

**Thought for Today**

**The law of harvest is to reap more than you sow, what will you do with the abundance of your harvest and of God's blessings?**

Gold Hymnal

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: This is a day for celebration! This is a day to rejoice! The Spirit of God is in our midst and God has come to meet us where we are!

**People: We come in Spirit and truth! We come opening our hearts before our God – that God might know us! We worship in word and song and prayer!**

Leader: Be filled with hope and joy for we have a God who loves us, knows us, and wants to be with us!

**People: We are gathered as one, as the body of Christ!**

Leader: Let us celebrate and worship in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. AMEN.

\*HYMN "We Gather Together".....no. 387

\*CALL TO CONFESSION

+PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Gracious and generous God, you have blessed us with gentle rains, days that are warmed by the sun and seasons of growth and harvest! You bless us with loving families, kind friends and a caring church. Help us to receive these gifts with thankfulness and humility. Help us to also understand that we cannot earn nor do we deserve such generosity, still you call us to graciously open our hearts and hands to receive.**

**Forgive us when we are hardhearted and tight-handed, when we don't let your goodness flow through us, when we hide our talents and turn away from the needs of the world. Release us from our fears and create a spirit of giving that touches the world with hope. AMEN.**

+SILENT PRAYER (please use this time to confess your personal sins)

+KYRIE

+ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader- Our Savior said – You will know the truth and the trust will set you free. We are set free by the grace and forgiveness of God!

**People- Let us live as those redeemed by God! AMEN.**

\*GLORIA PATRI.....no. 142

YOUNG PEOPLE'S MESSAGE

OLD TESTAMENT Ecclesiastes 3:1-8 pg. 537

CHOIR ANTHEM "Lord of the Morning"

GOSPEL LESSON Matthew 5:43-48 pg. 787

MESSAGE

PASTORAL PRAYER

\*THE CREED.....inside front cover of hymnal

\*HYMN "We Plow the Fields and Scatter".....no. 395

OFFERING/OFFERTORY

OFFERING RESPONSE/THE DOXOLOGY.....no. 382

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION & LORD'S PRAYER

\*BENEDICTION AND THREEFOLD AMEN

\*HYMN "For the Beauty of the Earth".....no. 1

CHIMES, QUIET MEDITATION (Congregation seated)

POSTLUDE (those who are able please \*- stand, +-kneel)

Church website.....www.peaceunitedchurch.org

Pastor ([pastor@peaceunitedchurch.org](mailto:pastor@peaceunitedchurch.org)) ..... William Hoch (335.0387)

Organist.....Mrs. Virginia Tobias

Assistant Organist.....Mrs. Lois Haldeman

Secretary ([secretary@peaceunitedchurch.org](mailto:secretary@peaceunitedchurch.org)).....Mrs. Beverly Madara

Treasurer.....Mr. Michael Madara

Altar Guild Workers.....Janet Mattis, Mardel Lausch, and Mary Getz

Greeters.....Sylvia Leach

Head Usher.....Fran Hollen

Attendance on September 21.....95

Offering for September 21.....\$2,002.00

Month to date offering.....\$8,995.00

Amount needed to meet budget.....\$15,430.00

The altar flowers are given in memory of J. Walter, Mabel, and Harold El Shupp by Ella Mae Shupp.

**PRAYER REQUESTS**

Glenna Brensinger

Jeff Moyer

Bob Christie

Walter Fink

Amanda

Kathryn Fitterling

Jack Bernstel

Family of Sonny Weaver

Family of Helen Fowler

**Please consider serving on your church council! This year we need 4 people of the position of Elder and 2 to serve as Deacons.**

It has been noticed that the toys and furniture in the nursery need some cleaning. If you are able please speak with John Haldeman or Pastor Bill.

### **COMING EVENTS**

Today, September 28<sup>th</sup> – Harvest Home  
Following worship a brief meeting of Health and Welfare  
Faith Exploration – 6:00 pm  
Monday, September 29<sup>th</sup> – Bell Choir Rehearsal – 7:00 pm  
Tuesday, September 30<sup>th</sup> – Bible Study – 1:00 pm  
Wednesday, October 1<sup>st</sup> – Choir Rehearsal – 7:00 pm  
Sunday, October 5<sup>th</sup> – World Communion & SCC service and dinner  
Tuesday, October 7<sup>th</sup> – Spiritual Council – 6:30 pm  
Church Council – 7:00 pm

### **LOOKING AHEAD**

October 4<sup>th</sup> – Homes of Hope Auction  
October 5<sup>th</sup> – World Communion and SCC Dinner – as always if you will be eating alone on this day please plan to join us for dinner. If you plan on attending the dinner, please speak with Erla or Janis. Communion Service at 3 pm, Dinner at 4pm.  
October 25<sup>th</sup> – Abigail Butz Blood Drive - 9 am – 1 pm  
Youth Pancake Breakfast - 8 am – 11 am  
November 9<sup>th</sup> – Congregational Meeting  
November 22<sup>nd</sup> – Craft Fair  
November 26<sup>th</sup> – Thanksgiving Eve Service – St. Paul's Lutheran

### **FAITH EXPLORATION EVENTS –**

Sunday, September 28<sup>th</sup> – Hear about Courtney and Gretchen Hall's recent trip to Africa – 6:00 pm  
Thursday, October 16<sup>th</sup> – Holocaust Survivor Joseph Hirt shares his childhood experience – Doors open for refreshments at 6:30 pm, the program begins at 7:00 pm.

**COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS** – Committee reports for the Annual Report book can be submitted to the office.

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*United Church of Christ*

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*Denver, Pennsylvania*

*To all who are weary and need rest; to all who are lonely and need fellowship; to all who mourn and need comfort; to all who pray and to all who do not but ought; to all who sin and need a Savior; and to whomsoever will come – this church opens wide the door and says in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ,  
**WELCOME!***



September 27, 2014  
Harvest Home