

Bighearted God

Call to Worship

Leader: The Lord is almighty.

People: **Yes, powerful! The Creator. The Sustainer.
The Lord of lords. The King of kings.**

Leader: You move mountains, making a way through.
You raise us up when we fall down.

People: **Great are your mighty deeds!**

Leader: The Lord is gracious.

People: **Yes, gracious! Kind. Bighearted. Openhanded.
Generous.**

Leader: You are good to everyone, and take care of all
your creation.

People: **Amazing are the riches of your grace!**

Leader: The Lord is merciful.

People: **Yes, merciful! Patient. Tender. Compassionate.
Forbearing.**

Leader: You want the very best for the people of God.
You keep your word and do everything you say.

People: **Steadfast is your love!**

Leader: Let us worship our Lord this day.

All: We praise you and thank you, Almighty God!

—Craig Smith
Piqua, Ohio

The LORD is gracious and merciful

Text for today: *"The LORD is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. The LORD is good to all, and his compassion is over all that he has made. All your works shall give thanks to you, O LORD, and all your faithful shall bless you. They shall speak of the glory of your kingdom, and tell of your power, to make known to all people your mighty deeds, and the glorious splendor of your kingdom"* (Psalm 145:8-12, NRSV). **Bible readings for today:** Zechariah 9: 9-12; Psalm 145:8-14 (8); Romans 7:15-25a; Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30.

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Sunday School 9:00 AM
Worship 10:30 AM



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Engage, Embrace, Empower with the love of God.

—Hanover Mission Statement

WELCOME BACK - COVID-19 PRECAUTIONS

We welcome each of you to our service today.

Your safety is our priority. Please remember to keep a physical distance of 6 feet, wear a face mask inside the building and wash your hands or use hand sanitizer. Please sit in the indicated pews staying 6 feet apart from non-family members. At this time the nursery/toddler room is closed and there is no children's church or toy bags for children. The restroom lights in the lower level restrooms will be turned on in the morning—please do not touch switch and turn them off - they will be turned off at the close of church each Sunday. Offering plates are at the back of the sanctuary to place your offering. After the service, socializing is encouraged in the parking lot out in the open air.

Please be mindful of those who are meditating as we prepare for worship.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

*CALL TO WORSHIP (back of bulletin)

*GATHERING PRAYER (unison)

Holy One—you are powerful—you are gracious—you are amazing and you are merciful. May we walk with you this day as we come together in community. May your steadfast love abound! Amen.

*GATHERING HYMN “America, The Beautiful” (words on screen)

OFFERING MEDITATION

As we look to the beauty that is all around us - let us ponder the God of Creation- who watches over the fields of grain—and also continues to order the creatures that roam the mountains and the valleys and the desert plains. Our God is an awesome God. Let us faithfully give our tithes and offerings to honor our Holy God. The offering plate is in the back of the sanctuary as you leave worship today.

PRAYER OF BLESSING

SHARING WITH YOUNGER CHILDREN

Pastor Gerry

Children will stay in the pew with their family

SHARING OF JOYS & CONCERNS AND MORNING PRAYER

SPECIAL MUSIC “Let There Be Peace on Earth”

SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 11:16-9 & 24-30

MESSAGE

Pastor Gerry

“To What Can I Compare This Generation?”

INSTRUMENTAL MEDITATION “Come Holy Spirit”

BENEDICTION

Leader: Let us go forth into this week, renewed in spirit and mind!

All: May the Lord of all creation be with us. “Grace to all who love our Lord Jesus Christ with an undying love” (Eph. 6:24). Amen.

Let us honor God's Presence with us as we listen to the postlude.

