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August 9, 2026

Summer Biblical Character Series – **Legion**

11th Sunday after Pentecost

Awakening joyful service guided by our still speaking God!

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

**All words provided on the screen*

PRELUDE MUSIC “God of Wonders *with* Fairest Lord Jesus”

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Praise be to God.

praise be to God for the gift of life,

praise be to God for the gift of death,
praise be to God for the gift of hope,

but, above all else,

praise be to God for the gift of love

in which life and death and hope are intermingled.

Praise be to God. Amen.

***HYMN #6 “Sing Praise to God, Our Highest Good”** (*vs 1-4*)

***PRAYER**

Open wide the window of our spirits,

God, and fill us with light;

Open wide the door of our hearts

that we may receive and entertain you

with all our powers of adoration and love. 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.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

When we cloud the air with senseless words,

God have mercy.

When we bend your ear for our own greed, ignoring the needs of others,

God have mercy.

When we silence the cries for justice of those around us,

God have mercy.

When we ignore the voice of the Christ in our midst,

God have mercy.

When we fail to praise you with our words and actions,

God have mercy. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF GRACE

SPECIAL MUSIC

Lenore O'Rourke

TIME FOR THE YOUNG AT HEART

"Biblical Character, Legion"

SCRIPTURE

Psalm 121

I lift up my eyes to the hills — from where will my help come?

²My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

³He will not let your foot be moved; he who keeps you will not slumber.

⁴He who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep.

⁵The Lord is your keeper; the Lord is your shade at your right hand.

⁶The sun shall not strike you by day, nor the moon by night.

⁷The Lord will keep you from all evil; he will keep your life.

⁸The Lord will keep your going out and your coming in
from this time on and forevermore.

Matthew 25:31-46

³¹“When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. ³²All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, ³³and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. ³⁴Then the king will say to those at his right hand, ‘Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; ³⁵for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, ³⁶I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.’ ³⁷Then the righteous will answer him, ‘Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? ³⁸And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? ³⁹And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?’ ⁴⁰And the king will answer them, ‘Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.’ ⁴¹Then he will say to those at his left hand, ‘You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; ⁴²for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, ⁴³I was a stranger and you

did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.’ ⁴⁴Then they also will answer, ‘Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?’ ⁴⁵Then he will answer them, ‘Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.’ ⁴⁶And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.”

MESSAGE

Secretary of Agriculture,
The Honorable Russell Redding

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 #466 “Unto the Hills We Lift Our Longing Eyes” *(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 we remember how God has blessed us abundantly.
May we now bless others through what we bring of ourselves.

*OFFERTORY RESPONSE

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Bless these gifts abundant God and use them to further your creation's growth and stability. Use us to ensure all your children feel loved, welcomed and supported. Amen.

*HYMN #305 "Ye Servants of God" (to the tune of #26)

*FINAL BLESSING

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Today's worship elements have been adapted from:

Before the Amen. Tirabassi and Maria Tirabassi, Editors. The Pilgrim Press. Cleveland. 2007.

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SPECIAL MUSIC:

ALTAR FLOWERS: The flowers on the altar are in honor of Stephanie Kimple and Sara Shanks birthdays on August 9th by the Shank family.

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 AUGUST** – please sign up in the 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

***** COME TO CHURCH – STAY FOR LUNCH: Sunday, August 16th following the 9:30am service.** **Menu:** Burgers, Salad, Ice Cream with toppings. Please sign up in the Gathering Area so that we can prepare enough food.

AUGUST is a 5th SUNDAY SPECIAL COLLECTION month: The Adams County Library System was the third highest charity chosen by the Congregation from the list of suggestions earlier this year. Envelopes are in the 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 2, 2026: 9:30am 56; On-line 107; Total 163

FINANCE REPORT 8/2/2026:

