

THE CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP
Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

BALDWIN UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
201 KNOEDLER ROAD
PITTSBURGH, PA 15236

Rev. Eric Hertzog, Guest Preacher
Mrs. Grace Shearer, Organist/Choir Director

10.30 A.M.

July 16, 2017

WE GATHER IN THE LIGHT OF CHRIST
(Please be seated in silence)

First Organ Prelude

“Prelude Fugue In C Major”

Bach

Announcements

Second Organ Prelude

“He Is Lord”

Smith

Call to Worship

(Inspired by Psalm 119:97-104)

Antiphonal

Leader: Holy God, we gather in your Presence as your people.

People: *You make a new covenant with us!*

Leader: Your words of wisdom and truth are sweeter than honey and sharper than a sword.

People: *They are our understanding of grace, peace and love.*

Leader: You are a lamp to our feet and persistent in

preserving us from every evil way

People: *You are our light in the darkness.*

Leader: Draw us near and engrave your compassion upon our hearts;

People: *That they may beat as one with yours.*

THE BODY IS CALLED TOGETHER BY THE SPIRIT

***Hymn**

69

"This Is The Day The Lord Hath Made"

***Prayer of the Day**

L: The Lord be with you.

P: And also with you

L: Let us pray.

Leader: Almighty God, we thank you for planting in us the seed of your Word. By your Holy Spirit, help us to receive it with joy, and live according to it, that we may grow in faith and hope and love; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.
Amen.

HIS LIGHT DISPELS OUR DARKNESS

***Call to Confession**

The seed of God's Kingdom is forever being sown, but it does not always take root in our lives. Let us come

before the One who can make it grow abundantly within us.

***Prayer of Confession** **Antiphonal**
Divine Gardener, we confess that our hearts may need tilling to dig out deeply rooted sins. We pray for ourselves and others, that when life makes us hard and resistant, you will save us from allowing old habits, old systems and old patterns of thinking to crowd out seedlings planted with divine compassion. Prune from us the thorns of our fears, insecurities, desires, and self-absorption. Lord, grant that our hearts may be fertile soil, where your Word flourishes and yields a harvest, bringing salvation to ourselves and those about us. We ask this for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ who taught us to pray, saying: "Our Father.....Amen."

***Silent Prayer**

***Assurance of Pardon**

Sin has no claim on us anymore, because through the power of the Holy Spirit, we have put to death our old ways of acting and thinking and become God's own children.

Thanks be to God!

Gloria Patri

#546

The Peace

Offertory

Price

“Prayer”

***Organ Response** #552

***Prayer of Dedication**

***Doxology** #544

***Hymn** #320

“I Am Thine O Lord”

HIS LIGHT GRANTS US VISION

Prayer of Illumination **Unison**
God, source of all light, by your Word you give light to the soul. Pour out upon us the spirit of wisdom and understanding that, being taught by you in Holy Scripture, our hearts and minds may be opened to know the things that pertain to life and holiness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

First Reading Pew Bible pg. 21

Genesis 25:19-34

Second Reading Pew Bible pg. 157

Romans 8:1-11

Gospel Reading Pew Bible pg. 13

Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

Sermon

Rev. Hertzog

“For God So Loved The World”

Affirmation of Faith

Apostles’ Creed

Hymnal pg. 12; using “Holy Spirit”

Prayer of the People

WE BEAR THE LIGHT OF CHRIST TO OTHERS

***Hymn**

#411

“Take the Name of Jesus With You”

***Charge & Blessing**

***The Recessional**

Nolte

“The Power And Glory”

****Please Stand if Able***

WORSHIP TEAM TODAY: Rose Marie Neill, Karen McKain, Don Russell

WORSHIP TEAM NEXT WEEK: Sean Frey, Colleen Frey, Craig Frey

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Bible Readings

SUNDAY: “Works of Art” Genesis 5: 15-20
MONDAY: “Clothed In Kindness” Colossians 3:12-17
TUESDAY: “Saying Yes” Judges 6:11-18
WEDNESDAY: “A Small World” Mathew 5:13-16
THURSDAY: “A Simple Life” 1 Timothy 6:6-12
FRIDAY: “Backward Or Forward?” Ephesians 3:14-21
SATURDAY: “He’s Been There” Hebrews 2:14-18; 4:14-16

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK: “As God’s chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe uourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. Colossians 3:12 (NIV)



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 and Tom Shearer.

Welcome

Please welcome **Rev. Eric Hertzog**, our **Guest Preacher**, to Baldwin United Presbyterian Church today.



Today after Worship Service, the Deacons are sponsoring an **ice cream social**. Stop down for a sweet treat!



Grace Shearer would like to thank everyone for their **prayers, cards and well wishes** and donations to the **Go-Fund-Me page for her son, Tom Shearer**. He was discharged from the hospital and is **recuperating at his home**.



SHIM is sponsoring a back-to-school back pack and supplies event for the needy children in our community here **at Baldwin UP Church on Monday, August 14th from 1:00 PM – 4:00 PM**. If you would like to donate school supplies, there is a box beside the hall table for the supplies. **Thank you.**