***THE CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP***

***Seventh Lord’s Day in Easter / Ascension Sunday***

*BALDWIN UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH*

*201 KNOEDLER ROAD*

***PITTSBURGH, PA 15236***

Rev. Dr. Robert E. Walkup, Pastor

Mrs. Grace Shearer, Organist/Choir Director

11.00 A.M. May 28, 2017

#### WE GATHER IN THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

*(Please be seated in silence)*

 **First Organ Prelude**

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######  Announcements

 **Second Organ Prelude**

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 **Call to Worship (Litany of Ascension) Antiphonal**

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| Leader: | Arise, O king of glory, in your strength. You have raised the weakness of our ﬂesh and restore to us the full dignity of life. |
| ***People:*** | ***We praise you for your glory!*** |
| Leader: | May our faith lead us to the Father as we follow the road you trod. |
| ***People:*** | ***You are the king of glory!*** |
| Leader: | You have promised to draw all people to yourself; let no one of us be separate from your body |
| ***People:*** | ***You are the king of glory!*** |
| Leader: | Grant that by our longing we may join you in your kingdom where your humanity and ours is gloriﬁed. |
| ***People:*** | ***You are the king of glory!*** |
| Leader: | You are true God, and you will be our judge, so lead us to contemplate your tender mercy |
| ***People:*** | ***You are the king of glory!*** |
| Leader: | O King of glory and Lord of Hosts, who ascended triumphantly above the heavens, send us the promised one, the Spirit of truth. Blessed be the holy and undivided Trinity, now and forever. |
| ***People:*** | ***Alleluia!*** |

#### THE BODY IS CALLED TOGETHER BY THE SPIRIT

**\*Hymn**  **#213**

*“Crown Him With Many Crowns”*

**\*Prayer of the Day**

L: The Lord be with you.

***P: And also with you***

L: Let us pray.

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| Leader: | God of majesty, you led the Messiah through suffering into risen life, and took him up to the glory of heaven. Clothe us with the power promised from on high, and send us forth to the ends of the earth as heralds of repentance and witnesses of Jesus Christ, firstborn from the dead, who lives with you now and always in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God forever and ever. *Amen*. |

**HIS LIGHT DISPELS OUR DARKNESS**

**\*Call to Confession**

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| Since we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and ﬁnd grace to help in time of need. |

**\*Prayer of Confession Unison**

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| ***Almighty God, you have raised Jesus from death to life, and crowned him Lord of all. We confess that we have not bowed before him, or acknowledged his rule in our lives. We have gone along with the ways of the world, and failed to give him glory. Forgive us, and raise us from sin, that we may be your faithful people, obeying the commands of our Lord Jesus Christ, who rules the world and is head of the church, his body. Hear us as we pray in the words of the king of glory, saying: “Our Father…..Amen.”*** |

**\*Silent Prayer**

**\*Assurance of Pardon**

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| The Risen and Reigning Christ, who forgives us our sins, has thrown open the gates to the Kingdom of God and bids us enter into his peace. ***Thanks be to God!*** |

 **Gloria Patri #546**

 **The Peace**

 **Offertory**

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**\*Organ Response #552**

**\*Prayer of Dedication**

**\*Doxology #544**

**\*Hymn INSERT**

*“Alleluia, Sing to Jesus”*

**HIS LIGHT GRANTS US VISION**

 **Prayer of Illumination Unison**

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| ***O God, form the minds of your faithful people into a single will. Make us love what you command and desire what you promise, that, amid all the changes of this world, our hearts may be ﬁxed where true joy is found; through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.*** |

 **First Reading** Pew Bible pg. 118

*Acts 1:6-14*

 **Second Reading** Pew Bible pg. 235

*1 Peter 4:12-14*

 **Anthem**

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 **Gospel Reading** Pew Bible pg. 109

*John 17:1-11*

 **Sermon Rev. Walkup**

*“Don’t Dream It, Be It”*

 **Affirmation of Faith Apostles’ Creed**

*Hymnal pg. 12; using “Holy Spirit”*

 **Prayer of the People**

**WE BEAR THE LIGHT OF CHRIST TO OTHERS**

**\*Hymn**  **INSERT**

*“Hail the Day That Sees Him Rise”*

**\*Charge & Blessing**

**\*The Recessional**

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***\*Please Stand if Able***

**WORSHIP TEAM TODAY:** Dennis Auth, Nancy Brown, Jeri Stoehr

**WORSHIP AND COMMUNION**

 **TEAM NEXT WEEK:** Bob David, Charlotte Maegle, Ann Downey

***Bible Readings***

***SUNDAY*: “I’ve Got This?” Matthew 26:36-39**

**MONDAY: “A Second Chance” John 7:53-8:11**

**TUESDAY: “God Cares For Us” James 2:14-17**

**WEDNESDAY: “Complain Or Contribute” Philippians 2:12-18**

**THURSDAY: “Loss Or Launch?” Isaiah 55:8-11**

**FRIDAY: “Why God Why?” Mark 14:32-42**

**SATURDAY: “The Price Is Paid” Isaiah 53:1-9**

 **THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK: “*My thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways,” declares the LORD.”Isaiah 55:8 (NIV)***

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Please continue to pray for our sick and shut-ins. Also pray for Milly Hartmann, Jay Torrance, Jean & Charles Leuthold, Dorothy Williams, Dorothy Dyer, Norman Coliane, Patty Kulpa, Bob Knight. **Please Note**: Patty Kulpa has been hospitalized this past week.

 Also keep in your thoughts and prayers the following who are friends and family of members: Don Smith, Tom Shearer, Laurie Vanderplaats, Skip Wolff, Joe Arcuri and Amara Bayerlein.



The **South Hills Community Concert Band** will perform their **summer concert outdoors** (weather permitting) on **Monday, June 5th at 7:00 PM**. Also, **strawberry shortcake** will be served. Everyone is welcome! This will be a free will offering.

**PLEASE NOTE:** Today is the last Day of Sunday School. The last day of Bible Study is **Wednesday, May 31, 2017**. They will both resume in the fall.

The last day of **choir practice is Thursday, June 1st.**

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR:** Starting **Sunday, June 4th, Worship Service hours** will begin at **10:30 AM** during the summer months.



**Office hours during the summer months** will be **Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday** from **9:00 AM – 12:00 Noon** starting **Monday, June 5th.**

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The office will be closed on **Monday, May 29th in observance of Memorial Day.**