

## *Listen To Our Hearts*

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The hymn "Listen To Our Hearts" is one that I heard probably almost 20 years ago. It's become one of my favorite hymns that I listen to often. This hymn serves as a reminder that, even though we express our thanks to God through giving thanks and songs of praise, we know that He deserves more. It's a prayer to God that He will listen to the praise of our hearts when our words fail us. This hymn is based on Romans 8:26-27 which says,

"Likewise the Spirit also helps in our weaknesses. For we do not know what we should pray for as we ought, but the Spirit Himself makes intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered. 27 Now He who searches the hearts knows what the mind of the Spirit is, because He makes intercession for the saints according to the will of God."

So, let's look at the first verse...

"How do you explain, how do you describe, a love that goes from east to west, and runs as deep as it is wide. You know all our hopes, Lord, you know all our fears, and words cannot express the love we feel, but we long for you to hear."

How can we describe a love so great?! It is hard at times to put into words, the width, length, depth, and height of the love of God. Ephesians 3:17-19 says, "17 that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith; that you, being rooted and grounded in love, 18 may be able to comprehend with all the saints what is the width and length and depth and height 19 to know the love of Christ which passes knowledge; that you may be filled with all the fullness of God." God knows us better than we know ourselves, and it's a blessing to know that we have the chance to express our thanks to God.

The second verse goes,

"If words could fall like rain, from these lips of mine, and if I had a thousand years, Lord, I would still run out of time. If you listen to my heart, every beat will say: Thank You for the Life, Thank You for the Truth, Thank You for the Way."

We could pour our heart out for a millennium, and it still wouldn't be enough! Thank God for giving us life through Jesus, divine truth, and the way to eternal life. How great is our God!

And finally, the chorus, "So listen to our hearts, hear our spirits sing. A song of praise that flows, from those You have redeemed. We will use the words we know, to tell You want an awesome God You are. But words are not enough, to tell You of our love, so listen to our hearts."

May we never get tired of praising God the best we can! He deserves our thanks for all eternity. And if we cannot figure out the best way to express the love that have for Him, pray that God will listen to our hearts.



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**All the Churches of Christ greet you.**

Romans 16:16

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### **WELCOME!**

Sunday

Bible Class- 9:30 a.m.

Worship- 10:30 a.m.

Wednesday

Bible Study-6:30 p.m.

**Today's Sermon: The Trick is in the Treat**

**Scripture Reading: Revelation 20:1-10**

Sermons are recorded and are available for listening on the church website.

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS / UPCOMING EVENTS...

- ❖ **Wednesday Evening Bible Class:** 6:30pm November 1, on Zoom, Arthur will be continuing a study from G.R.O.W. We will be in the 7th chapter on R (repent).
- ❖ **Ladies' Class –Tuesday, October 31. We will continue with the study of Hosea.**
- ❖ **Next Potluck & Bring-a-Friend Sunday – November 19.**



- ✓ **Thinking about ways to use our building for outreach...**
  - Steve is looking into an addiction recovery program that we could offer the community.
  - How about a coffee house / musical jam session?
  - Do you have any ideas for developing our outreach ministry and our spiritual fellowship?
- ❖ **Beginning in December we will be looking into the discipline of prayer and fasting** with a view to entering into the practice together.
- ✓ **Tresa Shirrell's mother, April**, passed away on Friday and **Judy Burger's brother Bob** also passed away.
- ✓ **Pat and Robin Gutherie and Randy and Barb Salsgiver** plan on coming up from the **Kittanning** church to prepare **Thanksgiving Dinner** for us on **November 19<sup>th</sup>**.
- ✓ Remember to pick up **large bags of non-chocolate candy on sale** the day after Halloween for the **MAGI boxes**.

**SINGING AT WELLSBORO TODAY AT 4:30 PM!**

## PRAYERS

- **Please pray for Tresa Shirrell and her family for comfort from the loss of her mother April.**
- **Pray for comfort for Judy Burger and family from the loss of her brother Bob. Judy's husband, Steve, has had a recurrence of lung cancer. He is going to have immunotherapy and is very hopeful of good results.**
- **Darlene** underwent a **brain MRI** on Tuesday to check for a possible mass behind her ear, and will be following up with her regular doctor on Monday. She will also be having an **upper endoscopy with chip** on Friday, November 17.
- **Paulette Frycek** is in acute pain from a pinched nerve in her lower back. She is unable to go to work.
- **Miki** is being treated for gout in her foot.
- **Debbie Sexton has reported that Jim has been placed in hospice care because of his esophageal cancer** and is looking forward to seeing our Lord soon. He is at peace.

### Continue to pray for these people:

- **Monique (Miki's friend)**- needs repair to pain med pump.
- **Pat Gutherie**-he has lung cancer, stage 4.
- **Mike Walls**, frontal lobe dementia,
- **Sue Barry**- stage 4 breast cancer. Currently in remission while continuing with chemo.
- **Brian**, who was injured by a falling log and is in a rehab center near Albany.
- **Tammy (Paulette's friend)**- cancer in her blood.

If you have any PRAYERS or NEWS that you would like included in the bulletin, please contact Sandy at [barncat7237@gmail.com](mailto:barncat7237@gmail.com) or text or call (607) 261-0911.