



JULY 28: CENTRE SAFE (WOMEN'S RESOURCE CENTER)

Founded in 1975 as the Centre County Women's Resource Center, the mission of Centre Safe is to empower survivors of sexual or domestic violence, and to work toward the elimination of such violence. Among the services the center provides are a 24-hour crisis hotline and emergency shelter to victims of domestic violence services, sexual assault services, and child access services.

**Leading Worship:**

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**Liturgist:** Judy Smith



Sunday, July 28, 2024

9:30 am

Livestream at 9:30am on our Facebook page.

Welcome to worship at [Mt Nittany Church](#)

The Church has at times used its power, influence, wealth, and structure to maintain power structures that benefit a very select group of people and to keep out anyone who does not fit that image. Jesus calls us to break down those gates so that we all may see God and experience God's love, mercy, and forgiveness.

**Giving:**

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**Greeting**

**Prelude**

**Centering words**

Galatians 5:1-3

**Christ Sets Us Free**

**5** Christ has set us free to enjoy our freedom. So remain strong in the faith. Don't let the chains of slavery hold you again.

**2** Here is what I, Paul, say to you. Don't let yourselves be circumcised. If you do, Christ won't be of any value to you. **3** I say it again. Every man who lets himself be circumcised must obey the whole law.

## Opening Prayer

Lord, may our doors be truly open to all. May no one find reason to feel excluded, unwanted, unworthy, or worst of all unloved. We want to be like Jesus, who ever widened his ministry to include all from the margins of society to the key central figures. Search our hearts and root out all our misconceptions that hinder us from loving all as Jesus loves all. Give us courage to speak out against those who would try to limit anyone's access to a relationship with God.

Amen. ~Michael Swimley, 2024

## \*Opening Praise

Holy Spirit, Truth Divine #465 vs. 1&2  
Love Divine All Loves Excelling #384

## Scripture

Luke 11: 37-54

## Children's Message

## Message

The Gatekeeping Church

## \*Gospel Praise

Jesus Lives Through Me

## \*The Peace

## \*The Offertory Response

Praise the Lord with the Sound of Trumpets

## \*Prayer of Thanksgiving

## Prayers of the People

## Lord's Prayer

## \*Closing Praise

The Church Is One Foundation #546

## \*Sending

## Postlude

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\*You are invited to stand as you are able or willing.

## Prayer List

Jon Hickey, Allen & Brenda Leigey, Pat Sankey, Carl Hill, Barbara Gotwalt, Regina Reichard, Mary Heltman, Dennis Swimley, Carrie Wyten, Evelyn Edmiston, Wayne Dreibelbis, the Simpson Family, Craig Strapel, The Boliek/Roberts family, The Hoover Family, Marty Dunn, Lorretta Dee Shattuck, Bishop Hector Burgos, Yoder Family, Nancy Williams, President Biden

## Announcements

### Coffee Fellowship Time

We are looking for folks to make coffee for our fellowship time in August. Directions for making coffee and supplies are easily located in cabinets below the coffee maker and the refrigerator. Please consider taking a turn for this time of fellowship and yummy donuts! Please see Patty DeCapria or use the sign-up sheet located on the donut table.

### Parents Night Out

We're headed to the garden with Joann this Friday at Parent's Night Out 6-7:30pm We will do some activities in the garden, play games & have a snack. All children 4-12 are welcome. Bring a Friend!!!

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Friendship Class	8:30am	Boardroom
Worship	9:30am	Sanctuary
Children's Sunday School	9:30am	S/C Ed. Rm
Donuts + fellowship	10:30am	FLC

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Pastor Hours	9-11am	Pastor's Office
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