

July 15, 2018
15th Sunday of Ordinary Time

GOD'S PEOPLE PREPARE FOR THE WORD

As we gather, some of our number have found it helpful to begin worship with a time of group singing and praise a few moments prior to worship each week. If you choose not to participate in the singing and would prefer to visit or make personal connections at this time, please use the Assembly Room for these purposes. We hope that this extended time brings an opportunity to embrace the Lord in worship.

Gathering Music: Blue Songbooks #72

I Could Sing of Your Love Forever

Words of Welcome and Announcements
Our Friendship in Christ

*Call to Worship: *(Responsive)*

If today we hear God's voice in our hearts, we must follow it.

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Come, everyone, let's sing to the Lord. Let us tell the world that God has saved us. Let us thank him from the bottom of our hearts. Let us sing songs of praise to him.

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Come, let us bow down our heads and pray to God. Let us kneel before the God who made us. He is our God. We are his people. He loves us.

If today we hear God's voice in our hearts, we must follow it.

Today if you hear the voice of God in your hearts, follow it. Do not grumble or argue the way the people in the desert did when everything didn't go the way they expected it to.

If today we hear God's voice in our hearts, we must follow it.

- based on Psalm 95

*Hymn of Praise: (see screen)

Holy is the Lord God Almighty

The Prayer of Confession: *(Responsive)*

Father, we are sorry for the many times we have left you and chosen to satisfy our own selfish desires. For the times we have hurt the members of our families by refusing to do our share of the family tasks.

Father, we have sinned. Forgive us.

For the times we were unkind and impatient with those who needed our time and concern.

Father we have sinned. Forgive us.

For the times we were too weak to stand up for what was right and allowed others to suffer because of our cowardice.

Father, we have sinned. Forgive us.

For the times we refused to forgive others.

Father, we have sinned. Forgive us.

(a time of silent prayer and confession)

Lord, hear our prayer, and grant us your peace.

Amen.

The Assurance of Pardon: *(Responsive)*

Hear the good news: this saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.

He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, that we might be dead to sin, and alive to all that is good.

I declare to you in the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

We give thanks to God. Amen.

– based on 1 Timothy 1:15; 1 Peter 2:24

Congregational Response: Blue Songbooks #48

Sing Hallelujah

GOD'S PEOPLE RECEIVE THE WORD

The Prayer for Illumination

The Gospel Reading: John 9:13-34

(NIV)

This is the Word of the Lord;

Thanks be to God!

The Children's Sermon

Young children may worship with their families or may go to the Infant-Toddler Room behind the sanctuary. Children age 3 – 1st grade may be dismissed to the Children's Room at this time.

The Old Testament Reading: Psalm 124

(NCV)

This is the Word of the Lord;

Thanks be to God!

Sermon

Blinded by Denial, Division, and Disbelief

GOD'S PEOPLE RESPOND TO THE WORD

*Hymn of Reflection: Hymn #370

O God, Our Help in Ages Past

The Mission of the Church: Cross Trainers

Prayers of the People & the Lord's Prayer
Joys and Concerns

Presenting our Tithes and Offerings

The Invitation to the Offering

Offertory

*Congregational Response: Hymn #382

The Doxology

*Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn of Dedication: Hymn #32

How Firm a Foundation

*Charge & Benediction

Postlude

****Please stand, if able.***

Opportunities for the Week of July 15th

Sunday	7/15	12:15 pm	Nominating Committee Meeting
Wednesday	7/18	6:30 pm	Congregational Life Meeting
Friday	7/20		New Wilmington Mission Conference
Sunday	7/22	10:00 am	Worship

WORSHIP LEADERS FOR TODAY

Leading in Worship: Paige Neidbala, CT Child

Toddler Room: Jessalyn Gielarowski, Mary Beth Barnes

Childcare: Cheryl & Paul Reed, Ronald Swoope

Greeters: Don Prevost, Glenn Mack

WORSHIP LEADERS FOR JULY 22

Leading in Worship: Cross Trainers

Toddler Room: Dani Anderson, Marge Freeman

Childcare: Josie Miller, David Salinetto

Greeters: Paul & Cheryl Reed

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Printed copies of previous sermons are available on the shelves in the back of the sanctuary and on the web at: www.chup.org . Each worship service is also recorded on audio CD. In addition to being on the church website, all of Pastor Dave's sermons are posted on his blog at www.castyournet.wordpress.com.

