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Twenty-fifth Sunday After Pentecost

November 15, 2015

Please remember to turn off your cell phones during the Worship Service. Thank you.

Preparation Music

(Please be seated and prepare yourself for worship)

The Entrance of the Light

Welcome

Moments of Concerns and Announcements

\*Ringing of the Bell

\*Gathering Music

Choir: *This is the day*

All: **This is the day.**

Choir: *That our God has made.*

All: **That our God has made.**

Choir: *We will rejoice.*

All: **We will rejoice.**

Choir: *And be glad in it.*

All: **And be glad in it.**

All: **This is the day that our God has made.**

**We will rejoice and be glad in it.**

Choir: *This is the day*

All: **This is the day that our God has made.**

\*Opening Prayer

\*Hymn: "He's Got the Whole World In His Hands"

1. He's Got the whole world in his hands.  
He's got the whole wide world in his hands.  
He's got the whole world in his hands.  
He's got the whole world in his hands.
2. He's got the tiny little baby in his hands.  
(Repeat as in verse 1)
3. He's got you and me brother in his hands.  
(Repeat as in verse 1)
4. He's got you and me sister in his hands.  
(Repeat as in verse 1)
5. He's got everybody in his hands.  
(Repeat as in verse 1)
6. He's got the whole world in his hands.  
(Repeat as in verse 1)

Children's Time: "Bad News/Good News"

Reading of Scripture: Mark 13:1-8

Call to Reconciliation

Reconciliation Prayer

All: God of the Past, God of the Present, God of the Future,  
we are aware of the state of the world and our part in it.

- We watch the news with little surprise at the violence and destruction that arises every day.
- We confess that if we are not part of the solution, we are part of the problem.

Grant us the will to make a difference in our corners of the world, so that we might be a light in the darkness as representatives of your light. Amen.

Silence

Kyrie # 750

**All: Lord have mercy upon us.  
Christ have mercy upon us.  
Lord have mercy upon us.**

Words of Assurance

Pastor: *It is a time of change. May we be agents of change as a forgiven people, living in the promise of God's love.*

\*Act of Praise..... #760

(Please stand)

**All: Amen we praise your name, O God! (Sing Amen)  
Amen we praise your name, O God! (Sing Amen)  
Amen, Amen! Amen, Amen!  
Amen we praise your name, O God!**

\*The Passing of the Peace

Pastor: *The peace of Christ be with you.*

**All: And also with you.**

Please share a greeting of Christian love with those sitting around you.

Anthem: "What Shall I Render?"

Sermon: "The End Is Near"

**\*Hymn: #611 "O Day of God, Draw Near"**

Our Morning Prayers

The Candle of Remembrance is lit in honor of U.S. Army Veteran Stephani Brown serving in Afghanistan, and as a prayer for all military personnel and first responders, especially those in harm's way.

Call to Prayer "Pray"

Pray\_\_\_, pray\_\_\_, pray\_\_\_ for peace within our world\_\_\_\_.  
Pray\_\_\_, pray\_\_\_, pray\_\_\_ for peace within our souls\_\_\_\_.  
Pray\_\_\_, pray\_\_\_, pray\_\_\_ for love and unity\_\_\_\_\_  
Quiet our busy hearts, Pray\_\_\_, pray\_\_\_, pray\_\_\_ .  
Pray\_\_\_, pray\_\_\_, pray\_\_\_

Silent Prayer, Pastoral Prayer

Prayer of Our Savior (spoken)

**All: 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**

Our Time of Sharing

Invitation to the Offering, The Sharing of Gifts

Offering Music

\*Offertory Response "We Are Giving in the Light of God" (526)

**All: We are giving in the light of God,  
We are giving in the light of God (Repeat previous 2 lines)  
We are giving, giving, we are giving, Oo,  
We are giving in the light of God (Repeat previous 2 lines)**

Prayer of Dedication

**\*Hymn #610 "My Eyes Have Seen the Glory" Verses 1, 2, 3  
(Omit verse 4)**

\*The Benediction

**\*Benediction Response**

Choir: *This is the day*

**All: This is the day.**

Choir: *When the Spirit came.*

**All: When the Spirit came.**

Choir: *We will rejoice.*

**All: We will rejoice.**

Choir: *And be glad in it.*

**All: And be glad in it. This is the day when the Spirit came.**

**We will rejoice and be glad in it.**

Choir: *This is the day*

**All: This is the day when the Spirit came.**

\*Postlude

The Kindle Fire Tablets are for the children’s use during worship. Please sign them out and sign them back in at the end of the service. Nursery care is available for younger than age 3.

Bella and Brian Long are participating in today’s service along with...

