

Whatever we worship, short of God, is sure to be our undoing. ~Mignon McLaughlin

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

Rev. John Lutz, Senior Pastor

Erika Paton, Worship Assistant

August 1, 2010

9:30 a.m.

Summer Hymn Sing (9:15)

*Opening Hymn "Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above" 126

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.)

*Gloria Patri "Glory Be To the Father" 70

*Prayers of Confession —Based on Psalm 103

Call:

Leader: The God who created us and knows our every weakness is also the God who redeems us. With confidence, let us confess the sins that separate us from God and one another.

Confession:

All: *Mighty and merciful God, forgive us. We are so easily swayed by advertisements, magazine articles and TV shows that tell us "me" is important. We eagerly look for ways to improve what the media say, and we believe, are our external flaws — failing to remember that we're a part of Your creation and that all You created is good. Our focus is on appearance, whether it's how we look or what we own. We go into debt trying to fulfill our material desires and to impress others, forgetting what is truly of value. In the process, we judge others for what they have or don't have, failing to see them as Your children. Help us turn our attention away from ourselves and toward others. Guide us in using our talents and money wisely and in ways that honor You. May we live our lives in a way that demonstrates that You are our heart's desire. Amen.*

Pardon:

Leader: The psalmist reminds us that the Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. God's anger does not last forever, nor does God deal with us according to our sins. For as the heavens are high above the earth, so great is God's steadfast love toward those who fear Him; as far as the east is from the west, so far God removes our transgressions from us.

All: *Thanks be to God!*

*Special Music "The King of Love, My Shepherd" Charles Gounod
Ashlee Bickley, Soloist

The Scripture Lesson Ecclesiastes 1:2-14 (Page 472 in the pew Bible)

The Message "**Anti-Vanity**" Rev. Lutz

The Sacrament of Holy Communion †
(The congregation will proceed to the altar by the side aisles at the ushers' direction, returning down the center aisle to their seat. Please kneel at the altar, if you are able, to receive the elements.)

*Hymn "Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven" 66

†Prayers of the People †The Lord's Prayer

Presentation of our Tithes and Offerings
Offertory

*Offertory Response "Doxology" 95

*Offertory Prayer [unison]
Gracious God, we have become anesthetized to the amount of greed surrounding our everyday lives. Our identities often seem defined by our possessions and lifestyle. Yet, we are stripped bare of our worldly possessions and seen equally in Your holy sight. Release those temporal bonds preventing us from living and giving in ways that honor Your name. We prayerfully dedicate these gifts to the work of Your eternal home, a place of faith where our souls will truly rest. Amen.

*Closing Hymn "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" 140

*Affirmation of Faith "The Apostles' Creed" 881

*Benediction

Postlude

**If able, please stand to worship God*

‡*The Communion Offering* for this month will be dedicated to **Missions**.

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 this afternoon's Wedding joining John Krimmel and Toni Klein in Holy Matrimony, by John & Toni.

Sanctuary Flowers are Dedicated to the Glory of God In Loving Memory of Andy Letham, by The Letham Family.

The White Rose on the Altar is In Loving Memory of **Carson Mashburn**, who went Home to our Lord on Saturday, July 24, 2010. Carson and his wife Euna, although now living in Florida, have been long-time members since 1962.

Morning Greeters at this morning's service are Ginny Rowlands and Mary Rose Hill.

Ushers this morning are members of the Women's Retreat Committee.

Prayer Chain No. 1 is in effect this week. Please call Cynthia Schick, 215-968-2072, for prayer requests and praise for answered prayers.

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11:30 a.m.

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