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***October 7th, 2018***

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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 7, 2018

PRELUDE “Break Thou the Bread of Life” arr. S. Bingham

PRAYER HYMN “Here I am to Worship” Hillsong Worship

## WE COME TO WORSHIP GOD

CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 23:1-3, 6

Leader: The Lord is our shepherd, we shall not want.

**People: He makes us lie down in green pastures, He leads us beside quiet waters.**

Leader: He guides us in the paths of righteousness for His name’s sake…

**People: Surely goodness and love will follow us all the days of our lives,**

**Together:** And we will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

\*HYMN “Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee” 263

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Dear Lord, You became one of us because we have done such a poor job of living in Your image. You shared yourself completely; yet we often hoard who we are and what we have. You reached out to the unlovely and unwanted. Yet much of time we hang out with those like us and avoid those different or inconvenient. You offer us living waters of eternal life. We too often live life in a rut, play it safe or lose hope in You. Forgive us, dear Lord. Restore us through Your mercy and grace. In Jesus’ name, 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 Pg. 624  **Isaiah 44:1-5** (NIV)

**44**“But now listen, Jacob, my servant, Israel, whom I have chosen. **2**This is what the Lord says— he who made you, who formed you in the womb, and who will help you: Do not be afraid, Jacob, my servant, Jeshurun (upright one), whom I have chosen. **3**For I will pour water on the thirsty land, and streams on the dry ground; I will pour out my Spirit on your offspring, and my blessing on your descendants. **4**They will spring up like grass in a meadow,
like poplar trees by flowing streams. **5**Some will say, ‘I belong to the Lord’; others will call themselves by the name of Jacob; still others will write on their hand, ‘The Lord’s,’ and will take the name Israel.

ANTHEM “Lord, Meet Us Here” arr. M. Weston

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON Pgs. 925-926 John 4:4-30, 39-42

 (NIV)

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**44**Now he had to go through Samaria. **5**So he came to a town in Samaria called Sychar, near the plot of ground Jacob had given to his son Joseph.**6**Jacob’s well was there, and Jesus, tired as he was from the journey, sat down by the well. It was about noon.**7**When a Samaritan woman came to draw water, Jesus said to her, “Will you give me a drink?” **8**(His disciples had gone into the town to buy food.) **9**The Samaritan woman said to him, “You are a Jew and I am a Samaritan woman. How can you ask me for a drink?” (For Jews do not associate with Samaritans.) **10**Jesus answered her, “If you knew the gift of God and who it is that asks you for a drink, you would have asked him and he would have given you living water.” **11**“Sir,” the woman said, “you have nothing to draw with and the well is deep. Where can you get this living water? **12**Are you greater than our father Jacob, who gave us the well and drank from it himself, as did also his sons and his livestock?” **13**Jesus answered, “Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again,**14**but whoever drinks the water I give them will never thirst.  Indeed, the water I give them will become in them a spring of water welling up to eternal life.” **15**The woman said to him, “Sir, give me this water so that I won’t get thirsty and have to keep coming here to draw water.” **16**He told her, “Go, call your husband and come back.” **17**“I have no husband,” she replied. Jesus said to her, “You are right when you say you have no husband.**18**The fact is, you have had five husbands, and the man you now have is not your husband. What you have just said is quite true.” **19**“Sir,” the woman said, “I can see that you are a prophet. **20**Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you Jews claim that the place where we must worship is in Jerusalem.” **21**“Woman,” Jesus replied, “believe me, a time is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. **22**You Samaritans worship what you do not know; we worship what we do know, for salvation is from the Jews. **23**Yet a time is coming and has now come when the true worshipers will worship the Father in the Spirit and in truth, for they are the kind of worshipers the Father seeks. **24**God is spirit, and his worshipers must worship in the Spirit and in truth.” **25**The woman said, “I know that Messiah” (called Christ) “is coming. When he comes, he will explain everything to us.” **26**Then Jesus declared, “I, the one speaking to you—I am he.” **27**Just then his disciples returned and were surprised to find him talking with a woman. But no one asked, “What do you want?” or “Why are you talking with her?” **28**Then, leaving her water jar, the woman went back to the town and said to the people, **29**“Come, see a man who told me everything I ever did. Could this be the Messiah?” **30**They came out of the town and made their way toward him. **39**Many of the Samaritans from that town believed in him because of the woman’s testimony, “He told me everything I ever did.” **40**So when the Samaritans came to him, they urged him to stay with them, and he stayed two days. **41**And because of his words many more became believers. **42**They said to the woman, “We no longer believe just because of what you said; now we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this man really is the Savior of the world.”

SERMON “Three Little, Extraordinary Things” Rev. Don LaCrosse

MOMENT FOR QUIET REFLECTION

**WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD**

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH - The Apostle’s 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.***

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE 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.***

WE PRESENT TO GOD OUR GIFTS AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY “Rejoice, O land, in God Thy Might” arr. C.S. Lang

\*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

Father, all that we have is yours alone. Take these gifts and offerings and use them to spread your gospel in word and in deeds of love. This week, may these gifts be but the beginning of what we give back to serve You and those You love. In Jesus’ name. Amen.

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

\*COMMUNION HYMN “Let Us Break Bread Together” 513

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.**

PRAYERS FOR THE PEOPLE & 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

DISTRIBUTION OF THE ELEMENTS

COMMUNION PRAYER

**Dear Father, we have been blessed as a community. We have heard Scripture read and proclaimed. We have gathered at Your table and been sustained in body, mind and soul. Now send us out into the world to share the gospel with both our words and actions. We pray that everyone we meet encounters Your embodied word. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.**

PASSING OF THE PEACE

\*HYMN “Lead On, O King Eternal” 447

\*WE RECEIVE GOD’S BLESSING

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

**Go in Peace.**

POSTLUDE “Postlude” B. Kelly

\*Those who are able may stand.

