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Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

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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

Opening Music

All: It only takes a spark to get a fire going,

And soon all those around can warm up in its glowing.

That's how it is with God's love once you've experienced it;

You spread his love to everyone; you want to pass it on.

*Opening Prayer

***Hymn: #391 "In the Midst of New Dimensions" Verses 1, 2, 3, 4 (omit verse 5)**

Reading of Scripture: Luke 14:1, 7-14

Call to Reconciliation

Reconciliation Prayer

All: Compassionate God, your love for us is unquestionable, your grace is deeper than the ocean, your wisdom beyond measure.

- **Yet, our response to your greatness is often shallow and hesitant.**
- **We fine-tune excuses and drum up questions.**
- **We miss your call to servanthood because we are looking for higher positions, better perks, lasting privileges.**
- **We long for recognition, for someone to say, "Thank you."**

Holy God, teach us the joy of serving with glad and willing hearts.

Remind us that no act of kindness is ever forgotten by you.

Reassure us of your love that turns our hesitant witness into faithful discipleship. In Jesus' name. Amen.

A Moment of Silent Reflection

Kyrie # 750

All: Lord have mercy upon us.

Christ have mercy upon us.

Lord have mercy upon us.

Words of Assurance

*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: "No Matter Who You Are..."

(Children in Kindergarten and younger may go to the nursery)

Special Music: Dave Conner and Steve Sturgeon, Trumpet Duet

Sermon: “The Open Table”

***Hymn: #539 “Won’t You Let Me Be Your Servant?”**

Our Morning Prayers

The Candle of Remembrance is lit in hope that the Holy Spirit would bring peace to the world. In lighting it we remember all past and present military personnel and first responders, especially those in harm’s way.

Call to Prayer “Pray”

All: 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 #457 “Jesus, I Live to You”**

*The Benediction

***Benediction Response**

“Peace I Leave with You My Friends”

The musical score is for the hymn "Peace I Leave with You My Friends". It is written in G major and 4/4 time. The score consists of three systems of music, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The lyrics are: "Peace I leave with you, my friends, sha-lom, my peace, in all you do. Peace I leave with you, my friends. I give to you so you can give to others, too." The score includes a "Refrain" section at the beginning and a "Postlude" section at the end. The piano accompaniment features chords such as D, Em, G, D, F#m, Gm, Bm, and D.

*Postlude

Natalie Hartung is participating in today’s worship 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

Did you know that Pastor Meredith and Robin Brautigam are leading the confirmation class made up of Brenna Driscoll, Bella Long and Claire Hartung? They will be confirmed on June 4, 2017 which is Pentecost. Please include these three wonderful young women in your prayers as they prepare to affirm their baptismal vows.

This week:

Monday-Consistory 7:00PM (**NOTE-We are meeting on August 29** because of the Labor Day Holiday in September.)

Saturday-Bible Study at Murrysville Panera 9:00AM

Looking ahead: **Our annual Corn Roast and Barbecue** will be held Sunday, September 11, beginning at 3PM with fun and fellowship, and the meal commencing about 5PM.

The CROP Walk is held October 2 at Bushy Run Battlefield with registration at 1:30PM and the walk beginning at 2PM.

Attendance for August 21: 54

Offering for August 21: \$1,500.00

Our Summer Mission Project is assembling school kits for Church World Services. Virginia Creese has made over 50 bags, so we hope that you can provide more than one kit. Please include these items **exactly** as listed:

- One pair of blunt scissors removed from the package (**Rounded tip, only-NO sharp ended scissors, please!**)
- Three 70-count bound notebooks or notebooks totaling 200-210 pages (no loose-leaf or filler paper)
- One 30-centimeter / 12" ruler
- One hand-held pencil sharpener removed from the package
- One large eraser (no pencil cap erasers)
- Six new, unsharpened pencils with erasers removed from the package
- One box of 24 crayons (only 24).

You can see how happy the children are with their school supplies!



From the Stillspeaking Devotional of the United Church of Christ

Inherit

"Do not repay evil for evil or abuse for abuse; but, on the contrary, repay with a blessing. It is for this that you were called—that you might inherit a blessing." - 1 Peter 3:9

Listen, and I will tell you a mystery: sometimes, we make our own inheritance. You might think your inheritance is something that will come to you from someone else with more than you. Your rich great aunt, maybe. Or God. Someone outside yourself with more money or power or land or whatever. It will come to you in due time, if you behave well enough or otherwise earn it.

You might think that, but that's not what the author of First Peter says. What he says is that your inheritance isn't something you wait around till somebody gives to you; it's something you make yourself. We are to bless one another, bless and not curse, not because it's the right thing to do—or at least not JUST because it's the right thing to do. We're to bless because we want a blessing ourselves. We're to be kind because we want kindness from others. The heaven we long for is in some real sense the heaven we create for the people around us.

Don't believe me? Try it. Think about somebody who's wronged you. Don't start with a biggie; start with something small and annoying. Hold the person's face in your mind. Consider what they did to you. And then bless them. Do it not because it's the right thing to do (definitely true) or because they deserve it (probably true), but because you wish for blessing yourself. Just try it, and see how you feel afterwards. Try it and see if the thing you give doesn't end up being the thing you get.

Prayer . . . Bless me, God—and use me to do it if you have to. Amen.

About the Author . . . Quinn G. Caldwell is the Pastor of Plymouth Congregational Church, Syracuse, New York. His most recent book is a series of daily reflections for Advent and Christmas called All I Really Want: Readings for a Modern Christmas. Learn more about it and find him on Facebook at Quinn G. Caldwell.