1. **We welcome the Rev. Dr. John Welch to our pulpit this morning.** John is the Vice President for Student Services and Community Engagement and Dean of Students at Pittsburgh Theological Seminary. In this role, he coordinates the ways that the Seminary engages the community (including here in Crafton Heights). He previously served as pastor of Bidwell Presbyterian Church. He has worked with Pastor Dave on a number of initiatives over the years, and that includes some recent conversation with Dave and other area pastors about helping the church to speak prophetically on issues of race and justice. John is married to the Rev. DeNiece Welch, the current pastor at Bidwell Presbyterian Church.

2. **Pastor Dave and his family** have been away on vacation this week and anticipate returning later today. Should you have need of pastoral care before he returns, please contact Pastor Bill Gracey 412-928-0891 or 412-977-7499. Otherwise, look for Dave around CHUP throughout this week.

3. **The New Wilmington Mission Conference** begins this Friday, July 20. Friend of CHUP the Rev. Saleem Ghubril will be the speaker on Friday evening. If you are interested in attending (free) that evening, please check in with Pastor Dave.

4. **Christian author Rob Bell** will be speaking at the Carnegie Lecture Hall in Oakland on September 29 as part of his "Holy Shift Tour." Tickets are \$35 each. If you would like to attend, please see Gabe Kish. Ticket orders and payments are due today, July 15.

5. **As a part of the New Wilmington Mission Conference**, the Sudan/South Sudan Mission network will be meeting on Monday and Tuesday July 23 and 24. If you are interested in what is happening in Sudan and South Sudan and would like to participate, please speak with Pastor Dave for more information.

6. **Can you help?** We need 6 or more strong folks to help take up the damaged carpet in the conference room and Fellowship Hall. Please contact Dani Anderson 412-921-9821 or Cheri Mack 412-200-2958.

7. **Our food pantry is getting bare.** We are in need of the following items: tuna helper, canned chicken, jelly, corn, cereal bars, apple sauce, apple juice, and macaroni and cheese. Please speak with Gabe or Michele Kish 412-922-1950 for details.

My Daily Time with God This Week July 15th – July 22nd

One of the ways that we can best remember who we are, and who God calls us to be, is to spend time in His presence. In 2018, we will follow the devotional schedule published by *The Upper Room*. To receive devotions in your e-mail each day, visit <http://www.upperroom.org/devotional/email/>. May God bless you as you seek Him!

God's Promise: "If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and will heal their land."

(2 Chronicles 7:14)

Psalm for the week: Psalm 24 (*Read this through prayerfully each day. As you do so, you will concentrate less on yourself and more on your Lord.*)

Daily Scripture Readings:

Monday	John 20:19-29	Friday	Hebrews 6:9-12
Tuesday	Joshua 14:6-13	Saturday	Luke 22:54-62
Wednesday	1 Kings 19:1-14	Sunday	Ezekiel 37
Thursday	Psalm 34:1-10		

Speaking with your Creator:

- about your own life
- about those in our family of faith

--**members** – Lightell Family, Eleanor Arlet, Darcy Prevost, Florence Hall, Alice Schnellbach, Parris Family, Don & Clare Weaver, Deb Jacob, Tina Dame, Ed Kososki, Dolly Bock, Maryanne Richardson, Cheryl Reed, Joey Szumigalski & family, Justin & Eric Barth, Lauren Mack in Malawi, Joe Connor in the military, the homebound and those in caring facilities.

--**friends & relatives** –Bill Renkema, Frieda Jones, Ellie Musolino, Ross Family, Lisa & Nicholas Daugherty, Rita Imhoff, Lorraine Barth, Duane Eagan, Eadie Children, Betty Hartlep, Krieger family, Mark Mattern, Elijah Todd, Harold Garrison.

--**about our world** –Friends & Family in the Armed Forces, World peace, the Mbenjere Church of Central Africa Presbyterian, members of the church in South Sudan, Veterans & disabled, poor & needy, those persecuted and martyred for their faith. (*If you would like to include someone in your prayers, please fill out an "I Wish" card from the pews.*)

Listening to your Creator: -a time of silence

Going out into your world: -remembering that God sends you to the people he loves.

Church Prayer Families: Helen Brownstein, Danielle Sites

Open Door Prayer Family: Emma's Family