

*“Whoever uses his opportunities will grow;
whoever abuses them will lose them.”*

SERVICE FOR THE LORD’S DAY

17TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Rev. John Lutz, Senior Pastor

Anthony Vigile, Guest Speaker

Jerry Hill (8:00) and Ron Cookson (9:30), Worship Assistants

September 23, 2012

8:00 & 9:30 a.m.

Prelude

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 “Open My Eyes, That I May See” 454

*Opening Act of Worship

Holy God, Your desire to guide us far exceeds our capacity to imagine such blessing, and the assurance of such guidance and care has surely been realized in the person of Jesus Christ. He enlightens our lives, dispelling the dark areas of our lives by planting the promise of newness and growth through the gift of his Spirit. He demonstrated to the full depth of Your care through His love and compassion—a love which resonated in people’s lives, and a compassion which permeated all His actions. We offer our praise and thanksgiving for such precious gifts and pray that this time of worship will be a worthy response to such blessings. This we pray in Jesus’ name. Amen.

*Gloria Patri “Glory Be To the Father” 70

Life of the Church

Sacrament of Baptism (9:30) Celebrated for 39

Caelynn Anna Coar

✠ Prayers of the People

✠ The Lord’s Prayer

Presentation of our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory Anthem (9:30)

The Wesleyan Choir

*Offertory Response “Doxology” 95

*Offertory Prayer [unison]

God of wisdom and light, as we offer our gifts this morning, we pray that You will help us grow hearts of generosity and not selfishness, compassion and not resentment, contentment and not envy. Help us to see the abundance You have given us, and help us to focus on what we have instead of what we don’t have; on abundance and not scarcity. Help us to see we are rich in Your love and grace and in so many other ways. We pray it in the name of Jesus, who gave all for us. Amen.

*Hymn “Tell Me the Stories of Jesus” 277

The Scripture Lesson Matthew 13: 1-9; 18-23 (p. 690 in the pew Bible)

The Message **“Can You Hear Me Now?”** Anthony Vigile

Special Music (9:30) The Genesis Choir

*Closing Hymn “In the Garden” 314

*Affirmation of Faith “The Apostles’ Creed” 881

*Benediction

Postlude

**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 Honor of Bruce Hardie on his 65th Birthday, by Judy Hardie; and also In Loving Memory of Loved Ones, by The Clark Family.

Baptized this morning is **Caelynn Anna Coar**, born March 7, 2012, daughter of Edward & Karen Coar; Godparents are Erin Cuttle & Jeff Wilson.

Morning Greeters today at the 8:00 service, Bev & Tim Eick; and at the 9:30 service, Brian & Sue Bishop.

Ushers today at the 8:00 service are Joe McDonald, Tim Eick & Tom Romspert; and at the 9:30 service, Brian & Sue Bishop.

Acolyte today is Jillian Rowlands.

Prayer Chain No. 4 is in effect this week. Please call Elmer States, 215-355-0362, for prayer requests and praise for answered prayers.

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Worship Services

Traditional

8:00 & 9:30 a.m.

Contemporary

11:00 a.m.

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