

Order of Worship
October 1, 2023 – World Communion Sunday

Announcements and Prelude

Call to Worship – Psalm 103:1-2, 8-12, 21-22

Praise the LORD, O my soul;
all my inmost being, praise his holy name.
***Praise the LORD, O my soul,
and forget not all his benefits ...***

The LORD is compassionate and gracious,
slow to anger, abounding in love.

***He will not always accuse,
nor will he harbor his anger forever;
he does not treat us as our sins deserve
or repay us according to our iniquities.***

For as high as the heavens are above the earth,
so great is his love for those who fear him;
***as far as the east is from the west,
so far has he removed our transgressions from us.***

Praise the LORD, all his heavenly hosts,
You his servants who do his will.
***Praise the LORD, all his works,
Everywhere in his dominion.
Praise the LORD, O my soul.***

Hymn *Christ for the World We Sing* #568

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord’s Prayer

Gloria Patri [#70] & Apostles’ Creed [#881]

Offering & Doxology [#95]

Scripture Reading – 2 Chronicles 7:11-18

¹¹ When Solomon had finished the temple of the LORD and the royal palace, and had succeeded in carrying out all he had in mind to do in the temple of the LORD and in his own palace, ¹² the LORD appeared to him at night and said:

“I have heard your prayer and have chosen this place for myself as a temple for sacrifices. ¹³“When I shut up the heavens so that there is no rain, or command locusts to devour the land or send a plague among my people, ¹⁴if my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and I will forgive their sin and will heal their land. ¹⁵Now my eyes will be open and my ears attentive to the prayers offered in this place. ¹⁶I have chosen and consecrated this temple so that my Name may be there forever. My eyes and my heart will always be there.

¹⁷“As for you, if you walk before me faithfully as David your father did, and do all I command, and observe my decrees and laws, ¹⁸I will establish your royal throne, as I covenanted with David your father when I said, ‘You shall never fail to have a successor to rule over Israel.’

Meditation

Pastor Paul

The Heart of the Gospel:
A Condition and a Promise

***...if my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves
and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then will I
hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and heal their land.***
2 Chronicles 7:14

Hymn *Here, O My Lord, I See Thee [stanzas 1-3]* #623

Holy Communion

Hymn *Here, O My Lord, I See Thee [stanzas 4-5]* #623

Benediction

2023 Annual Life Chain

2:00 – 3:00 p.m. Today in East Stroudsburg
Meet at St. Matthew’s Lower Parking Lot at 1:45 p.m.

A peaceful, prayerful, silent witness for Life.

We will line the streets from St. Matthew’s down to Walmart area.

This is a nation-wide event with hundreds of sites participating.

All are encouraged to attend. Join us!

2023 Annual Walk for Life

9:00 a.m. this Saturday, October 7

Registration & Breakfast at 8:30 a.m.

Meet at Greater Shiloh Church, 831 Ann Street

Sponsored by Pregnancy Resource Center of the Poconos

2023 Annual Group Charge Conference

11:00 a.m. Saturday, October 28 at East Stroudsburg UMC

2023 Annual Global Meal Pack

Friday & Saturday, November 3 & 4, at East Stroudsburg UMC

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וּיִכְנְעוּ עַמִּי אֲשֶׁר נִקְרָא שְׁמִי
my name 53 are called 70 who 9 my people 27 and if will humble

עָלֵיהֶם וַיִּתְפַּלְלוּ וַיִּבְקְשׂוּ פְנֵי
my face 24 and seek 198 and pray 428 by 7

וַיָּשְׁבוּ מִדַּרְכֵיהֶם הָרָעִים
wicked 153 from their ways 73 and turn 41

וְאֲנִי אֶשְׁמַע מִן־הַשָּׁמַיִם
the heavens 118 from 6 will hear 36 then I 52

וְאֶסְלַח לְחַטָּאתָם
their sin 157 and forgive

וְאֶרְפָּא אֶת־אֶרְצָם
their land 21 and heal 510

2 Chronicles 7:14

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