



## **Affirmation of Welcome**

**We are an Open and Affirming Congregation, welcoming all of God's children.**

If you are single, married, divorced, separated, or partnered,

**You Are Welcome Here!**

If you are Asian, Hispanic, Black, or White,

**You Are Welcome Here!**

If you are male, female, or transgender,

**You Are Welcome Here!**

If you are 3 days old, 30 years old, or 103 years old,

**You Are Welcome Here!**

If you've never been in a church, if you are Buddhist, Roman Catholic, agnostic,

Or a life-long member of the UCC,

**You Are Welcome Here!**

If you are straight, gay, lesbian, or bisexual,

**You Are Welcome Here!**

If you are fully abled, disabled, or a person with differing abilities,

**You Are Welcome Here!**

Whoever we may be, wherever we are on our life's journey,

**We welcome one another to this place,  
even as God welcomes us all in Jesus Christ!**

### **WELCOME TO VISITING PARENTS**

We offer several child care options and fun activities for kids during worship hour:

- ✧ Infants and toddlers will be cared for in the nursery.
- ✧ Kindergarten through seventh grade will go to class after the Word to Young Worshipers.
- ✧ Crayons and paper for children are also available from ushers.

Please sign our guest book in the narthex before you leave, and join us for refreshments in Pilgrim Hall downstairs following the service. If you are interested in learning more about our church, or becoming a member, please speak to our pastor.

Large Print Bulletins are available. Please ask an usher for one. Hearing difficulty? Please talk to any usher about a Williams Sound Personal PA receiver available for your use in the sanctuary. Pillows for your back support are also available.

#### ***Office Hours:***

**Mon., Tues., Wed., Thurs., Fri.: 9:00 - 12:00**

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## JULY 13, 2014 – FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

### **Meditation Music**

Gracious Holy One, you reveal yourself to us in so many ways - in our world, in our lives, and in the Scriptures. Help us to be open to the countless, creative ways and places that you meet us each day. Help us to also find ways to express your love and grace to one another, each and every day. Amen

### ***Gathering in God's Presence***

*\* Please Stand as you are able.*

**Prelude**

Lift Up Your Hearts

Galbraith

“O Love divine! thy promise comes to cheer me,  
O Voice of pity! blessing and thrice blest –  
‘Come unto me, ye laden hearts and weary;  
take up my yoke, and learn: I pledge you rest.’”  
John Macleod (1840-1898)

### **Bearing the Light of Peace**

### **Bearing the Light of Christ**

**\* Call to Worship** [from *Psalm* 149]

L: Praise the Holy One! Sing a song of joy to God!

**P: Sing God's praises in the assembly of the faithful!**

L: Let Israel be glad in its Maker;

**P: Let the children of Zion rejoice in their Ruler.**

L: Let them praise God's name with dancing,

**P: Making melody to the Holy One with harp and tambourine.**

L: For it is the Holy One's pleasure to lift up the downhearted;

**P: The Sovereign One delights in granting victory to the lowly.**

L: Let the faithful rejoice in God's glorious ways;

**All: Let all God's people sing for joy!**

**\* Hymn of Praise**

Sing Praise to God

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**\* Prayer of Confession** [Unison]

**We live in a broken world, O God. A world that too often ignores you; a world that too often is quick to judge; a world of impatience, fear and mistrust. It is a world more concerned with self-satisfaction than with serving others and serving**

**you. We confess that often we are part of the problem and not the solution. Forgive us, transform us, and help us to live as your gracious children. Inspire us by your Holy Spirit, that we might boldly proclaim the restoring power of your love for all people. Amen.**

**\* The Assurance of Pardon**

L: Hear what comfort God offers us: We are God's own children, made in God's own image! We are forgiven, renewed and set free by God's own love!

**All: Thanks be to God!**

**\* Passing the Peace**

L: As God's forgiven and renewed people, let us now greet one another with the peace of Christ.

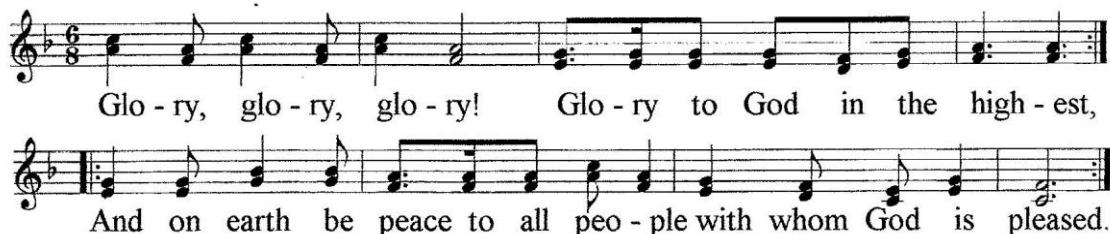
The Peace of Christ be with you!

