

We are in no position to rely upon God's promises unless we obey His commandments. ~ John Calvin, Calvin's Biblical Commentaries

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Rev. John Lutz, Senior Pastor

Tom Romspert, Worship Assistant

July 17, 2011

9:15 a.m.

Summer Hymn Sing

*Opening Hymn "My Hope is Built" 368

Welcome & Life of the Church *(Please sign the attendance pad and pass it down the aisle.)*

Greeting One Another

(Stand and greet the people around you and welcome them into our circle of faith today.)

*Call to Worship

Leader: God of all creation, we, Your children, come together in the spirit of hope.

People: *Hope for the fullness You have promised; that the pains of this present day are not even worth comparing to the glory You are going to reveal to us.*

All: *God, we come here together to praise and to wait and to renew our strength in your Word and your presence. Amen.*

Opening Prayer [unison]

Lord, the pain and suffering of this world are overwhelming. At what point do we just throw our hands in the air and quit? But amid our despair, we are confronted with today's Scripture. Paul says that this present suffering cannot compare with Your future glory. Lord, how much longer must we wait, how much longer must we suffer? No matter how deeply we hope, hope does not cure the sick or end wars. Lord, we seek Your glory, your presence here and now. We want our entire being to be filled to overflowing with the power of Your Spirit. We, Your creation, long from the very inmost depths of our souls, to be lifted up and called children of the Most High. So, Lord, we wait. We wait impatiently. We wait in pain, but we wait in the firm hope of One who has seen a glimpse of that glory to come. So today as we wait, we sing Your praise for the glory to come. Amen.

*Gloria Patri "Glory Be To the Father" 70

Special Music

Robin Smith, Soprano Soloist

****Children (K-5 Gr.) are dismissed for Junior Church.**

The Scripture Lesson Romans 8: 12-25 (p. 800 in the pew Bible)

The Message "**No Pain – No Gain**" Pastor John Lutz

✠Prayers of the People ✠The Lord's Prayer

*Hymn "Jesus Calls Us" 398

Presentation of our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

*Offertory Response "Doxology" 95

*Offertory Prayer [unison]

Father, we know that our lives are full of weeds, planted by enemies of greed, consumerism and fear. As we commit these gifts to Your ministry, help us to separate the first fruits in our lives from the weeds and all that is good in Your name from all that which tempts away from You. Amen.

*Closing Hymn "Great is Thy Faithfulness" 140

*Affirmation of Faith "The Apostles' Creed" 881

*Benediction

Postlude

**If able, please stand to worship God*

Thank you to Robin Smith for filling in today for our organist Kerry Fenton while he is on vacation.

We welcome YOU to our worship service this morning. If you are visiting our church for the first time, we extend you a special greeting. (Please inform us of your complete name and address on the Fellowship Pad or in the Guest Book.) We invite you to enter into our worship wholeheartedly. Sing out! Listen intently to God's Word! Be open to promptings of the Holy Spirit! And after the service, give us a chance to talk with you and invite you back! We look forward to your worshipping with us again.

ABOUT THIS WORSHIP SERVICE ...

Altar Flowers today are Dedicated to the Glory of God In Loving Memory of Parents, George & Georgina Phillips and Parents, Ernest & Anna Pitt, by Sam & Joan Phillips.

Sanctuary Flowers today are Dedicated to the Glory of God In Loving Memory of Wife, Jacqueline Calkins and Daughter, Ellen Adele Calkins, by Fred Calkins Sr.; and also In Loving Memory of Mother, Karen Owens, by Linda Owens.

Morning Greeters this morning are Betty Bunting & Bettie Foster.

Ushers this morning are Cielito & Lorlina Agoncillo.

Acolyte this morning is Allison Kephart.

Prayer Chain No. 3 is in effect this week. Please call Gloria Askey, 215-741-4479, for prayer requests and praise for answered prayers.

Children's Activities... The following activities are available during the 9:15 worship service. Infant up to nursery school age: Nursery care is available during the service in the Nursery in the main hallway, next to the Ladies Room; and Junior Church in Sunday School Room # 3 for Kindergarten through 5th grade. Children will be dismissed from the worship service before the sermon.

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Worship Services

Traditional

9:15 a.m.

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11:30 a.m.

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