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**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**October 7th through October 14h, 2018**

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| **Sun.,****10/7**  | **PIE SALE!****XMAS WREATH SALE!**  **9:30 am E3 Worship Svc** **9:30 am Adult Sun. School****11:00 am Traditional Svc** **6:00 pm Youth Group** |  | **Thurs., 10/11** |  **6:15 pm Boy Scouts Bears #7** **6:30 pm Girl Scouts Trp 70015** **7:30 pm Choir Rehearsal @ Nursery**  **7:30 pm A/A** |
| **Mon.,****10/8** | **12:00 pm A/A**  **7:00 pm N/A** | **Fri.,****10/12** |  **4:00 pm Girl Scouts Trp 71854** **6:00 pm Boy Scouts Bears #5** **8:00 pm A/A** |
| **Tues.,****10/9** | **12:00 pm A/A**  | **Sun.,****10/14** | **PIE SALE!** **9:30 am E3 Worship Service** **9:30 am Adult Sunday School****11:00 am Traditional Svc** **5:00 pm Boy Scouts Trp 91** **6:00 pm Youth Group** |
| **Wed.,****10/10:** |  **9:00 am Survivors Group** **6:15 pm Boy Scouts Web 2** **7:00 pm UPC Session**  |  |

**Today’s flowers are donated by Susan Edger Engebretson**

**In Memory of Irene & Bill Hancock**

**Greeters & Ushers are Pat Anthony & Benita Rommel**

**We welcome the Rev. Don LaCrosse to our pulpit today.**

**Christmas Cantata** **Choir\*** rehearsals began Thurs., Oct. 4th. All are welcome to join the choir for the new Christmas Cantata “Let the Whole World Sing”. The cantata will be presented on Dec. 16, 2018 (Third Sunday of Advent) during the 11 a.m. worship service. There will be a dress rehearsal on Sat., Dec. 8th at 10 a.m. in the sanctuary. Weekly rehearsals are on Thursday at 7:30 p.m.

**\*PLEASE NOTE THE CHRISTMAS CANTATA CHOIR PRACTICE FOR THURS., OCT. 18th WILL BE HELD IN THE NURSERY!**

**The Survivors Senior Group** will meet in church parking lot **promptly** on Wed., Oct. 10th at 9 a.m. We will tour the “***Whitesbog Historic Village”*** in Brown Mills, NJ. Whitesbog was founded in 1857 and restored to a 1900’s village - the historic site of cranberry and blueberry farms. Trip cost will be $6 per person. Afterwards, we will enjoy lunch at the ***Vincetown Diner***, Rt. 206 S., Vincetown, NJ. All UPC seniors and friends are most welcome to join us for a wonderful tour and lunch. **Please R.S.V.P. to Rita Peterson @ (609) 259-7256 or email** ritapete@optonline.net.

**The Survivors Senior Group** will carpool on Sun., Dec. 9th at 1p.m. to United Methodist Church, Broad St. & Lawrence St., Burlington, NJ. We will attend “***The Christmas Carol”*** presented by Gerald Charles Dickens (great-great grandson of ***author Charles Dickens***). Trip cost will be $15 per person (non-refundable). Afterwards, we will enjoy an early dinner at ***Fratellis Italian Restaurant***, 1414 Rte. 130 N., Burlington, NJ. **Please R.S.V.P. as soon as possible with Rita Peterson @ (609) 259-7256 or email ritapete@optonline.net**.

**The Book Club** will meet on Tues., Oct. 23rd at 7 p.m. in the Bertolet Lounge to discuss the novel ***Sixteen Brides*** by Stephanie Grace Whitson; a story of 16 Civil War widows lured West with false promises. November’s selection is ***Clara and Mr. Tiffany***, by Susan Vreeland.

**PRAYER REQUESTS*\* - Please pray as listed:***

***Art – for heart surgery Anthony, Pat – for testing results***

***Betty Lou – for healing Bock, Dr. John – healing from throat cancer***

***Borek, John – for healing from cancer Bud – for healing of cancer***

***Cook, Dr. Jeff – for healing from cancer Dan & Pam – for healing***

***D’Amico, Carol & Al – for healing Dinah – for sinus surgery***

***Donna – for severe infection Family suffering from father’s addiction***

***French Family – for reconciliation Giambelluca, Jenna – success cancer treatment***

***Hatala, Mike – for healing from heart surgery***

***HURRICANE FLORENCE – continue prayers for those affected in NC and SC***

***Kaira – thanksgiving for successful surgery Kostar, Frank & Marilyn – for healing***

***Macelme, Tom – for healing from colon cancer McHugh Family –for healing, comfort, concern***

***Michelle – for relief from allergies/ upset stomach Ruth – for recovery from hip surgery of Oct. 4th***

**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 we can serve you.**

**CHURCH STAFF**

Ministers: All Members of the Congregation

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

Organist/Choir Director: Marilyn Machmer

**Prayer Requests Daytime: Church office Tel. (609) 585-5770**

 **Evening: Joyce Vaughn Tel. (609) 888-1187**

**If you would like to make a written contribution to our worship bulletin, please forward same to the church office no later than Tuesday @ 12 noon. Thank you.**