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STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY

(and the 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time)

November 10, 2019

Pastor: Rev John C. R. Silbert

Liturgist: Elder Ann Morrison

Organist: Peggy McGuirk

Choir Director: Austin Cornelius

November 10, 2019

11:00 A. M. WORSHIP SERVICE

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time; Stewardship Sunday

Order of Service

** = Please stand, as able

The Gathering

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

O How He Loves You and Me ~ Kaiser

CHORAL INTROIT 409 vs.1

God Is Here

ABBOT'S LEIGH

PROCLAMATION

**THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

**PROCESSIONAL HYMN 336

We Gather Together

KREMSER

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo. Forgive what our lips tremble to name, what our hearts can no longer bear, and what has become for us a consuming fire of judgment.

Set us free from a past that we cannot change; open to us a future in which we can be changed; and grant us grace to grow more and more in your likeness and image; through Jesus Christ, the light of the world. Amen.

A TIME OF SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Pastor: Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.

People: **In Jesus Christ we are forgiven! Thanks be to God.**

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**THE PASSING OF CHRIST’S PEACE

Liturgist: Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another.
The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

People: **And also with you.**

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Christmas Mission Project

Audrey Carlson

The Word

CHORAL ILLUMINATION 707 vs. 1

Take Thou Our Minds

HALL

OT LESSON

Haggai 1: 15b – 2:9

Pew Bible P. 768

Liturgist: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks Be to God!**

PSALM 145: 1 – 5, 17 – 21

Hymn 270

O Lord, You Are My God and King

JERUSALEM

EPISTLE LESSON

Philippians 4: 4 – 13

Pew Bible P.955

Liturgist: Here ends the reading of the Epistle.

People: **Praise Be to You, O Lord!**

**GOSPEL READING

Luke 20: 27 - 38

Pew Bible P. 855-856

Pastor: The Gospel of our Lord.

People: **Glory to You, O Christ!**

CANTICLE 451 vs. 1

Open My Eyes, That I May See

OPEN MY EYES

Open my eyes that I may see glimpses of truth thou hast for me.

Place in my hands the wonderful key that shall unclasp and set me free.

Silently now I wait for Thee, ready, my God, thy will to see.

Open my eyes, illumine me, Spirit divine!

SERMON

Big Stuff, Little Stuff, Petty Stuff, & Sweaty Stuff

Pastor John

CHOIR ANTHEM 757

Today We Are All Called To Be Disciples

KINGSFOLD

**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Apostles’ Creed

I BELIEVE in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,

And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER with the LORD’S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

RESPONSE 568 *Amen* AMEN (HAUGEN)

The Eucharist

PRESENTATION OF TITHES, OFFERINGS, & GIFTS

OFFERTORY *Prayer of Thanks* ~ Mansfield

**DOXOLOGY 592 *Praise God* OLD HUNDETH

**UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Leader: Paul writes in 2 Corinthians 9:7: God loves a cheerful giver, Eugene Peterson in his translation of the Bible says, “God loves it when the giver delights in the giving.”

Let's pray together:

All: **We come before you, now, O Lord, with humbleness of heart;
Your gift of grace through Jesus’ love gives us a brand new start.
Lord, teach us all an attitude that thanks you all our days,
A love that shows our gratitude through deeds that live our praise.✠**

The Sending

**RECESSIONAL HYMN 643 *Now Thank We All Our God* NUN DANKET ALLE GOTT

**THE CHARGE & BENEDICTION

**CHORAL RESPONSE *The Lord Bless You & Keep You* ~ Lutkin

POSTLUDE *Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing* ~ Lau

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✠ Notes about today’s service

✠ Today’s bulletin cover-art is from several sketches by Elder Mary Reefer, chair of the Administration & Stewardship Committee, for this year’s stewardship campaign: “*Sow the Seed; Trust the Promise.*” We thank Mary for these gifts!

✠ The Prayer of Dedication is adapted (and extended) from the refrain of the hymn, “The World Abounds with God’s Free Grace,” #556 in the Presbyterian Hymnal.

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Today’s Greeter: Nancy & David Blewett

Fellowship Host: Linda Peters

Join us for a time of fellowship & food after the service in the Assembly Room located on the first floor below the Sanctuary. All are welcome! If you would like to host a fellowship hour, please sign-up on the bulletin board in the Assembly Room. **Openings include Dec 1.**

Prayer Concerns: The prayer cordon meets Tuesdays at Noon in the church library. If you have a prayer request please contact Virginia Lokovich 724-287-3920 or Jane Hall 724-287-5410. Please remember the following people, especially, in your prayers this week:

- Bret Davidson**, surgery went well, ongoing recovery at sister’s home
- Rev. Dr. Jim Moran**, Cranberry Community UPC, on lung transplant list
- Bob Moore**, Pam Patterson’s brother, has Stage IV esophageal cancer
- Sue Gillespie**, Jane Hall’s cousin (former member), for health

Birthdays:

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| Nov 11 | Thomas Burkley |
| Nov 13 | Nancy Jo Moorhead |
| Nov 14 | Sarah Jane Morrison |

People for Peace: Study Group meets Thursday, November 14 to discuss chapters 5 & 6 of Rob Bell’s “Love Wins”.

Next Week Nov 17: Pledge Dedication Sunday

Please bring your stewardship pledge card which will be received and dedicated during the worship service.

Our thanks to the UGRR Crew! Leanne Heaton, Lars Morrison, Pam Patterson, Nancy Rice, and Church staff in support for the tours they conducted of the Underground Railroad “station” and sanctuary at Covenant Church this past week. Nearly 80 kids and their teachers from the Butler Catholic School 5th and 6th grade and Melissa Howell’s Home School Group took the tour.

Word Search Puzzle – the 32nd Ordinary Sunday

E T W J H S K E B F E
Z U O U O N W S E I L
G O R S N A H E L N B
N B T T O I A H O A A
I A H H R P T T V L D
S B Y E A P E H E L N
A N D R B I V I D Y E
E X C E L L E N C E M
L P U R E I R K O F M
P A N Y T H I N G S O
E S I A R P V S R N C

(Philippians 4:8) *Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. (NRSV)*

Word List

PHILIPPIANS COMMENDABLE EXCELLENCE HONORABLE WHATEVER PLEASING
ANYTHING FINALLY BELOVED WORTHY THINGS PRAISE THINK THESE THERE
ABOUT TRUE PURE NRSV JUST AND OF