

---- Music Notes: Sunday, September 3rd ----

Today's anthem covers a multitude of Biblical stories—Adam and Eve, Psalm 138, The Prodigal Son, the Second Coming, the tribulation, and other passages from Revelation.

Here's the first verse:

The love of God is greater far than tongue or pen can ever tell; It goes beyond the highest star, and reaches to the lowest hell. The guilty pair, bowed down with care, God gave His Son to win; His erring child He reconciled, and pardoned from his sin.

The Second verse:

When years of time shall pass away, and earthly thrones and kingdoms fall, When men, who here refuse to pray, On rocks and hills and mountains call, God's love so sure, shall still endure, all measureless and strong: Redeeming grace to Adam's race—the saints' and angels' song.

The Third verse (and the best of all)

Could we with ink the ocean fill, and were the skies of parchment made, Were every stalk on earth a quill and every man a scribe by trade, To write the love of God above would drain the ocean dry. Nor could the scroll contain the whole, though stretched from sky to sky.

Frederick Lehman penned hundreds of hymns and songs, contained in 11 books, most with music by his daughter. His lineage is Mennonite and his religious affiliation was Nazarene, derived somewhat from Wesleyan theology, which was greatly influenced by the Mennonite theology. Lehman was the founder of the Nazarene publishing house in 1917 and wrote most of his hymns to accompany his sermons.



September 3rd - September 9th

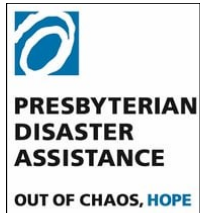


•Good morning and welcome to Bethel! Whether you are a member, a friend or a visitor please take a moment to fill out the friendship pad at the end of your pew. Don't forget to give the friendship pad to others to sign when you are done. Thank you!

•We welcome Rev. Bernard Bangley who will be preaching and leading the worship service this morning. Rev. Bangley is a retired Presbyterian Minister living in Rockbridge County. He was pastor of Bethesda Presbyterian Church in Rockbridge Baths for eleven years, and then served churches in Lynchburg and Sarasota, Florida. He and Anna, his wife of 59 years, have 3 children and 4 grandchildren. He is the author of a number of religious books. Please let Rev. Bangley know how much we appreciate him being with us this morning!

•The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the Glory of God by Cathy Hill.

•*Presbyterian Disaster Assistance Prepares to Send National Response Team to Texas*



Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) is in touch with presbyteries in the affected areas of Texas to offer assistance. We are standing by with resources and National Response Team members ready to deploy upon invitation and when it is safe to do so. For those who wish to support PDA's emergency response and recovery efforts, gifts can be designated to *DR000169-Harvey*. *We need your help. Please give generously.*

To donate online please go to:

<https://pma.pcusa.org/donate/make-a-gift/gift-info/DR000169/>

If you prefer to mail a check, you may send it to:

Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)

PO Box 643700

Pittsburgh, PA, 15264-3700

You may also call us Monday through Friday, 8:00 am to 5:00 pm (EST), at 1-800-872-3283 and donate by phone.

For updates, please go to pda.pcusa.org.

Please join us in praying for courage for those who are suffering; wisdom and diligence among agencies and individuals assessing damage and directing relief efforts; and for generosity to flow as powerfully as rivers and streams, as we respond to the deep human needs left in the wake of the storm.

•The Church Office will be closed tomorrow, Monday, September 4th, for Labor Day.

•Rehearsals have begun for the Staunton Choral Society's 2017 Fall/Christmas Concert Season. They practice on Monday evenings at 7:00 pm at Christ Lutheran Church (2807 N. Augusta St, Staunton - in the social hall on the lower level, enter from the back parking lot). New and returning members are welcome to join through September. The fee per season is \$30 for music and concert costs. Their director Raymond Hebert has a great program of fun pieces picked out. The Christmas Concert is scheduled for Saturday and Sunday, December 9th and 10th, and they will also perform pieces from the concert at "Caroling in the Park" (Staunton's Gypsy Hill Park) on December 16th. Come join the sing - join the Staunton Choral Society!

