

ASBURY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

15th Sunday after Pentecost

August 21, 2016

CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

10:15 A.M.

PRELUDE “Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart” D. E. Wagner

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CENTERING

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: We stand before the city of the living God.

People: Hear the voice of the One who speaks from heaven!

Leader: The voice of the Lord shakes the earth and echoes through the cosmos!

People: God’s kingdom is unshakeable, a rock that cannot be moved.

Leader: The Lord is our refuge. God’s kingdom stands forever!

People: God’s kingdom is unshakeable, a rock that cannot be moved. Let us worship together to praise our God!

***HYMN** “Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken” #731, UMH

OPENING PRAYER

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of Life, You promise us a kingdom that cannot be shaken and call us to serve you with praise and thanksgiving. But we forget, and yield to fear. We trust in the tangible rewards of this world, and neglect your promises. Open us to your healing. Free us from all that distances us from your presence. Give us your grace and inspire us to serve you with courage; through Jesus Christ who comes to save. Amen.

***RESPONSIVE READING** Psalm 71 #794, UMH
***GLORIA** #71, UMH
***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** #881, UMH

THE FIRST READING Jeremiah 1:4-10 OT #759
***THE GOSPEL READING** Luke 13:10-17 NT #96

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON “Expectations”

***HYMN** “Since Jesus Came Into My Heart” #2140, FWS
(VS. 1, 2, 3, AND 5)

CONCERNS AND PRAYERS

Let us name before God those for whom we offer our prayers.

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD’S PRAYER

SPECIAL MUSIC Michelle Leddy, Soloist

THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY “Steal Away” Gilbert M. Martin

***DOXOLOGY** #95, UMH

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Holy One, you have shared with us the riches of your kingdom – treasures unlike anything we have ever seen with our eyes or touched with our hands. We rejoice in all the wonderful things you have done for us and given to us! Receive these offerings this day, as we worship you in the name of Jesus. Amen.

***HYMN** “Onward, Christian Soldiers” #575, UMH
(vs. 1, 2, 3, and 5)

BENEDICTION

Following the blessing you may be seated as the candles are extinguished.

***PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

POSTLUDE “Toccata for Organ” James Pethel

**Congregation stands as able*

WELCOME TO ASBURY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Our Vision is to be the church that displays the love of Christ and connects with people of all walks of life through our ministry, creative services, discipleship, and outreach.

“Our Mission is to be faithful disciples of Jesus Christ and share God’s love with others.”

If you are visiting with us for the first time we thank you for worshipping with us and pray that this was a spiritually uplifting experience that will make a difference in the week to come.



In Honor of: Our daughter Beth’s birthday and in celebration of Beth & Fran’s wedding anniversary

Given by: Eileen and Dennis McCoy

WORSHIP SERVICE PARTICIPANTS

Liturgist: Kermit Fitzgerald

Scripture Reader: Michelle Leddy

Organist: Tedd Didden

LAST WEEK

ATTENDANCE WEEK: 39

Please remember to sign in each Sunday.

OFFERING WEEK:

Envelope (General)	\$1,306.00
Plate	30.00
Heaters	250.00
Miscellaneous	25.00
Special Offering	20.00
Total	<u>\$1,631.00</u>

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Carol Gajewski, Silver Stream Center, 905 Penllyn Pike, Spring House, PA 19477; **Ed Miller**, Golden Living Center, 25 W 5th ST, Lansdale PA 19446; **Henry Schlotterer**, Arden Courts, 620 W Valley Forge RD, King of Prussia, PA 19406; **Thelma Smee**, Cokesbury Village, Healthcare Center, 726 Loveville RD, Hockessin, DE 19707; **Bill Swier**, Regina Nursing Home, RM 211, 550 E Fornance ST, Norristown, PA 19401; Elizabeth(**Betty**) **Wright**, Gwynedd Square Nursing Home, 773 Sunneytown Pike, Lansdale PA 19446 B32B

PRAYERS FOR ENCOURAGEMENT & HEALING: Edith Barbone, Lois & Tom Benning, Brooks Family, Robin Blattner & the Blattner Family, Ben & Dolores Curll, Stephen, Matt & Will Deering, Scotti DeMartinis & Jenny & Family, William Eliasson, Jessie Emerson, David Frees, Sue & Anthony Fuschetto, Marian Giangiulio, Cecelia Hampton-Fitzgerald, Mary Ann Keating, Sandy Killian, Meaghen King, Roger Layne, Eileen Lenzi, Marilyn Lewis, Bill McCarron, Damon Oliver, Sherri Rinehart, Caroline Schwab, Gabe & Sherbi Seerattan, Hazel Shanaman, Mason Shapiro, Henry Solis, Linda Swier, Jim Thompson, and Earl Walter

PRAYERS FOR THOSE SERVING IN THE ARMED SERVICES:
Daniel Fineran, (Marine) and Brett Santai, (Navy)



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