**P: And also with you!**

**\*Song of Praise**

**Glory to God**

Pablo Sosa, 1988



Glo - ry, glo - ry, glo - ry! Glo - ry to God in the high - est,  
And on earth be peace to all peo - ple with whom God is pleased.

**The Old Testament**

Psalm 100

Pew Bible, page 1552

**The New Testament**

Matthew 11:16-19; 28-30

Pew Bible, page 11

**The Continuing Testament**

from *Reclaiming Jesus' Sense of Humor*

James Martin

**Time with Young Worshipers**

**Musical Offering**

He Turned the Water into Wine  
[David Pastor, baritone]

Cash

**Sermon**

*Did You Hear The One About.....*

Pastor Dave Shackle

**Hymn of Reflection**

To You, O God, All Creatures Sing  
[verses 1-4]

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# ***The Church at Prayer***

## **Silent Meditation**

## **Prayers of the Church**

**Our Lord's Prayer** *[the additional use of "Mother" is optional, according to One's Theological understanding]*

**...Our Father-Mother, 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.**

## **Organ Response**

## ***Presenting Our Tithes and Offerings***

## **The Invitation**

## **Offertory**

Humoreske

Dvořák

## **\*The Doxology**

**Praise God from whom all Blessings flow  
Praise Christ the Word in flesh born low;  
Praise Holy Spirit evermore;  
One God, Triune, whom we adore. Amen.**

## **\* Prayer of Dedication [Unison]**

**Gracious Holy One, we offer ourselves with our gifts, confident that you have a purpose for them and for us. Expand our vision to see and to embrace new possibilities. May our offerings reach beyond the barriers of our restricted thinking, bringing help to others and glory to your name. We pray in the name and Spirit of Christ. Amen.**

# ***Holy Communion***

**Communion Hymn**

Graced with Garments of Great Gladness  
[verse 1]

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## **The Thanksgiving**

L: God be with you.

**P: And also with you.**

L: Lift up your hearts!

**P: Our hearts rejoice in God's presence!**

L: Let us give thanks for God's Holy Love!

**P: It is right to give God thanks and praise!**

L: We bless you, gracious Holy One, for the gift of your Son, Jesus Christ, and for the presence of your Holy Spirit among us. With your daughters and sons of every time and place, we praise your Gracious Name, saying,

**All: Holy, holy, holy, God of love and majesty, the whole universe speaks of your glory, O God Most High!**

## **Words of Institution**

## **Prayer of Consecration**

## **The Invitation**

## **Receiving the Bread and Cup**

**Communion Music**

Behold the Lamb

Townend

“So we share in this bread of life,  
And we drink of His sacrifice  
As a sign of our bonds of peace  
Around the table of the King.”

Keith (b. 1974) and Kristyn Getty (b. 1980)

**\*Prayer of Thanksgiving** [Unison]

**Divine Source of Life and Love, with joy we have received this Sacrament of Bread and Cup, remembering the Life, Death, and Resurrection of Jesus Christ. Unite us with your faithful people throughout the world, that together we may continue Christ's ministry of love and service, to the praise of your Holy Name. Amen.**

## Going with God's Love

\* **Hymn of Departure**                      Now Is the Time Approaching                      #609

**Carrying the Light of Christ into the World**                      Acolyte

### \* **Circle of Community**

As we move to form a circle around the pews, we will sing **Halle, Halle, Hallelujah (3 times) Hallelujah, Hallelujah**. After the benediction is pronounced, we will sing it once more. Our circle is open near the door as a symbol of our welcome to new people to our community of faith.

The image shows two staves of musical notation for the hymn 'Halle, Halle, Hallelujah'. The key signature is two sharps (F# and C#) and the time signature is 4/4. The first staff has the following chords: A, E, A, D, Bm, E. The lyrics under the first staff are: Hal-le, hal-le, hal - le - lu - ja. Hal-le, hal-le, hal - le - lu - ja. The second staff has the following chords: A, C#7, F#m, Bm, E7sus4, E7, A. The lyrics under the second staff are: Hal-le, hal-le, hal - le - lu - ja. Hal-le, hal-le, hal - le - lu - ja.

