

Thought Before Worship

Harvest isn't simply the act of plucking a vegetable off the vine, it is a season of collecting the crops and celebrating the plentiful gifts our garden and our God have brought us.

Gold Hymnal

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

"Morning Meditation"

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Praise to the Lord, the God of Israel, for God has done marvelous things!

People: God will defend the afflicted among the people and save the children of the needy.

Leader: The mountains will bring prosperity to the people, the hills the fruit of righteousness.

People: Let grain abound throughout the land, let its fruit flourish like Lebanon!

Leader: Praise to our God, may the whole earth be filled with the glory and the grace of our God! AMEN.

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

*CALL TO CONFESSION

+PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious and merciful God, forgive our moments of ingratitude and the spiritual blindness that prevents us from appreciating the wonder that is this world that you have made. Forgive us for not recognizing your hand in the endless cycle of nature, of life and death and rebirth.

Forgive us for taking without giving and reaping without sowing. Open our eyes to see. Open our lips to praise you. Open our hands to share the bounty that is ours.

May our feet tread lightly on the path we walk and may our footsteps be worthy of following in the way that you would lead.

AMEN.

+SILENT PRAYER

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

+KYRIE

+ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Do not be afraid for God who made all things, and all things good, forgives our every sin and restores us to life.

People: The grace and the peace of Christ is upon us. AMEN.

*GLORIA PATRI.....no. 142

YOUNG PEOPLE'S MESSAGE

EPISTLE LESSON Acts 6:1-6 pg. 889

CHOIR ANTHEM *"Just a Closer Walk with Thee"*

GOSPEL LESSON John 14:15-24 pg. 877

MESSAGE

PASTORAL PRAYER

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

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

*HYMN "Praise Ye the Father".....no. 136

OFFERING/OFFERTORY *"Pavane"*

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

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION AND LORD'S PRAYER

*BENEDICTION AND THREEFOLD AMEN

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

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.....Lillian Messner

Head Usher.....Mary Getz

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

The Altar bouquet is in celebration of the 50th wedding anniversary of George and Eleanor Bailey.

This morning we celebrate the Baptism of Oliver John Morgan, son of Zach and Madison Morgan.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Royce McCrabb	Doris Fultz	Margaret Gress
Slats Trostle	Betty Good	Penny Wolf
Mae Bredbenner		

COMING EVENTS

Sunday, September 27th – Thank you for your gifts for Harvest Home.
Food will be sent to Ephrata Area Social Services. Any financial gifts will be given to the Power Packs Program.

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

Tuesday, September 29th – Bible Study – 1:00 pm

Wednesday, September 30th – Choir Rehearsal – 7:00 pm

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

Sunday, October 11th – Youth serving lunch after traditional service.

Sunday, October 18th – Faith Exploration Night – Join us and learn about our new Safe Sanctuary Policy – 6:00 pm

Saturday, October 24th – Pumpkin Cook Off – 5:30 pm

Saturday, October 31st – Abigail Butz Memorial Blood Drive - 9am – 12:00 pm.
Pancake breakfast – 8:00 am to 11:00 pm.

Tuesday, November 3rd – Health and Welfare Meeting – 6:30 pm

Thursday, November 5th – Health and Welfare at Ephrata Manor – 6:30 pm

Saturday, November 14th – Mystery Dinner

There are some open dates for sponsors for Sunday Altar flowers. The cost is \$25.00 for the two Altar vases and the dates are in February, March and July.

COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS – Please have your committee reports for the annual report book submitted to the church office by early October. Email to – secretary@peaceunitedchurch.org.

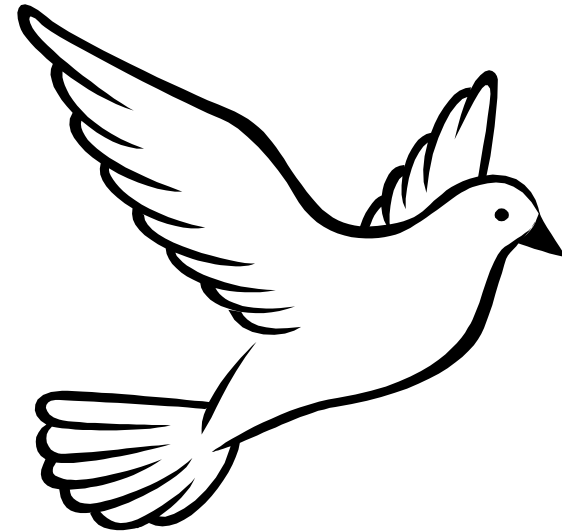
The Health and Welfare Committee has placed a number of prayer shawls in the Narthex. If you know someone who would be comforted with one, we invite you to take one and share it with them.

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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 27, 2015
Twenty-Sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time