

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE "Song of Hope" Hymn No.432

May the God of hope go with us every day,
Filling all our lives with love and joy and peace.
May the God of justice speed us on our way,
Bringing light and hope to every land and race.
Praying, let us work for peace, Singing, share our joy with all
Working for a world that's new,
Faithful when we hear Christ's call.

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

YOU ARE INVITED
for coffee and fellowship
In the Social Hall after the Worship Service

9/11 Memorial Service: Sunday, September 11, 2011 will be the tenth anniversary of the tragic events in New York City, Washington, DC, and Pennsylvania that rattled our country and the world. We will observe the anniversary with a special service at 7:00 PM, Sunday, September 11 here at SCPC. The centerpiece of the service will be a performance of John Rutter's "Requiem" by a special 9/11 Choir and small orchestra. The hauntingly beautiful music and words of this 20th century masterpiece will help us all remember and give us hope. The handbell choir will participate, ringing a piece entitled "Parting" written by Barbara Werner (daughter of Jill Anderson and sister of Debbie Anderson) written in memory of Kermit Anderson who was killed in the World Trade Center on September 11, 2001. The service will also include prayers and scripture that remember those who lost their lives that day. Additionally, we will include prayers of peace for our world.

Next Sunday, September 11th, we will bring our fall schedule. Worship services are at 9:00 am and 11:15 am. Sunday School begins at 10:00 am and Adult Education begins at 10:15 am.

Children and Youth classes are posted in the stairwells and in the hallways. After the Children's Message at the 9:00 am service, children are invited to go to Creative Movement and Music (ages 3, 4, and K) in Westminster Hall or to Children and Worship (Grades 1 and 2) in Room 11. Children are picked up by their Sunday School teachers and taken to Sunday School. Parents should pick their children up at 11:00 at the close of Sunday School. Parents should remain in the building during the Sunday School hour. Childcare is available in Room 101 and 102. Any questions should be directed to Deannine Shipman, Director of Education and Program.

SEPTEMBER 4, 2011

23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

10:00 AM WORSHIP

Gathering Around the Word

OPENING WORDS

Susan Reisinger

PRELUDE

"Blest Be the Tie That Binds" Arr by Diemer

INTROIT

With Drums and Dancing

Dan Schutte

Praise God with drums and dancing. Sing to God a
joy - ful song! Come dance the dawn - ing
sto - ry. Tell what God the Lord has done!

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CALL TO WORSHIP

Joel Blunk

Leader: Have you not known? Have you not heard?

People: **The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth.**

Leader: He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable.

People: **He gives power to the faint, and strengthens the powerless.**

Leader: Even youths will faint and be weary, and the young will fall exhausted;

People: **but those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength,**

Leader: they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.

*HYMN OF PRAISE No. 438

“Blest Be the Tie That Binds”

*CONFESSION

Deannine Shipman

Holy God, forgive us our sin and cleanse us from all that separates us from you. Touch those places of our lives that are far beyond any human power to mend, that we might be strengthened and freed to walk according to the Spirit. Set our minds on pleasing you, through Jesus Christ, the source of all new life. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Hearing the Word

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Shirley Berlind

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: Romans 8:22-25

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ANTHEM

“Have You Not Known”
Karen Neff and Ned Wetherald

-K. Lee Scott

ESPECIALLY FOR CHILDREN

(Children may leave for a special Veggie Tale movie “It’s a Meaningful Life”. In the biggest football game of his life Stewart (Larry the Cucumber) has a chance to win it all. This is a story of wonder and a lesson in being content. Childcare is available for infants, toddlers, 2’s and 3’s in Room 101 and 102. Our regular fall schedule will start next Sunday, September 11th)

HEBREW SCRIPTURE: Isaiah 40:21-31

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SERMON

“I Wish I Could Fly”

Susan Reisinger

*HYMN No. 270

“O God, in a Mysterious Way”

Responding to the Word

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

We are glad you are worshiping with us today. Please take a moment to sign the pew pad and pass it along to your neighbor, and then pass it back so that you may take the opportunity to greet those sitting near you after the service. Please provide your address and your e-mail address so that we may contact you about upcoming events that may be of interest to you.

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Self Study Committee

PRESENTATION OF “GOD AND CHURCH AWARD” TO ERIN MAY

OFFERING

Offertory

“Voluntary”

-William Boyce

*Doxology

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

Hymnal #593

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

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

CALL TO PRAYER

Come, bring your burdens

Words & melody: South African traditional, from the singing of the Mooiplaas congregation
Arrangement: Welle Sigabi, South Africa, transcribed by Barbara Clark, Mairi Munro & Martine Stemerick

The musical score is written for two staves, Treble and Bass clef, in a 6/8 time signature with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody is in the treble clef, and the bass clef provides a simple accompaniment. The lyrics are: "Come, bring your bur-dens to God, come, bring your bur-dens to God, come, bring your bur-dens to God for Je - sus will ne - ver say no."

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PASTORAL PRAYER AND LORD’S PRAYER

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

*HYMN No. 415

“Come, Labor On”

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