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August 23, 2026
13th Sunday after Pentecost
Summer Biblical Character Series - **Thecla**

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Awakening joyful service guided by our still speaking God!

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Please stand as you are able; BOLD print - congregational response

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PRELUDE MUSIC “Rigaudon”

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

For the living of these days let us heed prompting and possibility,
let us evoke creativities of compassion,
let us be poised for flight on soaring wings of faith and love.
O come, let us worship!

***HYMN #68 “God is Truly with Us”**

***PRAYER**

Holy God, we thank you for receiving us not according to our failing goodness,
but according to your overflowing grace.

You receive us as we are.

You show us what we can be, through Jesus Christ.

Who came to share our common lot and reconcile us to yourself.

Sweep over us with your Spirit, and change us by your love,
that we may sing with joy before you,
and live to your glory in the world. Amen.

***SUNG RESPONSE “Sanctuary”**

Lord prepare me to be a sanctuary, pure and Holy, tried and true.
With thanksgiving I'll be a living Sanctuary for you.

SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF GRACE

SPECIAL MUSIC

“Hatikvah” (The Hope)

John Lucas

TIME FOR THE YOUNG AT HEART

SCRIPTURE AND STORY

Psalm 66:8-20

Techla (Brave Believer from Iconium in Turkey)

The New Testament Apocrypha

The Acts of Paul

PRAYER/LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father, who art in heaven. Hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.**

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

HYMN #80

"Savior, Again to Your Dear Name"

(Remain Seated)

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH # 886**

You, O God, are supreme and holy.

You create our world and give us life.

Your purpose overarches everything we do.

You have always been with us. You are God.

You, O God, are infinitely generous,

Good beyond all measure.

You came to us before we came to you.

You have revealed and proved

Your love for us in Jesus Christ,

Who lived and died and rose again.

You are with us now. You are God.

You, O God, are Holy Spirit.

You empower us to be your gospel in the world.

You reconcile and heal; you overcome death.

You are our God. We worship you.

A New Zealand Prayer Book

***CELEBRATION OF OUR GIFTS**

As we celebrate our gifts, may God use us and our gifts in service to others.

May our giving reflect our blessings!

*** OFFERTORY RESPONSE #785**

We give you but your own, what-e'er the gift may be;

All that we have is yours alone, we give it gratefully.

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

Bless these gifts abundant God and use them

to further your creation's growth and stability.

May their abundance ensure the needs of all our children are met. Amen.

*HYMN #76 “Sent Forth by God’s Blessing”

*FINAL BLESSING

Depart in peace to do God’s will;
Walk ever in the light, for Christ is with you ever more,
to guide you day and night. Amen.

POSTLUDE “I Have a Joy, Joy, Joy”
Organ and Congregation Harold E. Heller

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SPECIAL MUSIC: *Hatikvah* (“The Hope”). Israeli National Anthem by Naftali Herz Imber

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ALTAR FLOWERS: In loving memory of my brothers Tim and Doug by Becky Hughes

PRAYER LIST: A list is available in the Gathering Area when it is updated. Please call the office to be removed from the list.

****USHERS NEEDED FOR SEPTEMBER** – please sign up in Gathering Area.

ALTAR CARE: I am looking for a few good people to Care for the Altar to prepare communion, change paraments and candles and order Altar Flowers. Please call Nancy MacMeekin 717-334-2111

SENIOR SOCIAL: Tuesday, August 25th 1:00pm Get out of the house! Come and enjoy games, snacks, and most of all - fellowship or just come and hang out. Learn a new game or play an old one. Bring your favorite game. Socials will continue the fourth Tuesday of each month.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 30th SERVICE instead of SERMON: Bring scissors to worship! Cut fabric along the lines drawn; Decorate the cut fabric to make the face; Stamp the church's name on the fabric. We need volunteers with sewing machines to sew the fabric together to make the hand puppets in September.

MONDAY, AUGUST 31st BLESSING ROOM 11:00am -1:00pm. *(Help needed to set up 10:00am /tear down 1:00pm).* A list of items needed is in the Gathering Area. **REMEMBER, if you use it, they use it!** Please keep the products coming. They have expressed their gratefulness for what we are doing. Thank you for your support! **MOST NEEDED ITEMS ARE DIAPERS SIZES 4 & 5.** At the current time we **DO NOT NEED toothbrushes and toothpaste.** There is a good supply of those items.

HYMNALS! They are more than just songbooks. Stop by the History Cabinet to see what else our hymnals provide for our faith journey. **Trinity’s History Task Force.**

AUGUST is a 5th SUNDAY SPECIAL COLLECTION month: The Adams County Library System - the third highest charity chosen by TUCC. Envelopes are in pews and Gathering Area.

NEWS FLASH! In an effort to inform congregation members and/or the wider community of what is happening in our church, the Communication Committee is seeking information to pass on. If your committee is doing something you would like to share, please let the Communications Committee know. **The month of August "info gatherer" is Carl Glover 717-253-1402 or by email: glover@msmary.edu**

STAINED GLASS TOURS: Friday afternoons at 2:00pm and 3:00pm. The tours are free, donations accepted to help fund the Stained Glass Restoration project. **Greeters are needed at the door to welcome guests while Carl Barrick and/or Jane Malone are giving the actual tours.** Contact Jane or Carl if you would like to help.

