

UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



**The Parable of the
Mustard Seed**

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WELCOME

Welcome! You have come to hear the Word of God, and you shall hear it read and preached. But we hope that by hearing it, you will also meet the Word of God, the Living Word, Jesus, our Master and Savior. And we pray that you will leave our church equipped to serve him more faithfully and effectively.

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

October 6, 2013

PRELUDE "Lord Jesus Christ, We Humbly Pray" arr. Bartlett

PRAYER HYMN "My Faith Looks Up to Thee" 383
*My faith looks up to Thee,
Thou Lamb of Calvary,
Savior divine:
Now hear me while I pray,
Take all my guilt away,
O let me from this day
Be wholly Thine!*

WE COME TO WORSHIP GOD

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: This is the table of our Lord.

People: This is the table of grace and forgiveness.

Leader: In our Lord's Supper, manna in the wilderness becomes the bread of life for all who call upon the name of the Lord.

People: In Holy Communion, the law of the Lord becomes the life of love. In our Lord's Supper, the promised land comes to us, that we might know in the breaking of the bread, new life and the new covenant.

Leader: Come to the table of grace and love.

People: Taste of God's new kingdom, and rejoice and look forward to the day when all God's family on Earth will live in love as one people.

All: Feed on the gift of love, feed on Jesus Christ, and be nourished in this holy supper of our Lord.

*HYMN "O God, Our Faithful God" 277

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Risen Savior, you call us to your table of grace to enjoy your presence, to experience your healing, to be made one with your people of every time and place. But we dare not come to the table with dirty hands and sin-stained hearts. Only your forgiveness can make us clean within. We confess we have edged you to the fringes of our lives as we have become occupied with countless so-called "urgent" matters. We confess we have fooled ourselves into believing we are too busy to pray and too exhausted to serve. We have devised clever justifications for ignoring the poor and avoiding those in despair.

Forgive us, dear Lord, and help us do better. Help us order our days and our deeds according to your will. Open our hearts to the needs of those who cannot return our favors. Grant us pardon, and comfort us with the assurance of your Spirit. Then shall we be free to celebrate your feast of love with the saints of this and every time and place. Amen.

SILENT PRAYER

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*GIVE GLORY TO GOD

“Glory Be to the Father”

577

Glory be to the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Ghost;

*As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,
World without end. Amen.*

*As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,
World without end. Amen.*

Amen, Amen, Amen, Amen.

Amen, Amen, Amen.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Pgs. 470-471

Psalms 15

- 1 O LORD, who may abide in your tent?
Who may dwell on your holy hill?
- 2 Those who walk blamelessly, and do what is right,
and speak the truth from their heart;
- 3 who do not slander with their tongue,
and do no evil to their friends,
nor take up a reproach against their neighbors;
- 4 in whose eyes the wicked are despised,
but who honor those who fear the LORD;
who stand by their oath even to their hurt;

5 who do not lend money at interest,
and do not take a bribe against the innocent.
Those who do these things shall never be moved.

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| A TIME WITH CHILDREN | “Order of Service” | Rev. Jean Pinto |
| ANTHEM | “We Come as Guests Invited” | J. Hunnicutt |
| NEW TESTAMENT LESSON | Pg. 910 | Luke 17:5-10 |

5 The apostles said to the Lord, “Increase our faith!” 6 The Lord replied, “If you had faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, ‘Be uprooted and planted in the sea,’ and it would obey you.

7 “Who among you would say to your slave who has just come in from plowing or tending sheep in the field, ‘Come here at once and take your place at the table?’ 8 Would you not rather say to him, ‘Prepare supper for me, put on your apron and serve me while I eat and drink; later you may eat and drink?’ 9 Do you thank the slave for doing what was commanded? 10 So you also, when you have done all that you were ordered to do, say, ‘We are worthless slaves; we have done only what we ought to have done!’ ”

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| SERMON | “Faith or Faithfulness?” | Rev. Jean Pinto |
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MOMENT FOR QUIET REFLECTION

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH—The Apostles’ Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of Heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

WE PRESENT TO GOD OUR GIFTS AND OFFERINGS

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| OFFERTORY | “All the Way My Savior Leads Me” | arr. Mason |
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*WE GIVE PRAISE AND THANKS TO GOD

(tune # 455)

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him all creatures here below;
Alleluia, Alleluia. Praise Him above ye heav'nly host; Praise Father Son and Holy Ghost.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

*PRAYER TO DEDICATE OUR GIFTS

We offer to you, Lord, ourselves. Not just our money. Not just our time or service. We bring ourselves to you, fully and wholly. Multiply the fruit of the Spirit among us that the world may be fed. Multiply the offerings we bring that the world may know that you are real and that you are a God of healing and grace. Multiply your life in our lives that we might be agents of your redemption. We offer to you, Lord, ourselves. Amen.

