

**Morning Worship
Fifth Sunday after Pentecost**

10:00 A.M. July 12, 2009

Prelude (Titles of our music are posted on the bulletin board in the foyer this morning.)

Greetings and Announcements
Moment for Missions Jack Pyper
Call to Worship Jack Pyper
Introit (177) "Psalm 24"

Invocation (Unison)
Our God, source of everything good, we praise You and worship You. Give spirit to our singing, and focus to our prayer. Encourage us by forgiveness, and inspire us through Your word. Bless us with the strength to do our best with the life we have been given, that we be true to our decision for Jesus Christ, in Whose Name we pray, Amen.

*Hymn "Sing Praise to God, Who Reigns Above" **483**

Service of Confession

Silent Prayers
Prayer of Confession (Unison)
O God of Compassion, we seek to accompany those who are uprooted from their homes. There is that of you which dwells in each one, and their very presence poses an urgent and ongoing question to us regarding how we live out our faith. We pray for all uprooted people and the land from which they have fled, asking that your presence be felt in their midst. We seek humane treatment of all refugees, no matter where they are in the world. We ask your blessing on those who are discriminated against because of the color of their skin, because they speak a different language, because they practice a different religion, because they do not conform to the ways other dictate. We ask forgiveness when we are not willing to open our homes, our wallets, or our hearts, and have not welcomed the stranger

in our midst. In your mercy, O God, forgive us. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

The Lord's Prayer (Debts)
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.

Choral Response

Responsive Reading Psalm 137

By the waters of Babylon, there we sat down and wept, when we remembered Zion.

On the willows there we hung up our lyres.

For there our captors required of us songs, and our tormentors, mirth, saying "Sing us one of the songs of Zion!"

How shall we sing the Lord's song in a foreign land? If I forget you, O Jerusalem, let my right hand wither!

Let my tongue cleave to the roof of my mouth, if I do not remember you, if I do not set Jerusalem above my highest joy!

Remember, O Lord, against the E'domites the day of Jerusalem, how they said, "Rase it, rase it! Down to its foundations!"

O daughter of Babylon, you devastator! Happy shall he be who requites you with what you have done to us!

Happy shall he be who takes your little ones and dashes them against the rock!

Service of Giving

*Hymn "Though I May Speak" **335**
*Sentences
Tithes and Offerings
Offertory
*Doxology **592**
*Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication

Service of Reflection

Children's Message
Scripture Colossians 3:12-17
*Hymn "Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love" **367**
Gospel Matthew 25:35-40
Special Music Matt Poremsky

Sermon Rev. Susan Jamieson
"Feeling the Absence of God"

Pastoral Prayer
*Hymn "Lord, Speak to Me, That I May Speak" **426**

*Benediction
*Congregational Response
**Christian, rise and act thy creed,
Let thy prayer be in thy deed;
Seek the right, perform the true,
Raise thy work and life anew. Amen.**

*Postlude
Dismissed to our service in the world

*Standing

Serving Today

Acolyte Max Ororbia
Ushers Dennis Loreman - Capt., Joyce Hummel
Laurisa Morris, Bill Pepper
Guest Minister Susan Jamieson
Greeter TBA
Reader Jack Pyper
Nursery TBA
Junior Church Karen Roessler
Flower Delivery Judy Mickanis

Quarterly Congregational Meeting

The church will meet **after worship this Sunday, July 12th** for the Quarterly Congregational Meeting

This Week

Today 9:30 a.m. Senior Choir
10:00 a.m. Service of Worship
Nursery provided
Today 11:00 a.m. Summer Lemonade
Quarterly Business Meeting



This morning we welcome Rev. Susan Jamieson. Sue is the Director of the Annual Fund and Communications for Albright Care Services. Her Bachelor's degree in Political Science is from Indiana University of Pennsylvania and her Master of Divinity degree is from Wesley Theological Seminary, Washington D.C. She was ordained an Elder in The United Methodist Church in 1987. She has served parishes in Elkland, Shamokin Dam, and Sunbury, and worked as a counselor, a parent educator, and a behavioral specialist. She is a member of the Chi Rho Singers clergy choir, and provides prevention education seminars to clergy on the issue of sexual misconduct.

We also welcome as our guest musician this week Matt Poremsky of Milton who sings and plays the basson. The selections will be posted Sunday on the bulletin board.

Notices

The chancel flowers this morning are in Honor of Lloyd Wolf.

Please remember to check the sign-up sheets on the bulletin board in the back hallway, to see if we need help on Sunday mornings in coming weeks.

In Memoriam

Our thoughts and prayers are with the family and friends of Rev. Doctor Rudolph Libeck who died Wed. June 24th. In his 64 years of active ministry he served American Baptist churches in Wilkes-Barre, Dalton, Scranton, Philadelphia, Doylestown and New Britain and United Methodist churches in Huntsville and Askam, Pa. A celebration of life was held Sunday, June 28 in Firwood United Methodist Church in Wilkes-Barre

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For Your Prayers

Ken Bollinger, Herman Howard Jr., Judy Ellis and Violet Dietrich are at home.

The Rev. Jesse Blankenship is at Buffalo Valley. Beverly Fisher, Evelyn Reed and Helena Rivoire are at RiverWoods. Gloria Miller is at Rolling Hills Manor; Harriet Littell is at ElmCroft. Frank Molinaro is at Orangeville Nursing Home.

Prayer Chain

If you are interested in being part of a prayer chain, please contact Jan Rolecki at 523-6074 or Kathryn Morris at kmorris1@dejazzd.com.

American Red Cross Blood Drive

There will be a blood drive **Friday, July 17th**, from 10-4 at Buffalo Valley Lutheran Village in the Community Building on Reitz Blvd. just South of Rt. 192. Call 524-0400 for an appointment

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