

FIRST CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN

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Sunday School 9:15 a.m.

Worship 10:30 a.m.

April 16, 2023

**WE ARE CALLED TO BE A CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY
SHARING THE LOVE OF GOD**

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**Welcome and Announcements not printed in the
Bulletin**

(Please review your bulletin for pre-printed announcements.)

Worship Leader: Linda Young

Prelude: More like Jesus Debbie Meenan
arranged by William H. Doane

Call to Worship:

L: Come into the presence of the Lord with thanksgiving!

P: Serve the Lord with great gladness!

L: Know that God is truly with you!

P: Rejoice!

L: Come, let us worship the ever-present God!

**P: Let us celebrate with song and prayer God's love for
us. AMEN.**

Opening Hymn: Immortal Invisible (p. 70)

Invocation:

Merciful Lord, we are so fearful these days. We encounter economic situations which threaten to destroy our lives; we encounter anger, fear and hostility, and we feel as though we are about to drown. We want to place our trust in you, but so many times before, when we have trusted others, we have been let down. Help us to truly trust your mercy and love. Heal and forgive our fears and sins. Open our hearts to receive your mercy and help us to become your disciples. For we ask this in Jesus' Name. AMEN.

Scripture Lesson: Romans 5:6-8

Children's Story: Debbie Meenan

(Immediately following the story, the children are invited to attend Children's Church)

Sharing Joys and Concerns

(Those not previously shared or in the bulletin)

Morning Prayer

Message: Taking Action: Placing Other before Ourselves
(Romans 5:6-8, II Cor. 8:1-15)

Closing Hymn: Take My Life and Let it Be (p. 389)

Benediction:

Beloved of God, healed and forgiven, blessed and strengthened: go forth to be a blessing to others, proclaiming the love and mercy of God in all that you do and say! AMEN.

Postlude

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Debbie Meenan is asking anyone interested in singing in a mixed ensemble to meet with her briefly after the service today.

The Witness Commission would like help finding lids for the 5 gallon containers we use for the Disaster Relief clean-up buckets. If you know of anyone who throws those lids away, let Dale Miller or Mike Lebo know.

If anyone would like to attend the District Women's Spring Luncheon in York on **April 22nd**, please let Gloria know so she can make the reservation with the correct number of attendees.

The Cumberland Valley Christian Choir from Chambersburg will be presenting a concert at our church on Sunday, **April 23rd** at 7:00 pm. This is a 60 member choir and their music is on Youtube if you would like a preview. An offering will be taken for New Hope Homeless Shelter. **Two ushers will be needed for this evening. Please contact Pat Tritt if you are interested.**

Our church will be holding a fundraiser for Church World Service on Friday, **April 28th**. There will be a lasagna dinner, followed by the Chapter VII Gospel Group. The dinner will be at 6:00 pm and the concert at 7:15 pm. Tickets are \$20, kids age 15 and under are \$8.00.

April's items for Christmas Child Shoebox collection include sidewalk chalk and matchbox cars. When you see Easter items popping up in stores, it's a great time to purchase little stuffed animals for the shoeboxes.

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

SUNDAY -April 16, 2023

9:15 am Sunday School
10:30 am Worship Service
Global Food Initiative

TUESDAY April 18, 2023

4:30-9:00 pm Carlisle Karate
7:00 pm Church Board

WEDNESDAY, April 19, 2023

12:00 pm Ladies' Bible Study

THURSDAY, April 20, 2023

1:00 pm Quilting
4:30-9:00 pm Carlisle Karate

SATURDAY, April 22, 2023

District Women's Spring Luncheon, York COB

SUNDAY, April 23, 2023

9:15 am Sunday School
10:30 am Worship Service
7:00 pm Cumberland Valley Christian Choir

Upcoming Events:

April 23 - Cumberland Valley Christian Choir 7pm
April 25 - Children's Aid Society, Virtual and Live!
April 28 - Carlisle CWS Fundraiser - Lasagna/Chapter VII
May 28 - Bakers for lunch after church (Dillsburg)