

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

BALDWIN UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
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PITTSBURGH, PA 15236

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Mrs. Grace Shearer, Organist/Choir Director

10.30 A.M.

July 30, 2017

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

First Organ Prelude

Bach

“Prelude & Fugue in D Minor”

Announcements

Second Organ Prelude

Smith

“He Is Lord”

Call to Worship

Antiphonal

Leader: Holy One, you call us in your midst to equip us
for life in the service of Christ.

People: ***In Christ we are more than conquerors,***

Leader: Even as you gave us your Son, so too do you
give us the Spirit in power, for nothing in
creation can separate us from the love of God!

People: *If God is for us, who is against us?*

Leader: May the all-surpassing grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you,

People: *And the unshakable love of God be with you.*

Leader: The joyous communion of the Holy Spirit be with you,

People: *And also with you!*

THE BODY IS CALLED TOGETHER BY THE SPIRIT

***Hymn**

INSERT

“Let All Things Now Living”

***Prayer of the Day**

L: The Lord be with you.

P: And also with you

L: Let us pray.

Leader: Eternal God, protector of all who put their trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: Fill us with your mercy and your grace, that, with you to rule and guide, we may so use the good things of this present life that we do not neglect those of eternal worth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. *Amen.*

HIS LIGHT DISPELS OUR DARKNESS

***Call to Confession**

When we don't know how or what to pray, the Spirit knows and intercedes for us with sighs too deep for words. Let us therefore bring our repentance before God, who searches our hearts, and receives us with open arms.

***Prayer of Confession**

Antiphonal

Holy One, we long to be faithful stewards of your abundant grace; to serve each other in love and humility; to serve your world with wisdom and energy. Yet, sometimes, many times, O God, our efforts seem to fail, and we are tempted to regret and despair. Forgive us when we stumble over pride, and when our words and actions are not guided by love. Turn our hearts when we act in folly. Restore our energy when it is gone. Help us to trust that your abundant grace is strong and eternal, and that all shall be well, and all manner of things shall be well for we who are in Christ Jesus, our Lord and Redeemer, as we together pray, saying: "Our Father.....Amen."

***Silent Prayer**

***Assurance of Pardon**

Rejoice! Nothing may separate us from the love of God in Jesus Christ for whose sake our sins are forgiven.

Thanks be to God!

Gloria Patri

#546

The Peace

Offertory

Gabriel

“His Eye Is On The Sparrow”

***Organ Response**

#552

***Prayer of Dedication**

***Doxology**

#544

***Hymn**

INSERT

“I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say”

HIS LIGHT GRANTS US VISION

Prayer of Illumination

Antiphonal

O Creator of the universe, shed the light of your wisdom into the darkness of my mind. Fill my thoughts with the loving knowledge of you, that I may bring your light to others. Amen.

First Reading

Pew Bible pg. 26

Genesis 29:15-28

Second Reading

Pew Bible pg.158

Romans 8:26-39

Gospel Reading

Pew Bible pg. 14

Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

Sermon

Rev. Walkup

"Somebody's Child"

Affirmation of Faith

Apostles' Creed

Hymnal pg. 12; using "Holy Spirit"

Prayer of the People

WE BEAR THE LIGHT OF CHRIST TO OTHERS

***Hymn**

Hymnal Flyleaf

"How Great Thou Art"

***Charge & Blessing**

***The Recessional**

Handel

"Thanks Be To Thee"

****Please Stand if Able***

WORSHIP TEAM TODAY: Jean Lindberg, Diane McGreevy, Vince Wisbar

WORSHIP TEAM NEXT WEEK: Denis Auth, Nancy Brown, Jeri Stoehr

Bible Readings

SUNDAY: “In The Face Of Loss” Job 1:1-21
MONDAY: “The Light Of The World” John 12:44-50
TUESDAY: “Marvel At God’s Love” Jeremiah 29:10-14
WEDNESDAY: “Christ Is The Center” Colossians 1:9-24
THURSDAY: “10.000 Reasons” Psalm 126:1-6
FRIDAY: “Sharing God’s Word” Isaiah 55:8-13
SATURDAY: “Follow Me!” John 21:15-23
THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK: *(Job) said, “ Naked I came from my mother’s womb, and naked shall I return there; the LORD gave, and the LORD has taken away; blessed be the name of the LORD.” Job 1:21 (NRSV)*



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

Welcome back Dr. Bob.



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. The deadline for donations is **August 6th. Thank you.**