Envelope Offering Need: *\$115,072.00* Envelope Offering Rec'd: *\$96,890.50*

Property Fund Need: *\$11,935.00* Property Offering Rec'd: *\$10,757.50*

THIS WEEK

Tuesday, 8/11: 2:00pm Property – *Fellowship Hall*

6:00pm Pastoral Relations - *Library*

Wednesday, 8/12: 1:00pm – Outreach – (make puppets) - *Fellowship Hall*

Thursday, 8/13: **CONSISTORY REPORTS DUE**

Friday, 8/7: 9:30am Flutes – *Fellowship*

2:00pm & 3:00pm Stained Glass Church Tours

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Worship Participants

Rev. Dr. Frederick A. Young

Carl Glover

Sara Shank

Mark Luckenbaugh

Mary Jane & Harry Hilberty

Pastor

Liturgist

Organist/Choir Director

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

Sing Praise to God, Our Highest Good

Johann J. Schütz, 1675

Transl. Madeleine Forell Marshall, 1993

1. Sing praise to God, our high-est good,
pro-found re-spect ex-press-ing.
God gives us health, life, live-li-hood,
with ev-ery need-ed bless-ing.
To God, who won-drous works per-forms,
cre-a-ting life and calm-ing storms,
to God give praise and glo-ry!
2. Cre-a-tion thanks you, Ho-ly One:
you made us and re-new us.
De-light-ed at what you have done,
you show your great-ness through us.
So may all liv-ing things pro-claim
the won-ders of their Mak-er's name:
to God give praise and glo-ry!
3. What God has made, God will pre-serve,
with righ-teous-ness un-fail-ing.
Re-gard-less what we may de-serve,
we see this good pre-vail-ing.
To God who gov-erns ev-er-more
with jus-tice serv-ing rich and poor,
to God give praise and glo-ry!

GOD

4. I cry to God, in pain and grief,
“Please, God of mer-cy, hear me!”
My cer-tain help pro-vides re-lief,
faith, hope, and love to cheer me.
So let me sing, joy-ful and free:
ah, thank-ful Chris-tians, sing with me:
to God give praise and glo-ry!

5. For-ev-er with us, God is here,
Nor ev-er will de-sert us.
So dear-ly loved, we shall not fear:
there’s noth-ing that can hurt us.
We place our trust in God’s com-mand,
who leads us with a moth-er’s hand:
to God give praise and glo-ry!

6. Dear Chris-tian friends, we bear the name
of Christ, our sure sal-va-tion.
Let us re-call Christ Je-sus came,
most ho-ly in-car-na-tion,
Came from the one God we a-dore,
came with new life for-ev-er-more:
to God give praise and glo-ry!

Ps. 105; 1 Chron. 16:9; 1 Pet. 1:3–7

Unto the Hills We Lift Our Longing Eyes

466

John Campbell, Duke of Argyll, 1877; alt.

1. Un-to the hills we lift our long-ing eyes with yearn-ing sighs.
Who will pro-vide the help we sore-ly need? Who hears our cries?
From our Cre-a-tor comes our cer-tain aid.
Our help is from our God, who all things made.
2. God will not let our ser-vant feet be moved; safe we will be.
God will sup-ply, for all our nights and days, se-cu-ri-ty.
God does not sleep when we are tak-ing rest.
God's cov-e-nant en-dures through ev-ery test.
3. God is our keep-er, change-less through the years, a shel-ter strong.
God is our shade, pro-TECT-ing ev-ery hand, through a-ges long.
Sun will not strike or harm through-out the day,
Nor moon by night, those liv-ing by God's way.
4. From ev-ery e-vil, God will keep our lives, from ev-ery sin.
God will pre-serve and guard our go-ing out, our com-ing in.
Ev-er a-round, with-in, we will a-dore
our God who holds and guides for-ev-er-more.

Ps. 121

You Servants of God, Your Sovereign Proclaim

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Charles Wesley, 1744; alt.

1. You ser-vants of God, your Sov-ereign pro-claim,
and pub-lish a-broad that won-der-ful name:
The name, all vic-to-rious, of Je-sus ex-tol,
who, sov-ereign and glo-rious, now rules o-ver all.
2. God rules from on high, al-might-y to save,
and still God is nigh, whose pres-ence we have.
The great con-gre-ga-tion God's tri-umphs shall praise,
as-crib-ing sal-va-tion to Je-sus al-ways.
3. Sal-va-tion to God who sits on the throne!
Let all cry a-loud for what God has done.
The prais-es of Je-sus the an-gels pro-claim,
still veil-ing their fac-es, they wor-ship the Lamb.
4. Then let us a-dore and ren-der God's right,
all glo-ry and power, all wis-dom and might,
All hon-or and bless-ing with an-gels a-bove,
and thanks nev-er ceas-ing and in-fin-ite love.

Rev. 4:9–11; 5:11–14