

Christ United Methodist Church

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Transforming Lives in the Love of Jesus Christ



"Let the thief no longer steal, but rather let him labor, doing honest work with his own hands, so that he may have something to share with anyone in need." Ephesians 4:28

The 15th Sunday after Pentecost

Labor Day Weekend

September 5, 2010

8:30 & 10:45 a.m. Worship Services

ORDER OF WORSHIP

GATHERING: All persons are asked to **please fill out the attendance registration form in the red folder at the end of the pew.** Visitors: Also, please fill out the "Welcome Visitors" card in the pew rack. They may be placed in the offering plate.

Please use this time to prepare yourself and your soul for worshipping God. You may complete a prayer card in the pew rack in front of you and place it in the basket on the altar rail during prayer time.

ENTRANCE

MEDITATION – "Ever since the creation of the world God's eternal power and divine nature, invisible though they are, have been understood and seen through the things he has made." --- St. Paul the Apostle in Romans 1:20

PRELUDE "Andante Religioso" ¹ F. Mendelssohn

*OPENING SENTENCES – 1st Timothy 1:17

Leader: To the King of the ages,

People: immortal, invisible, the only God,

Everyone: be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

*HYMN "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise" No. 103

OPENING PRAYER

Pastor: Christ be with you!

People: And also with you!

Pastor: Let us pray together.

Everyone: Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hidden. Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

PROCLAMATION & RESPONSE

FIRST LESSON: Psalm 19: 1-6 Page 498 OT

Lay Readers: (8:30) Judy Bell (10:45) Joan Bealor

Reader: This is God's Word for God's people!

People: Thanks be to God!

MISSION MOMENT – Good Shepherd Joan Bealor

SPECIAL MUSIC Gabriel's Four

"Gonna Build A Mountain" arr. Happiness Emporium, et al.

CHILDREN'S TIME IN WORSHIP (10:45) Pastor Nancy

(Children age 4 through Grade 3 may join Circuit Kids in the south preschool wing.)

*GOSPEL LESSON: John 1: 1-18 Page 91 NT

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord

People: **Praise be to the Lord Jesus Christ!**

SERMON "The Ultimate Who-dun-it" Pastor Knerr

(This is the 10th and final sermon in the FAQ's sermon series based on the Frequently Asked Questions you submitted in the spring.)

PRAYERS OF JOY AND CONCERN

INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION – see "About Communion" in The Communicator
THE CONGREGATION'S PRAYER OF CONFESSION Pg. 890

PERSONAL CONFESSION in silence with organ mediation

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

*THE PEACE – please sign the red folder and share the peace of Christ with one another

BRINGING OUR OFFERINGS TO GOD

OFFERTORY "Andante" ¹ F. Mendelssohn

*DOXOLOGY "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow" No. 95

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

THANKSGIVING & COMMUNION

*TAKING THE BREAD & CUP

*THE GREAT THANKSGIVING "A Service of Word & Table III" Pg. 15
THE LORD'S PRAYER – using "trespasses" Page 895

BREAKING THE BREAD

GIVING THE BREAD & CUP

Today we serve communion by intinction, the method which we believe Jesus and his Disciples used at the Last Supper. Bread is dipped into the cup, then both bread and the fruit of the vine are consumed together. Your spoken responses thanking God for this gift are appropriate, such as: "Thanks be to God"; "Thank you, Jesus"; etc. Remain in your pew until directed by the ushers. You may kneel at the altar rail in prayer after receiving the elements, or return directly to your seat. In the tradition of Wesley's "singing communion," we invite you to sing from *The Faith We Sing*: #

2016, 2025, 2037, & 2038.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

SENDING FORTH

*HYMN "Praise the Source of Faith and Learning" FWS No. 2004

*DISMISSAL & BLESSING

*POSTLUDE "Conmoto" ¹ F. Mendelssohn
(If you are able to remain in the pew briefly to enjoy the postlude, please do.)

*Please stand if you are able.

FWS = *The Faith We Sing* black hymnal supplement found at the end of the pew.

¹ **Music Notes:** all today's selections are from *Organ Sonata no. 3 in A Minor*

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CUMC's Vision Statement

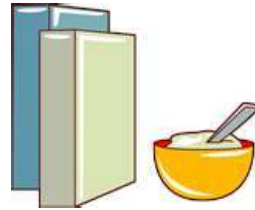
Having received the gift of salvation through faith in Christ, we believe we are called to become a church that creatively extends Christ's ministry to our community and the world. We believe Christ Church has been called to seek the lost, spread the Good News, and nurture disciples. We will strive to be a Christian influence in homes, businesses, government, and the educational community. We intend to accomplish this by developing evangelistic relationships within the community and by becoming a Christian education center for all people. This vision's realization will see disciples prepared and going out into ministry throughout the world, bearing fruit and glorifying God!

BREAKFAST AND LUNCH BAGS FOR AID FOR FRIENDS

Susanna Wesley Circle is collecting items for breakfast and lunch bags for **Aid for Friends**, a mission that provides meals and companionship for shut-ins in the Philadelphia area. Please bring your donations to the church anytime through **September 26, 2010**. Look for a container in the lobby.

Please be sure to use a clear plastic bag so we can see the contents. Because some shut-ins can't eat certain foods, we need to see what we're sending to them. Bags can be sealed with a twist-tie or colored ribbon. Gallon size Ziploc-type bags work well.

Most importantly, please enclose a hand-made card, picture, and/or note letting the shut-ins know you are thinking of them - our clients/friends love to hang these notes on their refrigerators!



We rely on volunteers to help support our Breakfast and Lunch Bag Programs. Our shut-ins love these little treats!

A BREAKFAST BAG consists of 4 or 5 non-perishable items such as:

miniature cereal boxes	tea bags, instant coffee
juice cartons	boxes of raisins
oatmeal packets	pudding or fruit cups
cereal bars/granola bars	packs of peanut butter crackers



Please **don't** include any of the following:

***fresh fruit**

***muffins or danish**

*** cups with aluminum tops (which can be easily punctured)**

LUNCHEON BAGS can be made with 4 or 5 nonperishable items like:

Individually packaged cookies	Jello
crackers and cheese	crackers and peanut butter
individual containers of fruit	applesauce
packets of raisins	energy bars
cans or pouches of tuna	cans or pouches of chicken

Use your imagination. What would you like to receive in a luncheon bag? As above, the shut-ins always enjoy receiving a handmade greeting card, telling them we were thinking about them and wishing them well.

Thank you for your support!

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Electronic giving offers convenience for individual congregation members and provides much-needed donation consistency for our congregation. We anticipate that electronic giving will appeal to many church members – from longtime worshippers who will appreciate an alternative to frequent check writing to younger members and others who prefer to pay or donate by electronic means whenever possible.

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Online Giving lets you go to the church website at cumclansdale.org to make one-time donations or to set up a schedule of automatic donations. By setting up a password-protected profile, you will be able to log in at any time to make donations, change a recurring donation plan or view your personal giving history.

As you contemplate your future contributions, please consider electronic giving.