

Order of Service for the Lord's Day

World Communion & Peacemaking Sunday ~ October 5, 2008
Eleven O'clock, A.M.

Guest Preacher: Pastor Peter Ndungu from Nairobi, Kenya

Pastor: Rev. Dr. James E. Swanson

Liturgist: Dr. John Prichard

Organist & Choir Director: Beverly Antis

Our Service of Worship begins with the Music of the Organ



THE PRELUDE *Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence* Robert Lau

THE CHORAL INTROIT *Like the Murmur of the Dove's Song* Peter Cutts

*THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN (See Insert)

Christ Has Called Us to New Visions Jane Parker Huber

*THE RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

One: The heavens are telling the glory of God!
The great arch of heaven declares God's handiwork.

All: **Day to day pours forth speech,
and night to night declares knowledge.**

One: Across the barriers that divide race from race;

All: **Across the barriers that divide rich from poor;**

One: Across the barriers that divide people of different cultures;

All: **Across the barriers that divide Christians themselves;**

One: Across the barriers that divide men and women, young and old;

All: **We come together to worship and adore God,
as one body in Christ.**

**May the words of our mouths and the meditation of our hearts
be acceptable in the sight of our Sovereign and Lord.**

One: Sisters and brothers, praise the Lord!

All: **The Lord's name be praised!**

THE CALL TO CONFESSION

THE CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Forgiving God, we confess that we are a fearful people. Too often, we walk through the abundance of your world, afraid that there is not "enough." We covet what little our neighbors have. We hoard the goodness of your creation. We make of ourselves earthly titles and names, as though human honor was itself a finite commodity. And we make idols of scarcity and want, as though they and not you were eternal.

Have mercy on us. Gently ease our grip, and open our hands and our eyes that we, trusting in your righteousness, may truly live out the heart of all commandments: to love our neighbors as ourselves. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

A TIME FOR SILENT CONFESSION

THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Pastor: Hear and believe the Good News!
Our past is finished and gone.
In Christ everything and everyone is being made new.
People: **Praise God! In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!**

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*THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

A Contemporary Creed

**We believe in God, creator and lover of the earth,
origin and destiny of us all.**

**We believe in Jesus, the Christ, the herald of hope,
God's laughter in the face of despair.
Plunged into death and hell, he broke free the captives,
and is leading the way to a land of promise
where justice and peace will flourish.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,
who plants the seeds of truth,
brings us to birth as the body of Christ,
and empowers us to confront and transform
all that is corrupt, degrading and deceitful.**

**We believe in the coming reign of God.
In that day all will be consummated
in the glorious marriage of earth and heaven.
In that day those who have passed through
the world's deep sorrow
will be raised from the waters, robed in righteousness,
and gathered into the joyous fulfillment of God's desire.**

**For the inbreaking of that day on this day,
we work and pray: Come, Lord Jesus, Come!**

*THE GREETINGS OF PEACE AND FRIENDSHIP

THE CHILDREN'S SERMON

*Kindly pass your Prayer Requests to the center aisle so they may be collected.
These will be included in the Pastoral Prayer of the Day and also forwarded to the
Prayer Cordon for special attention.*

THE SHARING OF JOYS, CONCERNS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE CHORAL PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION *Teach Me, O Lord* Healey Willan

THE OLD TESTAMENT READING Micah 4: 1-4 *(Pew Bible p. 819)*

Liturgist: This is the word of the Lord.
All: **Thanks be to God!**

As we now take this bread and this cup, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us, that this bread may be the bread of new creation; and this cup, the cup of salvation freely given and dearly won. Make us one with Christ and with all who share this feast all over the world. Draw us together in the bonds of peace, and strengthen us to be your peacemakers in this world.

To you, O God, the first and the last, through the risen Christ, in the power of the Holy Spirit, be eternal praise at this, your table, and in your church, worldwide. Amen and amen.

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE LORD'S PRAYER (using "debts" and "debtors")

THE COMMUNION (come forward)

THE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Gracious God, you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. You have fed us with the bread of life and renewed us for our service. We give ourselves to you and ask that our daily living may be part of the life of your kingdom. May our love be your love reaching out into the life of the world; through Jesus Christ our risen and reigning Lord. Amen.

*THE RECESSIONAL HYMN (See Insert)

A Song of Peace Hymn Tune: FINLANDIA

*THE BENEDICTION

*THE CHORAL RESPONSE *The Peace of God* John Rutter

*THE TIME OF SILENCE

*THE CHARGE AND DISMISSAL

Pastor: We have eaten the bread of new creation.
We have heard God's word proclaimed.
So let us bear witness to God's abundant goodness
as we go into the world to be makers of God's justice
and keepers of God's peace.
Jesus Christ be in you!
Go now, my friends, and serve the Lord!

