

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

BALDWIN UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
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PITTSBURGH, PA 15236

Rev. Steven Bomely, Guest Preacher
Mrs. Grace Shearer, Organist/Choir Director

10.30 A.M.

July 23, 2017

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

First Organ Prelude

Announcements

Second Organ Prelude

Call to Worship

(Inspired by Psalm 139)

Antiphonal

Leader: O Lord, you have searched us and known us.
Before we move or think or speak, you know
our actions and our words.

People: *Search me, O God, and know my heart.*

Leader: You breathed life into us, and shaped us in
human form to serve your purpose and sing
your praise.

**People: *We praise you for the gifts of substance
and spirit, of lineage and legacy.***

Leader: How wonderful are your thoughts, O God!

People: *How vast is the expanse of your grace and love!*

Leader: Praise the Lord!

People: *The Lord's name be praised!*

THE BODY IS CALLED TOGETHER BY THE SPIRIT

***Hymn**

#525

"Come, Ye Thankful People, Come"

***Prayer of the Day**

L: The Lord be with you.

P: And also with you

L: Let us pray.

Leader: Eternal God, you draw near to us in Christ and make yourself our guest. Amid the cares of our daily lives, make us attentive to your voice and alert to your presence, that we may treasure your word above all else. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God forever and ever. *Amen.*

HIS LIGHT DISPELS OUR DARKNESS

***Call to Confession**

Even in the midst of great joy and celebration, we know that our lives don't always reflect God's intention. Let us therefore open our hearts to God in a time of confession.

***Prayer of Confession**

Antiphonal

Merciful God, you sow us like seeds in the same field and together we sway in the same wind, are nourished by the same sun, and refreshed by the same rain. You bless us with the knowledge that you want us to grow toward you and each other. Forgive us when we deprive others of that same opportunity. It is so very easy to forget that we ourselves are a mixture of weeds and wheat. Forgive us when we are afraid to look into the fields of our own lives to see what is growing there. Holy God, take our poor intentions and efforts, and mix them with your immeasurable love so that we might become the good harvest that you created us to be. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ as we together pray, saying: "Our Father....Amen."

***Silent Prayer**

***Assurance of Pardon**

The God who promised never forsake us heals all our infirmities and relieves our burden of sin for the sake of Jesus Christ and with the help of the Holy Spirit.

Thanks be to God!

Gloria Patri #546

The Peace

Offertory

***Organ Response** #552

***Prayer of Dedication**

***Doxology** #544

***Hymn** #326

“Nearer My God to Thee”

HIS LIGHT GRANTS US VISION

Prayer of Illumination **Antiphonal**

Leader: Come, Holy Spirit.

People: *Fill us.*

Leader: Come, Holy Breath.

People: *Live in us.*

Leader: Come, Holy Wind.

People: *Move through us.*

All: *Amen.*

First Reading Pew Bible pg. 581

“Psalm 146”

Gospel Reading Pew Bible pg. 49

“Mark 12:28-33”

Sermon **Rev. Bomely**

“Worship That Pleases God”

Affirmation of Faith **Apostles' Creed**
Hymnal pg. 12; using "Holy Spirit"

Prayer of the People

WE BEAR THE LIGHT OF CHRIST TO OTHERS

***Hymn** **#401**
"Jesus, The Very Thought of Thee"

***Charge & Blessing**

***The Recessional**

****Please Stand if Able***