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

*COMMUNION HYMN

“Now to Your Table Spread”

515

Joys and concerns may be written on the pew cards and given to the ushers during this hymn. They will be shared during the prayers of the people, unless you mark them confidential.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PRAYER

People: Holy, holy, holy, God of faithfulness.

All creation takes hold of your life.

Hosanna in the highest!

Blessed is the One who dwells in unapproachable light.

Hosanna in the highest!

PRAYER

People: Christ died, enduring the cross;

Christ rose, taking hold of eternal life;

Christ will come, giving new life to all things.

PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

*Hear our prayer, O Lord, Hear our prayer, O Lord
Incline Thine ear to us, And grant us Thy peace.*

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE ACT OF COMMUNION

THE BREAD (Please hold the bread until all are served)

THE CUP (Please hold the cup until all are served)

COMMUNION PRAYER

Compassionate God, in the breaking of the bread we have seen your great love for us. In the lifting of the cup we have felt your tender forgiveness. Open our eyes to see that all are welcome at your table, for your love reconciles differences and your mercy celebrates diversity. We praise you that in the simple gifts of bread and cup, we catch a glimpse of heaven. Amen.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

*HYMN "Called as Partners in Christ's Service" 343

WE RECEIVE GOD'S BLESSING

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

**Go in peace, go in love, finding joy in each other.
Go in peace, go in love, in Christ we're sister and brother.
Led by His Spirit, there's strength each day,
Light for the way together.
Go in peace, go in love, may God be with you forever.**

Edelweiss

POSTLUDE "Postlude in C Minor" West

*Those who are able may stand.

The silk flower arrangement is a gift from the Pack Family.

Greeters and Ushers: Kathy Thewes and Rita Peterson

Liturgist: Tony Nami

UPCOMING EVENTS October 6th – October 13th

Sunday—October 6th: **9:30 am E3 Communion Worship**
 9:45 am Adult Sunday School
 10:15 am Coffee Hour
 11:00 am Traditional Communion Worship

Wednesday—October 9th: **10:00 am Survivors**
 7:00 pm Stewardship Ministry Team-Finances

Thursday—October 10th: **7:30 pm Choir - Cantata Rehearsal**

Sunday—October 13th: **9:30 am E3 Worship**
 9:45 am Adult Sunday School
 11:00 am Traditional Worship
 6:00 pm Youth Group

There are large print bulletins available. Please see an usher if you need this service.

The **Adult Sunday School** fall schedule has an exciting array of topics for you to choose from. If you are looking for Bible based study and reflection, please come at 9:30 for coffee and donuts. The lesson runs from 9:45 to 10:45.

| Topic | Dates | Teacher |
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| Keeping the Sabbath, Sabbath as Resistance | Sept 29 – Oct 13 | Curly Rentner & Tony Nami |
| Sabbath Practices | Oct 20 | Jean Pinto |
| Books of Numbers and Leviticus | Oct 27 & Nov 3 | Jean Malloy |
| Gospel According to John | Nov 10 – Dec 22 | Peggy Ayres |

The Survivors Senior Group will meet in the church parking lot Wed., Oct. 9th at 10:00 a.m. to carpool to the Schenck Farmstead in West Windsor, NJ. After the tour we will enjoy lunch at Perkins Restaurant in East Windsor. If you plan to attend please make your reservation with Rita Peterson 259-7256 or email ritapete@optonline.net. All seniors of the church and their friends are welcomed to join the Survivors for a great tour, lunch and wonderful fellowship.

UNITED PRESBYTERIAN MEN, OCTOBER 19, 2013 BREAKFAST MEETING
The UPM Group will have a Breakfast Meeting at the **GOLDEN DAWN DINER, WHITEHORSE/MERCERVILLE RD, HAMILTON TWP. SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19th at**

9:00 A.M. This will be a **DUTCH TREAT EVENT**. Come join us for the fellowship and spiritual up-lifting as we continue to share ways of socializing and serving our church. A sign-up sheet is in the Narthex and must be completed by Sunday, October 13, 2013. If you have any questions, contact Jim Dixon at 609-298-3398 or e-mail jdixonsr@comcast.net.

