***THE CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP***

***Sixth Lord’s Day in Easter***

*BALDWIN UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH*

*201 KNOEDLER ROAD*

***PITTSBURGH, PA 15236***

Rev. Dr. Robert E. Walkup, Pastor

Mrs. Grace Shearer, Organist/Choir Director

11.00 A.M. May 21, 2017

#### WE GATHER IN THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

*(Please be seated in silence)*

 **First Organ Prelude**

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######  Announcements

 **Second Organ Prelude**

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 **Call to Worship (Inspired by Psalm 66) Antiphonal**

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| Leader: | God of glory, together we bless you and joyfully sing your praise! |
| ***People:*** | ***We sing the glory of your Name!***  |
| Leader: | All the earth bows before you and sings out your Name |
| ***People:*** | ***You rule forever in power and might!*** |
| Leader: | You answer our prayers and lead us from darkness and bondage into light and freedom. |
| ***People:*** | ***Your actions toward us are wonderful!*** |
| Leader: | You hold our souls in life. |
| ***People:*** | ***Keep us always in your steadfast love!*** |
| Leader: | Accept our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, |
| ***People:*** | ***And let us tell others what you have done for us!*** |

#### THE BODY IS CALLED TOGETHER BY THE SPIRIT

**\*Hymn**  **# 14**

*“Lord of the Worlds Above”*

**\*Prayer of the Day**

L: The Lord be with you.

***P: And also with you***

L: Let us pray.

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| Leader: | Great and loving God, your will for us in Jesus is the peace which the world cannot give; your abiding gift is the Advocate he promised. Calm all troubled hearts, dispel every fear. Keep us steadfast in love and faithful to your word, that we may always be your dwelling place. Grant this through Jesus Christ, the firstborn from the dead, who lives with you now and always in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God forever and ever. *Amen*. |

**HIS LIGHT DISPELS OUR DARKNESS**

**\*Call to Confession**

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| It is so easy to hear of God’s love and so difficult to live it. Let us admit the poverty of our efforts and the frailty of our faith in order that we may be renewed in the power of the Holy Spirit. |

**\*Prayer of Confession Unison**

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| ***Merciful God, in imagining you to be “out there” we can be easily persuaded that we are on our own and must depend upon our limited perceptions and abilities. Perhaps worst of all, we can reduce the life of the Spirit to an abstract habit of mind or emotion rather than as a living and adventurous pilgrimage with you on the Way. Open wide the portals of our hearts and overwhelm us with the truth of your promise of restoration. Strengthen us to go forth into the world as your “kingdom people” until your will is done on earth even as in heaven. We pray this in the name of our Risen, Living and Reigning Lord Jesus Christ, saying: “Our Father…..Amen.”*** |

**\*Silent Prayer**

**\*Assurance of Pardon**

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| The loving kindness of God in Christ Jesus has saved us, not because of any works of righteousness that we have done, but according to his mercy, through the water of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit. ***Thanks be to God!*** |

 **Gloria Patri #546**

 **The Peace**

 **Offertory**

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**\*Organ Response #552**

**\*Prayer of Dedication**

**\*Doxology #544**

**\*Hymn INSERT**

*“Day By Day, With Each Passing Moment”*

**HIS LIGHT GRANTS US VISION**

 **Prayer of Illumination Unison**

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| ***O God, you spoke your Word and revealed your good news in Jesus, the Christ. Fill all creation with that word again, so that by proclaiming your joyful promises to all nations and singing of your glorious hope to all peoples, we may become one living body, your incarnate presence on the earth. Amen.*** |

 **First Reading** Pew Bible pg. 137

*Acts 17:22-31*

 **Second Reading** Pew Bible pg. 234

*1 Peter 3:13-22*

 **Anthem**

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 **Gospel Reading** Pew Bible pg. 109

*John 14:15-21*

 **Sermon Rev. Walkup**

*“Hearing Voices”*

 **Affirmation of Faith Apostles’ Creed**

*Hymnal pg. 12; using “Holy Spirit”*

 **Prayer of the People**

**WE BEAR THE LIGHT OF CHRIST TO OTHERS**

**\*Hymn**  **INSERT**

*“He Keeps Me Singing”*

**\*Charge & Blessing**

**\*The Recessional**

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***\*Please Stand if Able***

 **WORSHIP TEAM TODAY:** Jean Lindberg, Diane

 McGreevy, Vince Wisbar

**WORSHIP TEAM NEXT WEEK:** Dennis Auth, Nancy Brown,

Jeri Stoehr

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**SUNDAY:** “Small Deeds” John 6:1-13

**MONDAY:** *“*A Time To Wait” Isaiah 40:28-31

**TUESDAY:** “No Regrets” Philippians 3:7-16

**WEDNESDAY: “**My Daughter’s Example” Matthew 18:1-5

**THURSDAY:** “What Does A Meoghbor Do?” Luke 10:29-37

**FRIDAY:**  “What’s Next” Exodus 3:1-12

**SATURDAY:** “The Puzzle Pieces Of Life” Ecclesiastes 3:9-14

**THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK: *“Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, so that you may be children of your Father in heaven. Matthew 5:44-45 (NRSV)***

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**Please continue to pray for our sick and shut-**ins. **Also pray for Milly Hartmann, Jay Torrance, Jean & Charles Leuthold, Dorothy Williams, Dorothy Dyer, Norman Coliane, Patty Kulpa, Bob Knight and Mary Wittmer.**

Please also keep in your thoughts and prayers the following who are friends and family of members:

Don Smith, Tom Shearer, Laurie Vanderplaats, Skip Wolff, Joe Arcuri, and Amara Bayerlein.

**Dianne Sawl** would like to start a **Vacation Bible** **School** for children and adults this summer. Please see Dianne for more details. Also, if you would like to volunteer to help, please notify **Dianne Sawl.**

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The **South Hills Community Concert Band** will Perform their summer concert outdoors (weather permitting) on **Monday,** **June 5th at 7:00 PM**. **Everyone is welcome**! This will be a **free will offering.**

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The **SHIM Food Pantry** is every **second and fourth** **Tuesday** of the month, from **10:00 AM – 1:00 PM** and **3:00 PM – 5:00 PM**. Also the Social Service hours are every **Tuesday, from 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM**.

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PENNIES FROM HEAVEN**: Every little bit of change helps.**

**PLEASE NOTE:** There is an **unattended Nursery** available for babies and toddlers. The nursery is on the **first floor across from the rest rooms.**

A fund me account has been set up for **Mr. Thomas Shearer**, **Grace’s son** for a **second liver transplant**. If you would like to donate to this cause, please go to **youcaring.com** and scroll down to search fund-**Thomas Shearer**. Also, donations can be given directly to **Thomas Shearer** by using a **pew envelope** and mark it **Thomas Shearer donation** and place it on the offering plate. **Thank you.**

**PLEASE NOTE:** The last day of **Sunday School** is **May 28, 2017.**

The last day of **Bible Study** is **Wednesday, May**

 **31, 2017.** They will both resume in the **fall.**

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR:** Starting **Sunday, June 4th, Worship Service hours** will begin at **10:30 AM** during the **summer months.**

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**SUMMER HOURS**

**PLEASE NOTE: Office hours** during the summer months will be **Monday, Wednesday, Thursday** and **Friday from 9:00 AM – 12:00 Noon** starting **Monday, June 5th.**