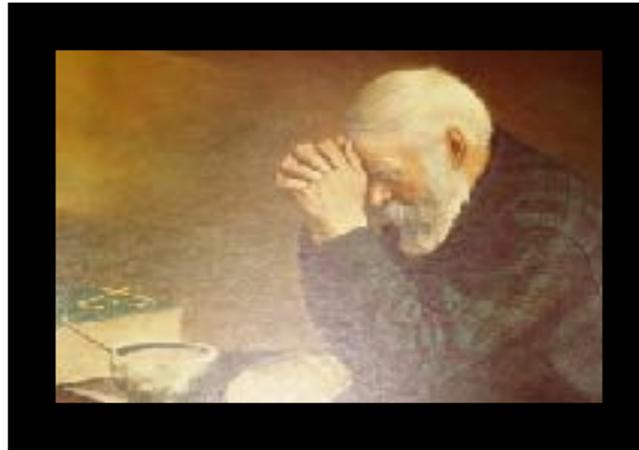


*Please join Trustee Patty and Terry Allen in Foster Hall for refreshments and fellowship following this morning's service.*

Thanks to all of the Deacons who served refreshments during the month of July.

## ***The Presbyterian Church Of Easton, Maryland***



***Our purpose is  
“To live and love like Christ.”***

*We live this out through Dynamic Worship, Loving and Caring Relationships,  
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**ALL:** God of compassion, we are sick. We have wrestled all night with worry instead of resting in you. We have asserted our own goodness instead of awakening to yours. We have turned away those hungry for your help instead of trusting you and feeding them from your limitless supply of blessings. Forgive us, heal us, and help us to hold on to you. We call upon you, for you will answer us, O God, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

A time for silent prayers of confession.

**KYRIE ELEISON**

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**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Leader: The God of steadfast love is our refuge and our Savior.

**ALL:** In Christ, we who are broken are healed, forgiven, filled, and transformed. Alleluia. Amen.

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**\*PASSING THE PEACE**

Leader: The Peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

**ALL:** And also with you.

Leader: Let us greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace.

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

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## **GOD'S WORD PROCLAIMED**

**UNISON PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION**

All-knowing God, you have satisfied our hunger at sunset and held us close through nights of wrestling. Now let the day break with your blessing. Awaken and illumine us by your Word that we may behold your likeness. Amen.

**FIRST LESSON**

Matthew 14:13-21

Leader: The Word of the Lord

**ALL:** Thanks be to God

**SECOND LESSON**

Genesis 32:21-31

Leader: The Word of the Lord

**ALL:** Thanks be to God

**MESSAGE**

*Wrestling with God*

**\*HYMN**

*We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight*

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## OFFERING OF OURSELVES AND OUR GIFTS

**Offertory**

*Miniature*

Peeters

**\*Doxology**

*Old Hundredth*

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**\*Prayer of Dedication**

## TODAY IS COMMUNION SUNDAY

We are receiving Communion by intinction. At the Minister's invitation, we will exit the pews, row by row, to the CENTER aisle. Come forward and receive the bread, dip it in the juice, eat, and then return to your pew by the OUTSIDE aisles.

\* All bread is gluten-free bread.

\*For those who do not wish to come forward, after everyone else has been served, the Minister and another server will come to you.... please raise your hand as they come down the aisle.



### Invitation

Leader: We come now to the Lord's Table. Jesus instituted this meal the night before he was crucified and instructed his followers to eat this bread and take from this cup to remember his death which is for our forgiveness.

**ALL: We will come to this table not because we are perfect people but rather because we are sinners in need of God's grace and forgiveness.**

Leader: So let all those who acknowledge Jesus as their Lord and Savior come and partake of this meal. It is for you. Let us pray.

**ALL: We offer praise, worship and thanksgiving to you, O God, for the gift of your Son Jesus, whose death is commemorated in this bread and cup. Stir our hearts, we pray, to recall his suffering on the cross. Let the image of his lonely ordeal arouse our own passions that we may follow him obediently in our daily walk. Let us love and care and practice holiness, knowing that we shall eat and drink with him in the eternal kingdom. Therefore, with angels and archangels and all the company of heaven, we worship and adore your glorious name, evermore praising you and singing,**

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest**

**\*Statement of Belief – The Apostles’ Creed**

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come and judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting Amen.**

**Words of Institution**

**Distribution of the Elements**

**Prayer**

**Our loving God, you raised up Christ to rule over all creation, giving him the name that is above all other names, that at the name of Jesus, every knee shall bow. We praise you that, lifted in power, he lives and reigns forever in your glory and so fulfills his promise to be with us always to the end of time. Amen.**

**\*HYMN**                      *Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ*                      514

**BENEDICTION**

**CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**                      *Go With Us, Lord*                      535

**POSTLUDE**                      *Verse*                      Zipoli

\*Those who are able may stand.

We welcome our liturgist, Shelley Reel, this morning.

*The flowers have been given by Diane and Scott Myers, “ in memory of our niece Bonnie Lea Verstraete, 08/06/1977 to 04/07/2010.”*

**IN OUR PRAYERS.....*Those whom we know need our continuing prayers:***  
*Irene Hunter, Carlyn Henschen, Elva Clarson, Lynn Morris, Joan Madary, Grace Millet, Kelly Mechling, Carolyn Roslund, Ann Northrup and Dorothy Rowe.*

GREETER: June and Bob Bittering

USHERS: Barbara Mullikin and Bill Hostelley

ELDER OF THE MONTH: Hubert Hoehn

DEACON OF THE MONTH: Pam Dixon and Elaine Reed

**Crab Cake and Fried Chicken Dinner, Saturday, August 19<sup>th</sup>, 5:00 – 7:00 PM**

A sign-up sheet is in Foster Hall for the Annual Crab Cake Dinner along with fried chicken.

The menu includes one (1) or two (2) crab cakes (please designate on the sheet), Amish Market fried chicken, corn-on-the-cob, local sliced tomatoes, cole slaw, rolls, drinks, and dessert.

Frozen crab cakes are available. Please specify amount on sign-up-sheet.

\$20/two crabcakes, \$14/one crabcake, \$10/chicken dinner, \$6/frozen crabcakes

**Flower Donations:** The 13<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup>, and 27<sup>th</sup> are all open for flower donations. Please call the church office at 410-822-3324 if you are able to donate flowers for a Sunday or bring flowers from your garden.

**Greeter:** We are in need of a Greeter for the 20<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> of August. Please sign-up in Foster Hall.