### \***Benediction**

**Postlude**                      God of Grace and God of Laughter                      Parker

### **PLEASE KEEP THE FOLOWING MEMBERS AND FRIENDS IN YOUR PRAYERS:**

Don & Eleanor Kusa, Lee Sanderson, Jill Black (Jim Duffy's Aunt), Jim & Betty Kaul, Ruth Thorpe, Doug Lightbody, Kathleen Stewart, Tina Ortiz, Frank Ditzig, Mary D'Agostino, Shirley Duncan, Donn Whyte, Cindy Burton, people who are unemployed and under employed.

(Please let the office know of any additions, corrections or changes to our prayer lists.)

Attendance Sunday, June 29, 2014 – Adults: 62 Kids: 8 Total: 70

## **BUCC ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**WE WELCOME** all our guests who are worshiping with us today. Please sign our Guest Book and join us downstairs in Pilgrim Hall for refreshments and conversation.

**TODAY'S FLOWERS** are given by Anna Mary Fisher in Loving Memory of Lance.

**TO HELP KEEP OUR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS INFORMED** about the Catholic Women Priest Movement, our developing relationship with them, and ways that we might work together in the future, Mary Collingwood and I will be available during Coffee Hour today for an open discussion. Both Mary and Ann Klonowski had their Ordination Services in our BUCC Sanctuary, and they offer a weekly Saturday evening Mass here. Those interested in learning more about this, please join us! Pastor Dave

**FOR OUR COMMUNION SERVICE**, grape juice is used instead of wine for the purpose of showing solidarity with those among us who may be in recovery from addiction.

**THE PEACE CANDLE** is placed up front every Sunday to remind us of Jesus' teachings on peace and peacemakers. We pray that peace between nations, within our country, community, families, and ourselves will become a priority for all.

**WOMEN UNITED** will meet on Wednesday, July 16 for our monthly sack lunch at 11:30 in Pilgrim Hall. After lunch, we will prepare approximately 75 sandwiches to be taken to the St. Herman House on Franklin Blvd. St. Herman's is a shelter for homeless men. The sandwiches are not the main meal, but are used for between meal walk-ins or evening snacks. All Women of BUCC are welcome - we will need much help. For more info, call Dorie at 440-237-9447

**BUCC BOOK CLUB** Members have asked for a book discussion group at BUCC. For startup, the group will meet in the parlor @ 1:00 on July 7th. "The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society" is the first choice, and copies will be available for the next session. The current plan is to borrow copies available thru the library so that there will be no cost. The group is open to suggestions for books to discuss and format. For input or information, call Dot Bailey 440-526-4881 or e-mail [dotnstu1@gmail.com](mailto:dotnstu1@gmail.com).

**LOST AND FOUND** please check the items in the Lost & Found box (on table in Commons area). There are many pairs of sunglasses, reading glasses, gloves and assorted items. These items have been in here for quite some time, and we will be donating them if no one claims them in the near future. Thank you!



**JULY FOOD PANTRY:** Toothpaste, Shampoo, and Toilet Paper.

**NAME TAGS** are available for you to wear in the church and at coffee hour. These are helpful to visitors and members alike, to help us to get to know our people. If you are missing a name tag, please let the Office know.

## ***THE READINGS***

### **The Old Testament** - Psalm 100

Make a joyful noise to the Holy One, all the earth!

Worship the Holy One with gladness; come into God's presence with singing!

Know that the Sovereign One is God. - The One who has made us, the One to whom we belong. We are God's people, and the sheep of God's pasture.

Enter God's gates with thanksgiving, and bring your joyful praises into God's inner courts.

Give thanks to God and bless God's name.

For the Holy One is good; whose steadfast love endures forever, whose faithfulness lasts throughout all generations.

### **The New Testament** - Matthew 11:16-19; 28-30

Jesus says, "To what shall I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to one another, 'We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we wailed, and you did not mourn.' For John the Baptist came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, 'He has a demon'; the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, 'Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!' Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds."

"Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

### **The Continuing Testament** - from *Reclaiming Jesus' Sense of Humor* - by James Martin [edited]

Here's a serious question about levity: The Bible clearly paints a picture of Jesus as a clever guy, but he never seems to laugh, much less crack a smile. Did Jesus really have no sense of humor, didn't he ever laugh? One difficulty with finding humor in the Bible is that what was funny to those living in Jesus' time may not seem funny to us. In first-century Palestine, the premise was probably more amusing than the punch line. The idea that a mustard seed

would have sprouted overnight into a big bush that birds would build their nests in would be humorous.

