

*“Becoming like Christ is a long, slow process of growth.” ~ Rick Warren*

## SERVICE FOR THE LORD’S DAY

*9TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST*

Rev. John Lutz, Senior Pastor

Anthony Vigile, Guest Speaker

Lyn Wallace, Worship Assistant

August 12, 2012

9:30 a.m.

Summer Hymn Sing (9:15)

Welcome & Greeting One Another

*(Please sign the attendance pad and pass it down the aisle. Stand and greet the people around you and welcome them into our circle of faith today.)*

\*Opening Hymn                      “We Are Climbing Jacob’s Ladder”                      418

\*Opening Act of Worship

***We sing our praises and thanksgiving to You, most holy God, as we joyfully worship You in gladness and song—our response to Your gracious activity in our lives. You gather us together through the power and wisdom of Your Holy Spirit and transform us into a community graced and held together by Jesus, our Lord. Help us to make the most of our time here today as we seek to glorify You. May You continue to be glorified in and through all we do in Jesus’ name today, and in all the days to come. Amen.***

\*Gloria Patri                      “Glory Be To the Father”                      70

Life of the Church

Special Music                      “Leaning on the Everlasting Arms”                      Hoffman/Showalter  
LUMC Men’s Quartet

✠ Prayers of the People                      ✠ The Lord’s Prayer

Presentation of our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory                      “Take My Life and Let It Be”                      Havergal/Herold  
LUMC Men’s Quartet

\*Offertory Response                      “Doxology”                      95

\*Offertory Prayer [unison]

***Gracious and forgiving God, You have called us through Your word to live in love and to be imitators of Christ. We know we fall far short of that, and yet Your love is not held back from us. The giving we do this morning is small compared to all Jesus offered up on our behalf, but accept it as our expression of love and devotion as we strive to walk more faithfully in the way he showed us. In the power and potential of Christ’s name, we pray. Amen.***

\*Hymn                      “Take Time to Be Holy”                      395

The Scripture Lesson                      2 Peter 1: 3-11                      (p. 860 in the pew Bible)

The Message                      ***“Guidance for Growing Christians”***                      Anthony Vigile

\*Closing Hymn                      “Sent Forth By God’s Blessing”                      664

\*Affirmation of Faith                      “The Apostles’ Creed”                      881

\*Benediction

Postlude

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*\*If able, please stand to worship God*

***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 Mother, Frances Tomlinson and In Loving Memory of Mother, Eleanor Lawrence, by Barb & Les Tomlinson.

**Sanctuary Flowers** today are Dedicated to the Glory of God In Loving Memory of Mother, Dorothy Robinson, by Betty Bunting; and also In Loving Memory of Our Beloved Pop-Pop, Tom Rowlands, on His Birthday, by Jillian, Lauren & Joshua Rowlands.

**Morning Greeters** today are Mike & Lynda Pritchard.

**Ushers** today are Steve & Jennifer Weber.

**Acolyte** today is Austin Cookson.

**Prayer Chain No. 2 is in effect this week.** Please call Madge Laughlin, 215-357-6573, for prayer requests and praise for answered prayers.

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### Summer Worship Services

#### **Contemporary**

8:00 a.m.

#### **Traditional**

9:30 a.m.

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