The Women's Book Club will meet Tuesday, October 29th (the last Tuesday of the month) in the Bertolet Lounge at 7:00 pm to discuss MRS. LINCOLN'S DRESSMAKER by Jennifer Chiaverini. The novel is an historical fiction based on the extraordinary friendship between Mary Todd Lincoln and her seamstress, Elizabeth Keckley, who won her freedom by the skill of her needle. We invite all women of the church and their friends who enjoy reading and fellowship to join us. Our November selection is: SAVING CEE CEE HONEYCUTT by Beth Hoffman.

Member Care is requesting volunteers to pick up a very delightful young man who is visiting our church. His name is David Geijer and he lives at 417 Yardville-Allentown Road just minutes from the church. If you are able to do this please call the church office to let Betty know that you will help. The office number is 609-585-5770 and the office is open on Tuesday, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 9-4pm. This is an important ministry and is a good way to show compassion and Christ like behavior to those who need us. Thank You. Kathy Thewes

A new Christmas cantata was recently purchased using memorial funds in memory of Jennibelle Marion. The new cantata will be presented during 11 a.m. worship on Sunday, December 15th and is titled "A Night for Rejoicing." Rehearsals for the cantata are underway, 7:30 p.m. in the sanctuary. There will be one Saturday dress rehearsal, on Dec. 7th from 10 a.m. to noon, also in the sanctuary. If interested in singing with the choir, please notify choir director Marilyn Machmer so that a cantata book and listening CD will be set aside for you.

Our mission spotlight for the month of October is the Trenton Rescue Mission. All mission monies received this month will go to support the Rescue Mission.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Healing for Lori Galvin (rare blood disorder); Bob Efaw (cancer); Raymond (back surgery); Jean Setzer; Sue Milstead; Cyndy (breast cancer); Angela (breast cancer); Ann (liver cancer); John (hospitalized); Mark Hobson; continued prayers for Ron for healing of esophagus cancer); and Serenity.

Comfort for the bereaved family of Bill Darnell.

Concern about Marci in great pain after knee surgery. Prayers for John for relief from excruciating pain from back surgery; for recovery for flood victims in Colorado; and for Bryan awaiting a kidney transplant.

Safe travels for Joyce Allen and Shiloh going to North Carolina.

Our Mission Statement

We are called by Jesus Christ and empowered by the Holy Spirit to celebrate and share the love of God with grace and joy. Gracefully and joyfully we seek to share our gifts in the community through:

[Open Doors](#)
[Diverse Worship](#)
[Innovative Education](#)
[Creative Mission](#)
[Dynamic Service](#)

INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

You are invited to make a commitment to follow Jesus Christ as Lord of Life, or to renew your commitment as a Christian Disciple. Please speak to the pastor who will talk and pray with you. If you are looking for a church home we invite you to join this family of faith and service. This is a caring congregation, open to all. Please let us know how we can serve you.

CHURCH STAFF

Ministers: All the members of the Congregation

Pastor: Rev. Jean B. Pinto (737-8011) jeanbpinto@comcast.net

Pastors Emeriti: Rev. Terry E. Fouse and Rev. John H. Milne

Organist: Michael Mraz

Choir Director: Marilyn Machmer

Church Secretary: Betty Reinert

Prayer Chain: Daytime: Carol Heberling (298-2594); Betty Reinert (585-5770)

Evening: Gail Fouse (585-3248); Joyce Vaughn (888-1187)

OUR CONGREGATION IN MISSION

Because of your stewardship commitment, the United Presbyterian Church is supporting the ministries of:

- ❖ The Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) through Monmouth Presbytery; the Synod of the Northeast, and the General Assembly.
- ❖ Mobile Meals of Hamilton Township
- ❖ Princeton Theological Seminary Scholarship Fund
- ❖ Trenton Area Habitat for Humanity
- ❖ Trenton Area Rescue Mission
- ❖ Presbyterian Camp at Johnsonburg
- ❖ Trenton Area Soup Kitchen
- ❖ Pierson Memorial Food Bank
- ❖ Womanspace
- ❖ Homefront
- ❖ Trenton Area Campus Ministries