People in Jesus' day probably laughed at many of his funny illustrations. For example, the idea that someone would light a lamp and put it under a basket, or build a house on sand, or that a father would give his child a scorpion instead of an egg, or that a person would see the speck of dust in their neighbor's eye and ignore the huge log sticking out of their own. The Gospels record Jesus being criticized for being too high-spirited and for "living it up!" But contemporary Christians often miss the humor that Jesus intended, and his audiences understood.

Jesus' playfulness may have been downplayed by the Gospel writers, who may have felt pressured to present a more serious Jesus. There were probably things that were compressed and shortened, and some of the humor may have been left out. But Jesus was a witty fellow. Besides, what kind of a person has zero sense of humor? He would likely have difficulty making social connections, because he wouldn't be able to read other people. That's the opposite of what we know about Jesus, yet that's the kind of one-sided image that many Christians have. If part of being human includes having a sense of humor, and if Jesus was "fully human", he must have had a fully developed sense of humor. Indeed, his sense of humor may be one reason for his ability to draw so many disciples around him with ease. It's time to set aside the notion that Jesus was a humorless, grim-faced, unsmiling prude. Let's recover his humor and, in the process, his humanity.

### **OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK**

<b>Sunday 7/6/2014</b>	10 am	Worship Service
	11 am	Coffee Hour
<b>Monday 7/7/2014</b>	1 pm	Book Club - Parlor
<b>Wednesday 7/9/2014</b>	6 am	Early Birds
<b>Thursday 7/10/2014</b>	1pm	Bible Study
<b>Saturday 7/12/2014</b>	8 am	Adopt-a-Highway
<b>Sunday 7/13/2014</b>	10 am	Worship Service
	11 am	Coffee Hour

## **PARTICIPANTS IN THIS SUNDAY SERVICE**

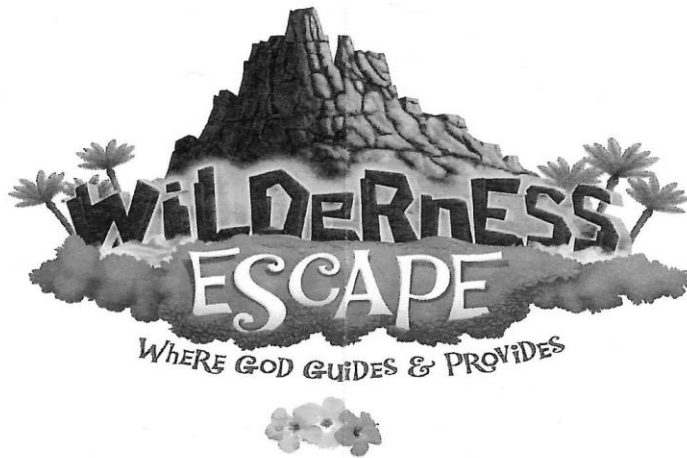
**JULY 6, 2014**

**Deacon:** Diane Gressley  
**Head Usher** Anne Melfo  
**Ushers:** Tina Ortiz, Dan Stewart  
Sue Stenzel, Fred Pesek  
**Acolyte** Ben Rehling  
**Peace Candel:** Drew Demko  
**Sound:** Val Duffy  
**Comms Grtr:** Jane Cribbs  
**Narthex Grtr:** Cliff Cribbs  
**Flowers:** Sue Stenzel  
**Nursery:** Shauna Bigelow  
**Counters:** Mac Hoppel, Donn Whyte  
**Server:** Dorie Gabor  
**Clean** Kathy & David Pastor

## **PARTICIPANTS IN NEXT SUNDAY SERVICE**

**JULY 13, 2014**

**Lay Reader:** Dot Bailey  
**Head Usher:** Max Roha  
**Ushers:** Kathy Smith, David Ritchey  
Paul & Janet Nicholas  
**Acolyte:** Jillian Davis  
**Peace Candel:** Garrett Demko  
**Sound:** Chad Sproul  
**Comms Grtr:** Jim & Betty Kaul  
**Narthex Grtr:** Dorie Gabor  
**Flowers:** Kathy Pastor  
**Nursery:** Kara Rees  
**Counters:** Nancy Stella, Kathy Pastor  
**Servers:** Jill Zedan  
**Clean-Up:** Cliff & Jane Cribbs



**Join the celebration!**

**Vacation Bible School  
August 4-8  
9 a.m. to Noon**

**3-5 year olds and  
Kindergarten through the 5th grade**

**Cost: \$5.00 per family**

**Register by contacting:  
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**See you there!!**

