

Recognizing that we are all the same in Christ, we are to find our life in Christ, and seek to become like our God.

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Rev. John Lutz, Senior Pastor

Lyn Wallace, Worship Assistant

August 8, 2010

9:30 a.m.

Summer Hymn Sing (9:15)

*Opening Hymn "Now Thank We All Our God" 102

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

*The Call to Worship

Leader: So many things draw us away from God.

People: *We are tempted by trinkets and gadgets.*

Leader: We place our interest in temporal things.

People: *Our worship is hollow if it focuses only on our own gratification.*

Leader: But Christ calls us to a higher level.

People: *We are called to focus our lives on living as God would have us live.*

ALL: *Thanks be to God who challenges and calls us. Let our lives reflect God's love and mercy.*

*The Opening Prayer [unison]

O great and glorious ruler of the universe and ruler of our hearts, each and every day, we, Your people, are judged. We are judged by others, and we judge ourselves. But what are we measuring ourselves against? Are we just trying to keep up with society? Are we seeking the approval of our teachers, our bosses, our neighbors or our friends — more than we seek Your approval, God? Help us sense again that still, soft voice that beckons us to a new reality, a new way of measuring ourselves. Not by the car we drive or our ZIP code but by the condition of our souls and by how we treat others. God, speak to us again Your high callings and remind us who our judge really is. We pray that You will walk with us each and every step, as we work to live up to Your heavenly standards. Amen.

Special Music Dale Habel, Euphonium

The Scripture Lesson Colossians 3:1-11 (Page **834** in the pew Bible)

The Message **"The Fly in the Ointment"** Rev. Lutz

*Hymn "In Christ There Is No East or West" 548

✠Prayers of the People ✠The Lord's Prayer

Presentation of our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

*Offertory Response "Doxology" 95

*Offertory Prayer [unison]

Faithful Father, You ask us to place You first in all that we do. You call us to surrender completely to Your will and to be obedient to Your word. However, letting go is such a great barrier to overcome. We fool ourselves into the premise of being in control. Lift this barrier! Increase our heart's desire to freely provide for others in our giving and our serving. In the name of Your servant son, Jesus, the Christ, we bless these offerings to Your glory. Amen.

*Closing Hymn "Blest Be the Tie That Binds" 557

*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 Loving Memory of Linda C., Frank L., and Jane S. Adams, by Linda H. Adams; and also In Loving Memory of Gladys Marie Elgard, My Mother, by Gloria Askey.

Sanctuary Flowers are Dedicated to the Glory of God In Loving Memory of Mother, Dorothy Robinson, by Betty Bunting; and also In Loving Memory of Husband, John Brower Jr., on His Birthday, by Dot Brower.

Morning Greeter at this morning's service is Gloria Askey.

Ushers this morning are The Lewis Family.

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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8:00 & 9:30 a.m.

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11:30 a.m.

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