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Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

August 2, 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**

All: Let it breathe on me, let it breathe on me,

Let the breath of the Spi-rit breath on me.

Let it breathe on me, let it breath on me,

Let the breath of God now breathe on me.

*Opening Prayer

***Hymn: #495 "Called As Partners in Christ's Service" (verses 1-2)**

Reading of Scripture: Ephesians 4:1-14

Call to Reconciliation

Reconciliation Prayer

All: Good Lord, we believe that you have begun a good work in each one of us. You have created us, giving us gifts that we are called to share with others. And still, so often we fail to remember your Spirit at work in our lives, let alone reflect the goodness you have created in each one of us.

- We have chosen to stay focused on our needs instead of your needs.
- We have been wrapped up in our ways instead of following your way.

Forgive us, O Lord. Take away our sin. Set us on a new and right path again. Through Jesus we pray. Amen.

Silent Confession

Kyrie # 750

All: Lord have mercy upon us.

Christ have mercy upon us.

Lord have mercy upon us.

Words of Assurance

Pastor: Hear the Good News. The Lord God of Israel has looked favorably upon his people. A mighty Savior has been raised up. He has redeemed us. Salvation has come through the forgiveness of our sins. In the name of this Holy One, Jesus our Savior, you are forgiven!

*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.

Children's Time: "Something Special Is Coming Your Way!"
(Children in Kindergarten and younger may go to the nursery)

Sermon: "The Equipment Manager"

***Hymn: #492 "I Would Be True"**

Our Morning Prayers

The Candle of Remembrance is lit in honor of Veteran Wallace Ambrose, 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

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION (Children are welcome to receive Communion at the discretion of their parents.

Gluten free wafers are found in the center of the plates of bread.)

The Invitation

The Communion Prayer

The Prayer of Thanksgiving

All: O Holy One, there are no words to describe the mystery of this bread and cup. There are no sighs too deep to reveal what we feel in sharing in this feast. Thank you for gathering us together to remember that you are always present among us. We lift our hearts as we praise the name of our Risen Savior, Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen

***Hymn #495 "Called as Partners in Christ's Service" (verses 3-4)**

*The Benediction

***Benediction Response**

All: While I'm work-ing, God, in your vineyard here

I can-not serve with-out you near;

O come, bless-ed Spi-rit, so close to me

That I may feel you breathe on me.

*Postlude

Don McIlvaine, Maddie Driscoll, Brenna Driscoll and Rob Driscoll are participating in today's service. Thanks to Fred Hayes for providing the music.

The Congregation.....Disciples of Christ

Rev. Meredith Ann Hutchison.....Pastor

Irina Thomas.....Organist and Keyboard

Kelly MillarChoir Director

Rheba Salac.....Administrative Assistant

Wade Anderson.....Sexton

Did you know that the wonderful new identity sign in front of our church is a statement about God's call to us to be truly welcoming, "No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey"? The total cost of the sign was \$604. To date we have received \$527 in donations. **THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY.** If you haven't had the opportunity to give, you can still make a donation to the sign. Envelopes are on the back table of the sanctuary for your convenience.

The deacons would like to thank everyone who has kept up with their giving throughout the summer, even when people have been out of town or unable to attend for any reason. Still, finances are tight and we would appreciate catch-up donations.

This week:

Monday-Consistory 7:00PM

Saturday-There will NOT be Bible Study on August 8.

Looking ahead:

Saturday, August 14 is the **Living Waters 12th Annual Golf & Spa Event** at Chestnut Ridge Golf Course in Blairsville, PA. Breakfast is at 8AM; Golf Scramble & \$10,000 Hole-In-One at 9AM; Spa at 10AM-Noon; Lunch & Program at 2:30PM with auction, golf awards & drawing. Brochures with Registrations are on the back table in the Sanctuary – **please register by August 5th!!** The Event provides funds for Camp Scholarships, operations and facilities improvement. Thanks to all our Congregation members who donate throughout the year with the Campership Fish Bowl and the Golf Event.

The CROP Walk will be held October 4 from 1:30-4:00PM at Bushy Run Battlefield. To date we have already raised over \$1,000 through a basket auction at the Level Green Community Days. There will be another basket auction at First UCC in Harrison City when they have their famous "Country Breakfast" on October 3. Our goal this year is to raise a total of \$8,000 which will bring \$2,000 back to the Penn-Trafford Food Banks.

Attendance for July 26: 41

Offering for July 26: \$1,573.00 Stillspeaking Sign: \$50.00

From the Stillspeaking Devotional of the United Church of Christ

The Bread of Angels

"Mortals ate of the bread of angels; God sent them food in abundance." -Psalm 78:25

The Psalmist remembers the wilderness years of his people, when they wandered in the desert of Sinai. Hunger and the threat of starvation were their constant companions in that harsh and barren land. Yet the Psalmist reminds them that God was with them, even in the wilderness. God "rained down manna," so they might eat "the bread of angels."

In the congregation I serve, perhaps as in yours, there are people who also offer the "bread of angels" in wilderness times. We call them the Parish Life helpers and the Congregational Care Team. You may use a different name. They are the people in every congregation who cook. When someone is sick or a loved one has died, they show up with a casserole or a container of soup. They organize the receptions after memorial services. They bake the cookies, put on the coffee, pull out the good table cloths, and do everything else needed to offer comfort and hospitality to the family and loved ones in grief. Their casseroles and cookies—aka "the bread of angels"---remind us all that God is with us, even in the desert times.

"Sinai" isn't the only name for wilderness, those parched and fearsome places of our lives. And bread-baking angels come with all kinds of names, too. What do you call them in your congregation?

Prayer . . . Thank you, God, for your "bread of angels" and those who provide it, in all its forms. Amen.

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