- The Congregation.....Disciples of Christ
- Rev. Meredith Ann Hutchison.....Pastor
- Irina Thomas.....Organist and Keyboard
- Rheba Salac.....Administrative Assistant
- Wade Anderson.....Sexton

**Congregational Meeting**

A congregational meeting to vote on the 2016 budget as well as elect officers for the coming year will be held on **December 6** immediately following worship. **ALL MEMBERS** are strongly urged to attend this important meeting and guests are certainly welcome. Membership in the church is not only a privilege, it carries responsibility with it.

**Did you know** that thanks to your support, this church stands as an important symbol of the Still Speaking God in our community? Think about how many weddings and funerals have taken place in this meeting house. What would we do without pastoral and musical leadership, administrative support and janitorial services that make the church a warm and inviting place, embracing people in times of transition? Your gifts to our general fund provide for these services. When you give to this fund, you are giving to the mission of our congregation.



Mission project: For our mission project we are collecting non-perishable items for St. Barbara’s Food Bank, which services all of Penn Township. Paper and laundry products are especially needed as these cannot be purchased with food stamps. The Food Bank

also needs personal hygiene products as well as canned and boxed food items that can be turned into a meal. See Joyfa Kelly for a list.

There are 14 “Treasures for Children” tags remaining on the Christmas tree in the back of the Sanctuary. Thanks to the 22 people who have already taken a tag to provide joy to a child at Christmas. If you take a tag, make sure that you **SIGN YOUR NAME ON THE CORRESPONDING NUMBER (from upper left corner of tag) ON THE LIST** that is on the back table! Please, do not take a tag without signing your name so that we can make sure that all of the wishes of the children that we are helping are met. **THE GIFTS ARE TO BE RETURNED NO LATER THAN DECEMBER 6.**

**HELP WANTED!** On November 24 at 5:30PM, the Penn-Trafford Ministerium will be offering Thanksgiving Dinner to the First Responders in our community. A worship service will follow at 7:00PM. We need baked goods for the meal. Please let Pastor Meredith know if you can provide a dessert item which can be brought to worship on November 22. The Ministerium also welcomes anyone who is struggling financially. Reservations can be made by calling Community United Methodist Church at 724-744-3413. There is **NO Charge** for this meal. There will be a free-will offering for those who can afford it.

**Thanks to Joni Mattei and Elaine DiFranco for our beautifully decorated sanctuary today.** The quilts displayed are on loan from Annie Branthoover. Thanks so much to you all for your wonderful artistry.

This week:  
Thursday-Choir 7:00PM

Looking Ahead:  
The week of November 23 the office will be open on Monday and Friday.

On November 29, Pastor Meredith, Robin Brautigam and our confirmation group will be going to William Penn Care Center to lead worship. If you would like to go along, please let Robin know.

Attendance for November 8: 66  
Offering for November 8: \$2,545.00  
St. Barbara’s Food Bank: \$10.00

**From the Stillspeaking Devotional of the United Church of Christ**

**Sleep, Play and Worship**

"It is pointless that you get up early and stay up late; eating the bread of anxious toil because God gives sleep to those God loves." - Psalm 127: 2

Sleep: what a great gift God has given us! What a good plan God had in creating us to need sleep.

Question: What do sleep, play and worship have in common?

Answer: All three are, at least potentially, powerfully healing.

At their best, all three get us out of our heads, out of our monkey minds, out of the constant fretting, judging, scheming, and calculating. Freeing us from "anxious toil," of which there is just way too much. In all three we may, if we are lucky, lose ourselves. We may get over our anxiety, judging, and worrying -- and so experience healing.

We sleep, deep, dead and blessed, letting God be God for us. What a blessing is a good night's sleep. What does it say about us and our world that today so many suffer from sleep disorders? Way too much anxiety.

We play, forgetting ourselves in the delight of singing in a band or choir, sailing a kite in the wind, or running to the flying ball. Have you taken time to play lately? Do you still know how to play?

So too worship when it works, moves us into the depths of God and our own depths. We are (as Wesley wrote and as we sing) "lost in wonder, love and praise." Oh, to be so lost!

All three -- sleep, play and worship -- are such powerful and needed balms for the wounded human spirit. Moreover, all three are God's good gifts to us, given freely, without money or price. Isn't God just amazing?

Prayer . . . God, you really have provided for us. Grant us grace to receive your good gifts of sleep, play and worship and so be healed. Amen.

*About the Author . . . Tony Robinson, a United Church of Christ minister, is a speaker, teacher, and writer. His newest book is Called to Lead: Paul's Letters to Timothy for a New Day. You can read Tony's "Weekly Meditation" and "What's Tony Thinking?" at his website, [www.anthonbrobinson.com](http://www.anthonbrobinson.com).*



**CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS**

**Please fill-in and give to Elaine DiFranco or the Office by Friday, December 4th - thank you!! (Orders after December 4th are \$10.00)**

EACH PLANT is \$8.00, with 6 ½" pot wrapped in gold foil  
\_\_\_\_\_ RED \_\_\_\_\_ PINK \_\_\_\_\_ WHITE

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