Order of Worship

We are caring believers who grow, share, and live out our faith in Christ.

October 9, 2022 10:00 A.M.

PRELUDE "O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing"

ongues to Sing" Glaeser

Amy Duran, piano

WELCOME

Our Approach to God

OPENING PSALM "Praise His Name" Psalm 138

Nate Giordano, guitar

CALL TO WORSHIP from Psalm 139

Leader: When I call, give me answers. God, take my side!

Once, in a tight place, You gave me room; now I'm in

trouble again: Grace me! Hear me!

People: Why is everyone hungry for more? "More, more,"

they say, "more, more!" I have God's more-than-

enough.

Leader: More joy in one ordinary day than they get in all their

shopping sprees.

People: At day's end I'm ready for sound sleep, for You, God,

have put my life back together.

*HYMN "Give to Our Good Immortal Praise" #112

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God, we come to You for comfort. We come to You for rest. We come to You for assurance. And You offer all of that to us, and we're so grateful. But we neglect the other parts of our faith. We neglect the challenge. We neglect the risk. We neglect the promise of the future for the ease of the present. We want the comfort but not the challenge. Holy Spirit, help us to see the broad expanse of meaningful faith, through Christ. Amen.

HEARING OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

LIVING THANKFULLY AS FORGIVEN PEOPLE

CHOIR ANTHEM "New Every Morning" Berry

The Word of God

GREETING EACH OTHER IN THE NAME OF CHRIST

*HYMN "Alleluia! Sing to Jesus"

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE Hebrews 10:36; 10:39-11:3; 11:7-16;

11:23-28; 11:32-12:3 p. (OT)

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SERMON "Living Toward that We Can't Quite See" Pastor Sayer

PRAYER FOR BLESSING ON THE WORD

Our Response to God

OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER #815

JOYS, THANKS AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION

THE GENERAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

*HYMN "Ask Ye What Great Thing I Know" #535

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE "I Love to Tell the Story"

Amy Duran, piano

PRAYER CONCERNS: Anonymous; Lynn Baker; Christian Brueck; Deanna & Roger Carman; Marilyn Clark; Harold Friedeman; Ernie Hepperle; Janet Kosack; Nancy Lanzalotto; Chris Lombardi; Ed Serrano; Richard Smyth; Craig Terjanian.

THE UNITY PRAYER: We ask for forgiveness, Father, when we allow unclear Biblical principles to divide and separate us, which can remove the unity we are to have as followers of Christ.

THE FLOWERS are given by Wini Kinkele in loving memory of her brother, Robert E. Haring, and nephew, Robert G. Haring.

THIS WEEK

TODAY 11:15 Children's Choir Monday 7:45 Bell Choir Tuesday 7:30 Deborah Circle Wednesday 1:30 Rachel Circle

7:30 Property Committee

Thursday 7:30 Choir

7:30 Christian Education meeting

Friday 11:30` Club 60 in Founders' Hall

Saturday 11:00 Men's Retreat

Sunday, October 16, 2022

10:00 AM Worship, Puppet Club and Sunday School 11:15 Children's Choir

THE MEN'S RETREAT, originally scheduled for October 1, has been rescheduled for October 15. If you were not able to make the original date, this would be a good time to sign on! Call the church office to sign up (201-768-2474).

A COUPLE OF OUR MEMBERS who live in Harrington Park need a ride to church each week. If you're able to help with this, please call Steve Sayer at 570-656-1412.

NEXT WEEK we begin our Super Sundays with Seuss, our discipleship and stewardship campaign – it goes through November 20. We've had a great group of folks designing this campaign. They've picked out some really helpful biblical themes to help us grow in Christ, themes that also happen to be echoed in Dr. Seuss books. If Scripture is the skeleton of our campaign, those books will perhaps be the ligaments that connect things together. Worship will look a little different for these six weeks as we try to do some things that are variously fun, challenging, surprising, and which give us the chance to re-bond together as we gradually emerge from COVID separation. We hope this will be a helpful time for your faith.

HERE's SOMETHING NEW HAPPENING - beginning next Sunday, October 16, and going through November 20 (during Super Sundays with Seuss, our discipleship and stewardship campaign), the children will be joining us for the beginning of the worship service. After about 10 minutes, they'll head down to Founders' Hall for Puppet Club and their Sunday School lesson.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD BEGINS TODAY! There's a table set up in the Narthex where you can pick up boxes and labels. The boxes are due back on Sunday, November 13th.

THANK YOU to everyone for helping with and attending the Fall Soup Supper on Thursday. Hosted by the Guild, this all-church event was filled with hearty food and a great time of fellowship.

THE AUTUMN BAZAAR will be on Saturday, November 5 from 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM. This is an all-church event, planned by the Guild, with proceeds going to local and worldwide missions. Donations are appreciated to Stitchery, Potpourri, Books and Puzzles and foods at Baked Goods and the Lunch Cafe. PLEASE NOTE: There will not be a full White Elephant section. At the end of October, we will be accepting only donations of holiday decorations, gently used or new costume jewelry, and ladies' accessories (i.e. purses/scarves/hats). Please save all other types of white elephant treasures for a planned Guild Garage Sale in the spring.