POSTLUDE

*After the postlude, please exit beginning with the last row.
Pastor will not be shaking hands.*

**Please stand if you are able.*

**Thank you to Shirley and Bill Shorb for sharing
their musical gift with us the morning.**

**Please make sure you have permission from individuals
to share their names during joys and concerns or for
placing in the bulletin. Thank you.**

*Handicap restrooms are available. Hearing devices & large print
bulletins are also available. Please ask an usher for assistance.*

Assisting in Worship This Morning

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| Ministers to All | The Congregation |
| Preacher | Pastor Gerry Godfrey |
| Worship Leader | Sharon Hershey |
| Music Director | Roxie Schloyer |
| Organist | Bill Shorb |
| Pianist | Shirley Shorb |
| Head Usher | Roger Bollinger |
| Deacons of the Month/Welcomers | Roger & Darlene Bollinger |
| Bulletin Board | Pressley McMaster |

ANNOUNCEMENTS

COVID-19 PRECAUTIONS - Please remember to keep a physical distance of 6 feet, wear a face mask inside the building and wash your hands or use hand sanitizer.

Upper Room for July/August are available in the narthex. Please remember that they are provided by the Women's Fellowship and if possible, a donation to help cover the cost would be appreciated.

Youth Activity - Sunday, July 12 - New Beginnings. With everything opening back up after the Covid break we will look at how the Israelites did the same after their exile. We will start with lunch after church at 12 and finish at 2 PM.

Blood Drive - Central Penn will be scheduling appointments for this event in our fellowship hall on **Thursday, July 16 from 11 AM to 7 PM**. You must make an appointment with them to give blood. Call 1-800-771-0059.

Bread & Cup Communion will be part of the worship service on Sunday, July 19, as we remember Christ's sacrifice for us. Please join us at 10:30 AM.

Church Fun Day - Sunday, July 19, following worship. We are planning a time of fun, food and fellowship for everyone and fun activities for children. The main course will be provided. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share. Youth wanted to assist with games - see Nathan.

Young adults- remember that we have pushed the date back from June 30 to July 19 for having your hours in to the Memorial Gifts Committee. If you are still trying to get extra hours for the student scholarship money, please call Pastor Gerry at the office number 717.632.2267.

Women's Fellowship Summer Fun Event - Please note that the date of this event has been changed. It will now be held on **Thursday, July 23 at 6 PM** in the fellowship hall. For the meal, the main course will be provided; please bring a side dish or dessert to share.

Help Needed - If anyone can help Kathy Mooney on Saturday morning, July 25, from 9 - 10 to load boxes and large items on a moving truck, please call her at 717.524.9249. Thanks.

Thank You Note - Thanks for all your cards. They brightened my day. I could feel your love for Sharon and me as I read each card. Sharon loved you all very much. - Bob Long

Please Uplift in Prayer

Names will be listed for 2 weeks unless ongoing concern.

Homewood at Plum Creek:

Jewel Amspacher - Room D142

Nancy Mummert - Room C105

Fay Swartz - Room E342

Country Meadows:

Bonnie Berwager - Apt. 311

Hanover Hall:

Esther Brown - Room 219

John Paul Fike, Sr. - Room 126A

Utz Terrace:

Evelyn Dickensheets - Room 422

Norma Becker, in room 101 at 1700 Normandie Ridge, York, PA 17408

Ken Miller, Darlene Baublitz, Amber Shaw, Joan Wilt

Pray for the healing of our nation and for those who live in fear of injustice in the world.

Church Activities This Week

Sunday, July 5 Bible Study - 9:45 AM

Worship - 10:30 AM

Monday, July 6 AlAnon - 7 PM

Tuesday, July 7 AA - 8 PM

Friday, July 10 AA - 6 PM

Upcoming Events

Sunday, July 12 Bible Study - 9:45 am / Worship - 10:30 am

Youth Activity - noon to 2 pm

Monday, July 13 PAL at HACC

Commissions Meet - 6 PM

Executive Meets - 7 PM

Tuesday, July 14 Line Dancing Resumes - 6:30 to 8 PM

Wednesday, July 15 Memorial Service for Sharon Long - noon

Thursday, July 16 Blood Drive - 11 AM to 7 PM

Connections - 7:30 PM

Sunday, July 19 Bread & Cup Communion

Church Fun Day - following worship

August Newsletter Deadline

Thursday, July 23 Women's Fellowship Summer Fun - 6 PM

Our Faithful Stewardship - June 28, 2020

Attendance: Bible Study - 25 Worship Attendance - 62

Giving: General Fund \$ 1,915

Building Rental \$ 25

Pennies \$ 83