•Mt. Tabor Lutheran Church Annual Harvest Sale and Supper

Mt. Tabor Lutheran Church will be having its annual Harvest Sale and Supper on Saturday, September 9th, at 4 pm. The Family Style Menu includes: Country Ham, Turkey, Dressing, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy, Lima Beans, Tomatoes, Pickles, Homemade Rolls, Apple Pie and Cherry Pie, Coffee and Tea. The price is \$15.00 for adults and \$5.00 for children under 10. Mt. Tabor Lutheran Church is located off Rt. 252 (Middlebrook Road), South of Staunton on Route 694 (Mt. Tabor Road). Signs will be posted. The church telephone number is (540) 885-4738.

•Presbyterian Women - Special Emphasis Offering

In September, the Presbyterian Women of Bethel urge you to support the *Links of Love* program. The *Links of Love* is a partnership between the Sunnyside Communities and the Women of the Presbyterian Church. Your Links of Love contributions are a lifeline that provides security and attentive care for those who can no longer provide for themselves. The special offering will be collected during the September Circle Meetings on Tuesday, September 12th.

•The Christian Education Committee will meet on Wednesday, September 13th, at 6:00 pm.

•The October Tower Deadline will be Thursday, September 14th. Please have all articles and announcements to the Church Office by noon. Articles and announcements for the October Tower can be left in Adrienne's mailbox in Memorial Hall or you can email them to: bethelpc@gmail.com. If you turn in items after the deadline Adrienne cannot guarantee they will be included in the Tower. Please remember that all announcements and information are subject to editing.

•"The Big Event: A Coming Together of All Shenandoah Presbytery Congregations" will be on Saturday, September 16th, from 8:30 am to 2:30 pm. The Big Event will be held at Massanetta Springs (Harrisonburg, VA) and will offer worship, music, a mission fair, and workshops to interest adults, youth and children as we celebrate our oneness in Christ. To discover what workshops are offered this year or for more information please check out the Shenandoah Presbytery website at www.shenpres.org/big-event-resources/. Brochures and registration forms are also on the table next to the Choir Room. Please note that all registration forms are due this Friday, September 8th, 2017.

•"Share the Bounty" Sunday is September 17th, 2017

Sharing the bounty. Summer is almost over and fall is on the way. Gardens have provided vegetables for our tables for months. The Worship and Witness Committees are designating Sunday, September 17th as "Share the Bounty" Sunday. The Witness Committee will gather the fresh vegetables and fruit you donate and take them to Kingsway. An extra basket will be placed in the vestibule. Please share what you can with those in need. Thank you for your generosity!

•Congregational Care "Fellowship Following Worship"

There is a volunteer sign-up sheet for "Fellowship Following Worship" on the bulletin board in Memorial Hall. The Congregational Care Committee has placed monthly Sunday dates under the name of each month. Please write your name down next to the month you are willing to provide refreshments and then circle the date of the Sunday you have chosen. We are still looking for someone to provide refreshments one Sunday during September! Thank you!

•The Bethel Building & Grounds Committee will begin a landscaping project this fall starting with the flowerbeds and area surrounding the vestibule at the entrance of the church. They would appreciate any donations made to offset the cost of this project. If you would like to make a donation to this special project please make your check payable to Bethel Presbyterian Church and note on the check that it's for the "Landscape Fund". Please contact Wade Cash if you have any questions. Thank you!

•The Congregational Care Committee tries to keep in contact with our College Students throughout the year, but we need your help. We need the contact information for your college age children. Telephone numbers, email addresses, and mailing addresses are all important ways that Bethel can stay in touch with them. Please send the information to Barbara Gough. Thank you!

•If you would like to join Bethel Presbyterian Church, please feel free to contact the Church Office or a Session member. We would love to hear from you!

August 27th

Attendance: 143

Weekly Budget: \$3,327.00 Received: \$2,829.00

Four Cents A Meal Offering: \$304.00