing to talk over the great blessing they had received. After noon, Zinzendorf had food sent to each of them from his home and they ate, prayed, talked, and sang together, probably in seven different homes. The resemblance of this incident to the ancient *Agape* of the first-century Christians prompted Zinzendorf and others to promote the idea. Thus, the lovefeast, a simple meal shared in the church in a spirit of fellowship and love, became a custom in the life of the Moravians.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL

### Intergenerational Summer Sunday School

*All God's Children: Conversations; Gather, Learn, Play, and Pray together, CE-101*

**Bible Discussion Class:** Matthew 22:15 and following, Club Room

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**We extend a cordial welcome** to all of our visitors this morning, and we invite you to join us again whenever possible. Ushers always are available to answer questions and to direct the way to Sunday School classes. Please take a moment to sign the Friendship Register, pass it both ways in your pew, and greet those near you after the service.

**The composer** of today's handbell music is Massah Miksch Warner (1836-1900), a Moravian organist, composer, and hymnal editor living in Philadelphia, who also wrote the tune to which we sing "Softly the Night is Sleeping" (hymn 284) and the tune for "Our Father, Who Art in Heaven" (hymn 828). Nola Reed Knouse edited Warner's 21 *Choral Responses* from a manuscript set in the Moravian Archives, Northern Province. These two were transcribed for handbells by Erik Salzwedel.

**The flowers** are placed in the Sanctuary today in loving memory of *Mr. and Mrs. Paul F. Knouse, Sr., Mr. and Mrs. Meredith P. Knouse, and Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Monroe King* by the family.

**We are pleased** to have organist Reid Gilliam assisting in worship today.

**Bible inserts** for the rising 1st and rising 4th graders' Bibles for September 8 are available. They will be in the Parlor during Coffee Fellowship and in the front office during the week between now and September 8. We encourage members and friends to inscribe these inserts with messages or favorite Bible verses to support these children in their spiritual walk.

**How are you feeling?** There has been much discussion in recent weeks regarding our November 17 church council meeting. Some of our conversations have stirred a variety of emotions. Our pastors and Board of Elders are listening and greatly value the opportunity to discuss matters of importance to the members of our community. If you have questions about church council, concerns about other matters, or suggestions about how we might care for each other, we invite you to join us for conversation this Wednesday, August 21, in the Fellowship Hall from 6:30-8:00 p.m. A light meal will be provided. Child care will also be available. All are welcome to attend.

**You are invited to be part of the Congregational Care Ministry Team.** On Tuesday, August 27 from 5:30-8:00 p.m., members of the Congregational Care Ministry Team will host an informal gathering as a thank you for our many volunteers. This is a wonderful opportunity to connect and learn more about congregational care ministries. We'll also share some practical advice to educate, support, and build confidence to offer care in meaningful ways. A light supper will be provided. All are welcome to attend. Contact Lucy Strawsburg (336-760-1610) or the church office (336-722-6171) for more information.

### **Fall Book Study Begins Sunday, September 8** *Interrupting Silence: God's Command to Speak Out* **Sponsored by the Faith Journeys Class**

Engaging a variety of biblical stories, the book explores the complexities of silence and the responsibility for people of faith to speak up against injustice. But how? Sign-up by Sunday, August 25 to receive a copy of the book. There is no cost to participate.

----- Tear off and place in offering plate -----

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Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Andrew Heil for more information:  
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## CALENDAR

- Today - 10:00 a.m. - Lovefeast  
11:15 a.m. - Sunday School, CE-101 and Club Room  
12:00 p.m. - Women's Retreat Meeting, Club Room
- Monday - 5:00 p.m. - Home Mission MT (budget), Club Room
- Wednesday - 7:00 a.m. - Breakfast at Lighthouse Restaurant
- Thursday - 5:30 p.m. - Home Is.... RB-225  
6:30 p.m. - Choir Rehearsal, RB-5  
7:30 p.m. - Men's Chorus, RB-5
- Friday - 5:30 p.m. - Youth Retreat, Montreat, NC
- Next Sunday - 8:30 a.m. - H.O.P.E. Lunch Bag Prep, Club Room  
10:00 a.m. - Morning Worship  
11:00 a.m. - Coffee Fellowship (Church Interpretation)  
11:15 a.m. - Sunday School, CE-101 and Club Room

## ADDITIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

**This is your Invitation to an Exciting Bible Study** - Jesus had been crucified, rose from the grave, spent 40 days making numerous appearances to various disciples, and had ascended into heaven with a promise to send the Holy Spirit. How then did 120 terrified and confused disciples become a world-wide movement that continues today? Our fall Bible Study will begin with a study of the Book of the Acts of the Apostles and then follow the church's growth through the first century to the time when Constantine declared Christianity the official religion of the empire. We will use a variety of sources for our study and any resources you would like to contribute will be appreciated. Please join us beginning the first Tuesday of September (the 3rd) and continuing the first and third Tuesdays of each month at 10:00 a.m. in the Club Room.

**2019-2020 Choir Orientation for Carolers and Celebration Singers: Grades K-7** - Kindergarten - 7th graders and their parent chaperones are invited to come to Anne Saxon's home and enjoy some fun in and around the swimming pool on Wednesday, September 4, 5:30-7:00 p.m. as we kick-off our new season. Enjoy pizza & ice cream and be sure to bring a towel and a lawn chair.

**Fall Band Classes** will begin September 3 at Home Church. Sponsored jointly with Salem Congregation, Beginning Band Classes as well as Second and Third Year classes will once again be offered under the leadership of Robah Ogburn and Connie Merritt. Each Tuesday night, the beginners' class will meet at 6:30 p.m. for all ages 4th grade and up (we have had students starting in their 80's). Second and Third Year players meet for class at 7:30 p.m. Please contact Connie ([kapwing@triad.rr.com](mailto:kapwing@triad.rr.com)) or Robah ([RobahOgburn@Yahoo.com](mailto:RobahOgburn@Yahoo.com)) if you have questions or need additional information. Any Home Church member who would like to borrow an instrument should contact Art Sorensen via email, [asorensen1959@gmail.com](mailto:asorensen1959@gmail.com), or phone, 336-407-2192.

**The 27th annual Men of the Church Retreat** will take place on October 4-6, at Laurel Ridge with the Rev. Dr. Craig Atwood serving as the leader. To register, call the church office at 336-722-6171. For more information, contact Sam Matthews at [scmatthews@yahoo.com](mailto:scmatthews@yahoo.com), 336-748-1066 (home) or 336-748-0217 (work).

## PERSONALS

**Recovering at Home:** Ralph Cates, Paula Pegram, Ben Shamel

**Recovering at Salemtowne:** Ann Williams