

**Thought Before Worship**

**Above all else, know this: Be prepared at all times for the gifts of God and be ready always for new ones. For God is a thousand times more ready to give than we are to receive.**

**Gold Hymnal**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**PRELUDE**

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: God gives us one day at a time:

**People: Long enough for laughter to follow any tears;**

Leader: Deep enough for prayer and silence to mingle together;

**People: Time enough to help someone in need;**

Leader: Plenty of time to notice beauty and praise the Maker;

**People: Sufficient time to build a bridge of forgiveness or tear down a wall of resentment;**

Leader: The right time to embrace friends, smile at strangers, play with children, sing praise to God. This is the day that the Lord has made, let us all rejoice and be glad!! **AMEN.**

**\*HYMN**

**“You Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim”.....no. 360**

**\*CALL TO CONFESSION**

**+PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Gracious God we confess that we look but never see the face of hunger, for our eyes are not open. We listen but do not hear the cry of despair, for our ears are stopped up. We touch but feel nothing of the pain and loneliness of our neighbors, for our hearts have grown dull. In our closed hands five loaves and two fish will never be more than five loaves and two fish.**

**Merciful God, help us to be silent that we might see, that we might hear, that we might feel, that we might serve you – as we see, hear, feel and serve your people. AMEN.**

**+SILENT PRAYER**

*(please use this time to confess your own personal sin)*

**+KYRIE**

**+ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Leader: God turns us around, opens our eyes, renews our faith, and most of all forgives our sins.

**People: Of all people, we are truly blessed. AMEN.**

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

**YOUNG PEOPLE’S MESSAGE**

EPISTLE LESSON Ephesians 6:10-17 pg. 952

SPECIAL MUSIC “Building This House”

GOSPEL LESSON John 6:56-68 pg. 868

**MESSAGE**

**PASTORAL PRAYER**

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

**\*HYMN “It Is Well with My Soul”.....no. 495**

OFFERING/OFFERTORY “He Will Never Forsake You”

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

**\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION AND LORD’S PRAYER**

**\*BENEDICTION AND THREEFOLD AMEN**

**\*HYMN “Lead On, O King Eternal”.....no. 595**

CHIMES, QUIET MEDITATION (Congregation seated)

**POSTLUDE**

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

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Treasurer.....Mr. Michael Madara

Altar Guild Workers.....Nancy Reese and Lillian Messner

Greeters.....Zach and Madison Morgan

Head Usher.....Pat Hall

The altar flowers are given in memory of Harold and Beatrice Stauffer, and Samuel and Mazie Horst, by brothers Fred and Randy Stauffer.

We thank Sheree Wolf and Dennis Miller for providing our Special Music this morning!

Committee Chairpersons – Please submit Budget requests to the Church office as soon as possible. Thank you.

On Thursday, Peace will be serving the Community Dinner at Trinity UMC on Main Street, Denver. We will be serving hot dogs, hamburgers and other picnic food! We will need help at Peace Church at 2:30 to form hamburger patties and prepare a few items. We will need people to gather at Trinity beginning at about 5:00 or 5:30 so that we are ready to serve at 6:00. We also need a couple more dozen cupcakes. For more information see Pastor Bill.

### PRAYER REQUESTS

Royce McCrabb	Dana Keckler	Mildred Krick
Vaye Freeman	Elaine Shirk	Kathryn Light
Doris Fultz	Slats Trostle	Alan Miller
Margaret Gress	Cliff Youndt	Betty Leisey

### COMING EVENTS

Tuesday, August 25<sup>th</sup> – Bible Study – 1:00 pm  
Wednesday, August 26<sup>th</sup> – Children’s Ministry Meeting – 7:30 pm  
Thursday, August 27<sup>th</sup> – Community Dinner at Trinity UMC  
Monday, August 31 – Benevolence Meeting – 6:00 pm  
Tuesday, September 1<sup>st</sup> – Health and Welfare Meeting at Erla’s – 5:30  
Sunday, September 13<sup>th</sup> – Church Picnic following our Traditional Service.

**Fall Hours** - After additional consideration the Church Council has decided that Sunday School and Worship for the Fall will be as follows:

Contemporary Worship – 8:30 am

Sunday School – 9:30 am

Tradition Worship – 10:30 am

These hours will take effect on the Sunday following Labor Day, September 13<sup>th</sup>.

The Health and Welfare Committee has placed a number of prayer shawls in the Narthex. If you know someone who would be comforted with one, we invite you to take one and share it with them.

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# PEACE

*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!*



August 23, 2015  
Twenty-First Sunday of Ordinary Time