

25<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 23, 2012

*GATHERING*

Prelude: “Amazing Grace”

arr. Anne Laura Page

Invocation

Announcements and Passing the Peace of Christ

\*Call to Worship

Leader: This is the life we are called to—to serve all.

**People: Let us then welcome all the children of God.**

Leader: Among the gifts of the Lord is wisdom from above.

**People: Let us then teach kindness; let us sow peace.**

Leader: Let us become like children before the Lord.

**People: In lives of constant worship, let us give ourselves to God.**

\*Hymn: #295 “O God of Love, O God of Peace”

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

**Gracious God, because you love, you give. You give us life; you give us wisdom. You gave us grace in Jesus Christ; you give us yourself in the Holy Spirit. And so too are we to give, are we to love. Yet too often we ask for what benefits us and not our sisters and brothers. We insist on our way, rather than listen and yield. Instead of mercy, we are full of judgment. Forgive us, Lord of mercy. Send your wisdom to us, again and again, until at last we learn the ways of grace. Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon

\*Gloria Patri (p. 579)

*PROCLAIMING GOD’S WORD*

Anthem: “You Are Mine”

David Haas

8:00 - Karen Homsher

10:30 – Chancel Choir

Prayers of the People and Lord’s Prayer

First Scripture Readings: Proverbs 31:10-31 (p.579); James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a (p. 216)

\*Hymn: #304 “Jesus Loves Me!”

Children’s Sermon

Children may leave for God’s Place for Boys and Girls

Second Scripture Reading: Mark 9:30-37 (p. 42)

Sermon: **KIND WISDOM, GENTLE LIFE**

*RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD*

\*Apostles Creed (p. 14)(Ecumenical Version)

Offering of Tithes and Gifts

Please sign and pass the Friendship Book

Offertory: “In Christ Alone”

arr. Anna Laura Page

\*Doxology (p. 592)

\*Hymn: #427 “Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service”

\*Benediction

Silent Prayer (be seated)

Postlude: “Festival Piece on ‘Marion’”

Gilbert Martin

The End of Worship  
The Beginning of Service

\*Those who wish may stand

Rev. Robert W. Birch, Minister

Mrs. Dianne Yuninger, Organist/Choir Director

VISITORS AND MEMBERS: WELCOME! During the offertory the Friendship Book will be passed from the end of the pew. Please sign it and indicate other information as appropriate. Pass the book back down the pew and notice the names of the other worshippers. Greet one another warmly after the service.

**WORSHIP HOUR INFORMATION:**

It is an ancient Scottish custom for the pulpit Bible to be brought into the sanctuary and placed by a layperson before the service begins.

8:00 a.m. Janet Huffman

10:30 a.m. Edwin Margerum

IN THE NURSERY (babies through 4 yrs.): 8:00 – Deb Sindall  
10:30 – Dave & Carol Berkhimer

The Sanctuary Flowers are in Loving Memory of  
Our Fathers, Walter Menges and Theodore B. Woodward  
Given by Bill and Jeanne Menges

**PRAYERS OF THE CONGREGATION:**

PRAYER FAMILY THIS WEEK: Miriam Keneagy  
Brethern Village, Rm. 3 – Village Manor  
3001 Lititz Pike  
Lancaster, PA 17606-5093

**TODAY:**

8:00 and 10:30 a.m. Services of Worship  
9:15 a.m. Sunday School for infants through adults

**TUESDAY:**

9:30 a.m. Presbytery Meeting at First PC, York

**WEDNESDAY:**

6:30 p.m. Bell Choir Rehearsal  
7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal

**THURSDAY:**

5:30 p.m. Community Meal

**NEXT SUNDAY:**

8:00 and 10:30 a.m. Services of Worship  
9:15 a.m. Sunday School for infants through adults

IN THE NURSERY: 8:00 – Craig Keenan  
10:30 - Mike & Kelly Hartmann

**OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Last week's offering total was \$4,125.00  
Total in Organ Fund is \$60,526.55

**September is Building Fund month.** Trustees will have envelopes in the pews to collect funds to use for new flooring. As you look around the Narthex, please notice the condition of the carpet and give as you can to help us replace it.

**The Community Meal** is this Thursday, Sept. 27th. Doors will open at 5:15 p.m. Sign-up sheets for helping with the meal are in the Narthex. Thank you. Mission Committee

**Church Garage Sale...** Our second church garage sale will be held on Saturday, Oct. 6. Gather up your “no longer wanted” items and donate them for the benefit of the Organ Fund. In addition to your donations, we need a large team of workers to collect, price and display the items. This is a major church-wide event and we need all of your support in making it a success. We need volunteers to work the food stand, pick-up donated items, set-up tables, price items and clean up afterwards. And we need people to pray for no rain (just that day). Mark it on your calendar and watch for more information.

**October 20<sup>th</sup> is Fall Work Day.** The Trustees need your help as they plan what needs to be done around the church for Fall Work Day and begin their “Things to Do” list. If you see something that needs attention, please notify one of the Trustees, the secretary, or the minister. Or you may simply place a note in the Trustee mailbox.

**PW Walk/Breakfast/Bible Study is starting up again.** Please come and join us starting on Monday, October 1<sup>st</sup>. Starting at 7:00 a.m. we walk and at 7:30 a.m. we have breakfast and bible study.

**The Leacock book discussion/movie group** will be having a potluck/movie night on Sunday Sept. 30<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m. Bring a dish and enjoy the movie based on the last book we read, “Blue Like Jazz”.

**Get your tickets today!** The annual Dale Albright Memorial Dinner & Concert to benefit The Factory Ministries is this Saturday, September 29. Please contact Karen Homsher for reservation.

**Bring in your change.** The jar of change will be collected to count on Sept. 30<sup>th</sup>. Every penny counts!

**CROP WALK...** The 31<sup>st</sup> annual Paradise Area CROP Walk will be held on Sunday, Oct. 21<sup>st</sup>. Registration will begin at 1:00 p.m. and the walk will begin at 1:30 p.m. The CROP walk is sponsored by Worldwide Services and seeks to end hunger in the world, in the nation and here in our community. Twenty-five percent of the monies will be used locally. Participants are invited to do either a three or five mile route. Come join us as we seek to end hunger.