

Thought Before Worship

You are not what you do, you are not what others say you are, you are not a set of descriptions. To know who we are we must first ask why are we here. Then, perhaps, we can ask - Who am I?

Gold Hymnal

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE "Melodie"

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: The Spirit of the Lord is upon us, God has anointed us to bring good tidings to the afflicted;

People: God has called us to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to those who are bound;

Leader: God has called us to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor;

People: To grant to those who mourn in Zion -- to give them a garland instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, the mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit;

Leader: May God fill us with the Spirit of Shalom as we go forth to be the people God calls us to be! AMEN.

*HYMN "The God of Abraham Praise".....no. 332

*CALL TO CONFESSION

+PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, we confess that we want our lives to matter. We want to be remembered for doing something good or important. Our thoughts are noble; we want to do something for your kingdom. Help us to see how easy it is to get lost in the quest and in the end to accomplish little.

Forgive us, O God. Give us your vision to see that it is not always the big things that matter. Forgive us and help us to see and do the things that do matter – to love a child, to care for a friend, to show someone that you are nearby by our being near and caring for them. Help us not to be lost in the quest but to lose ourselves in your service. AMEN.

+SILENT PRAYER

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

+KYRIE

+ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: God never cuts us off from compassion and mercy? We are loved, we are forgiven, we are God's children!

People: this is Good News! Alleluia! AMEN.

*GLORIA PATRI.....no. 142

YOUNG PEOPLE'S MESSAGE

OLD TESTAMENT Psalm 1 pg. 424

CHOIR ANTHEM "Make Me a Channel of Your Peace"

GOSPEL LESSON Mark 9:33-37 pg. 821

MESSAGE

PASTORAL PRAYER

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

*HYMN "Tell Me the Stories of Jesus".....no. 212

OFFERING/OFFERTORY "What a Friend We Have in Jesus"

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

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION AND LORD'S PRAYER

*BENEDICTION AND THREEFOLD AMEN

*HYMN "Jesus the Very Thought of Thee".....no. 465

CHIMES, QUIET MEDITATION (Congregation seated)

POSTLUDE

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

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

Pastor (pastor@peaceunitedchurch.org)William Hoch (335.0387)

Organist.....Mrs. Virginia Tobias

Assistant Organist.....Mrs. Lois Haldeman

Secretary (secretary@peaceunitedchurch.org).....Mrs. Beverly Madara

Treasurer.....Mr. Michael Madara

Altar Guild Workers.....Janet Mattis and Mary Getz

Greeters.....Margaret Robinson

Head Usher.....Mary Getz

The altar flowers are given in memory of family by George and Eleanor Bailey.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Royce McCrabb

family of Dana Keckler

Doris Fultz

Margaret Gress

Slats Trostle

Betty Good

Penny Wolf

World Communion will be celebrated on Sunday, October 4th. That afternoon at 3:00 we will provide a Communion Service for our Special Care and Concern members and their sponsors. A dinner will follow. Anyone eating alone that day is invited to join us for dinner. We do ask that you speak with Erla Hartranft or Janis Hoch so that we might be prepared for everyone who attends.

COMING EVENTS

Tuesday, September 22nd – Bible Study – 1:00 pm

Wednesday, September 23rd – Choir Rehearsal – 7:00 pm

Choir will sing on Sunday

Saturday, September 26th – Chicken BBQ

Sunday, September 27th – Harvest Home – On Saturday, September 26th, please bring non-perishable food items to the church.

These will be displayed in front of our Sanctuary as a way to celebrate God's goodness and provisions. They will then be sent to Ephrata Area Social Services to be shared with others.

Any financial gifts for Harvest Home will be passed on to the Power Packs Program.

Sunday, September 27th – Health and Welfare Meeting following Worship

Wednesday, September 30th – Children's Ministry Meeting – 6:30 pm

COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS – Please have your committee reports for the annual report book submitted to the church office by early October. They can be placed on the secretary's desk or submitted by email using – secretary@peaceunitedchurch.org.

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.

On September 27th after the traditional service, the youth and their families are going out for lunch and par 3 golfing. Members of the congregation are invited to join in the fun. Those attending will be eating lunch at Kountry Korner and then golfing at Springside Golf in Reinholds. Please bring money for lunch, \$8 to golf, and an extra golf ball or 2 if you have them. Clubs are provided by Springside. No golfing expertise needed to come and have fun.

PEACE

United Church of Christ

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 20, 2015
Twenty-Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time