SUMMER OUTREACH: The growing season has begun! Please bring in your excess garden goodies. Those of us with not-so-green thumbs can then share in your harvest by placing money in the jar as "payment" for the fresh produce. **Proceeds will go to the Independent Living Program of Adams County Children and Youth.** More information on this program is available on the Summer Outreach table.

ATTENDANCE August 16, 2026: 9:30am 57; On-line 100; Total 157

FINANCE REPORT 8/16/2026:

Envelope Offering Need: \$122,496.00

Envelope Offering Rec'd: \$105,555.50

Property Fund Need: \$12,705.00

Property Offering Rec'd: \$11,432.50

THIS WEEK

Monday, 8/24: DEB & BRUCE OUT

Tuesday, 8/25: 1:00pm Senior Social

Friday, 8/28: 9:30am Flutes – Fellowship 2:00pm & 3:00pm Stained Glass Tours

Saturday, 8/29 through Wednesday, 9/2: DEB & BRUCE OUT

****PASTOR FRED WILL BE OUT OF THE OFFICE:**

TUESDAY, AUGUST 25TH through SATURDAY, AUGUST 29TH

HE IS AVAILABLE FOR EMERGENCIES

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Worship Participants

Rev. Dr. Frederick A. Young

Ann Harvey

Sara Shank

Harold E. Heller

Mark Luckenbaugh

Alison & Joy Lysitt

Joe Lysitt, Prestyn Weiant

Pastor

Liturgist

Organist/Choir Director

Guest Musician

Percussionist

Greeters

Ushers

Acolyte

Tech Team

Georgia Hollabaugh, Kara Young,

George Steckert, Garrison Redding, Suhua Dong, Nina Redding, Cindy Kidd,

Terry Krietz, Bette Bunce, Chris Swinn

Gerhard Tersteegen, 1729

Transl. Frederick W. Foster and others; alt.

1. God is tru-ly with us;
sing we and a-dore now:
praise the One we come be-fore now.
Here with-in this tem-ple,
here in sound and si-lence,
wor-ship God in deep-est rev-erence.
You a-lone, God, we own,
you, our God and Sav-ior;
praise to you for-ev-er.
2. God is tru-ly with us;
loud our praise re-sound-ing!
Ech-oes of the saints sur-round-ing!
“Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly,”
hear the hymn as-cend-ing,
an-gels, saints, their voic-es blend-ing!
Bow your ear to us here;
hear, O Christ, the prais-es
that your Church now rais-es.
3. Source of ev-ery bless-ing,
bless the ones who name you,
let our words and deeds pro-claim you.
Like the saints and an-gels
prais-ing you in glo-ry,
may your ser-vants sing your sto-ry.
And in all, great and small,
may we do most near-ly
what you love most dear-ly.

John Ellerton, 1866; alt.

1. Sav-ior, a-gain to your dear name we raise
with one ac-cord our part-ing hymn of praise;
We join to bless you ere our wor-ship cease,
then, in the si-lence, wait your word of peace.
2. Grant us your peace up-on our home-ward way;
with you be-gan, with you shall end the day;
Guard all the lips from sin, the hearts from shame,
that in this house have called up-on your name.
3. Grant us your peace, as day turns in-to night;
stay with us till the com-ing of the light;
Keep safe all those who call up-on your name,
for dark and light to you are both the same.
4. Grant us your peace through-out our earth-ly life,
our balm in sor-row, and our stay in strife;
Then, when your voice shall bid our con-flict cease,
call us, O God, to your e-ter-nal peace.

Ps. 141:3–4a; 139:11–12; John 14:27

Omer Westendorf, 1964

1. Sent forth by God's bless-ing,
our true faith con-fess-ing,
the peo-ple of God from this dwell-ing take leave.
The ser-vice is end-ed,
O now be ex-tend-ed
the fruits of our wor-ship in all who be-lieve.
The seed of the teach-ing,
re-cep-tive hearts reach-ing,
shall blos-som in ac-tion for God and for all.
God's grace did in-vite us,
and love shall u-nite us
to work for God's realm and to an-swer the call.
2. With praise and thanks-giv-ing
to God ev-er liv-ing,
the tasks of our ev-ery-day life we will face.
Our faith ev-er shar-ing,
in love ev-er car-ing,
em-brac-ing God's chil-dren of each tribe and race.
With your grace you feed us,
with your light now lead us,
u-nite us as one in this life that we share.
Then may all the liv-ing
with praise and thanks-giv-ing
give hon-or to Christ and that name which we bear.

I HAVE THE JOY

Arr. by H. D. L.

1. I have the joy, joy, joy, joy, down in my heart,
 2. I have the peace that pass-eth un-der-stand-ing, down in my heart,
 3. I have the love of Je - sus, love of Je - sus, down in my heart,

* Down in my heart, *down in my heart; I have the joy, joy,
 Down in my heart, down in my heart; I have the peace that pass-eth
 Down in my heart, down in my heart; I have the love of Je - sus,

joy, joy, down in my heart, *Down in my heart to stay.
 un-der-stand-ing, down in my heart, Down in my heart to stay.
 love of Je - sus, down in my heart, Down in my heart to stay.

* "Where?"

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