People: **Thanks be to God!**

THE POSTLUDE *Voluntary in G* John Stanley

*Those who are able, please stand.

THE FLOWERS in the Sanctuary this morning are provided by Virginia Thompson in loving memory of her son, Jules Maust who passed away 15 years ago.

FELLOWSHIP HOUR - Everyone is cordially invited to attend today's Fellowship Hour which immediately follows this worship service downstairs in the Assembly Room. Hosting today's Fellowship Hour is Jennie Jamieson.

YOU WERE GREETED TODAY by Pat Foringer



We welcome to our pulpit this morning Pastor Peter Ndungu, Senior Pastor of Overcoming Faith Church in Nairobi, Kenya—a church he has served for the past 12 years.

Pastor Peter is married with four children. He and his wife, Faith, started Happylife Children's Home in February 2002 in response to the great suffering of abandoned babies in Kenya, a country of 35 million people. Today there are 2.3 million orphans in Kenya, mainly abandoned because of poverty and HIV Aids.

The most pressing need of Happylife Children's Home right now is to complete the ongoing building project which is halfway done; when complete the facility will help to rescue 45 more abandoned babies.

May God bless Pastor Peter and all who work to do this important work!

Grace and Peace to All

who have come to worship this day.

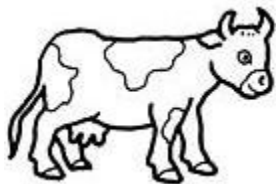
We want to get to know you, especially if you are a visitor!

Please introduce yourself to others sitting nearby during the passing of the peace. Fellowship Hour will be in the Assembly Room downstairs. (exit at the rear of the sanctuary, go down to the lower level, past the Library to the room near the Sallman painting of Christ knocking at the door.)

TODAY AT 3:00 PM

Blessing of the Pets

The Blessing of the Pets will be held today, October 5 at 3:00 p.m. on the front lawn (in front of the steps to the Sanctuary). The service is open to the community.



Congratulations... to Abby Flick, who two weekends ago in Harrisburg earned the "Tina M. Schultz Award" for being the most outstanding county Dairy Princess in Pa. for 2007-2008. Her sister, Annie, earned 2nd Prize for Best Scrapbook, and was also voted "Miss Congeniality"

by the other dairy princesses. Abby and Annie are the daughters of Randy and Beth Flick of Fenelton; granddaughters of Betty Butler. We're proud of you!

**TODAY WE CELEBRATE:
WORLD COMMUNION & PEACEMAKING SUNDAY**

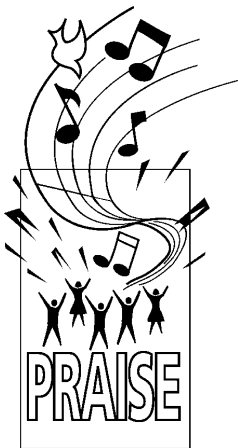


*“Break the bread of new creation
Where the world is still in pain.”*

***The Peacemaking Offering
will be Received Today***
(25% is retained for local peacemaking)

We are honored to have Rev. Peter Ndungu from Nairobi, Kenya as our special guest this morning to share God’s word and assist Pastor Jim in serving the Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper. Pastor Peter is here through the special effort of Amber Hobaugh, Donna’s granddaughter, who has been working with Happylife Children's Home in Kenya. We thank Pastor Peter and Amber for giving us this opportunity to celebrate World Communion Sunday in such a unique and meaningful way.

The Peacemaking Offering will be received and dedicated during our 11 a.m. morning worship service. Extra envelopes are available in the narthex if you have forgotten yours. Please make checks payable to Covenant Presbyterian Church, marked “Peacemaking” in the memo portion.



Rise Up, Sing Praise!
“A Community Hymn Sing”

**Sunday, October 5, 2008 @ 6:30pm at
First United Methodist Church**

~ A free will offering will be taken. ~

Benefits the Community Health Clinic of Butler Co.

Covenant Choir is singing an anthem as well as joining choir members from other local churches in the hymn sing.
(See poster on the bulletin board for listing.)

Our Video-Documentary Bible Study Continues...

BUT PLEASE NOTE A CHANGE IN SCHEDULE:

Next Class will be this week – Thurs., Oct. 9 at 1:00 pm

The next in a compelling series of biblical documentaries will examine the life and times of Jesus in Jerusalem. Every year, tens of thousands of pilgrims travel to Jerusalem to trace Jesus' footsteps. But since his death, the city has been destroyed and rebuilt more than 20 times. So what did it look like when Jesus was alive? Experts use clues from the Bible and other ancient documents to recreate the ancient city; extraordinary computer graphics bring the Biblical Jerusalem to life. Come, join us this week!

SEEKERS' CLASS

9:45 a.m. in the Assembly Room, each Sunday



NEXT SUNDAY: MBTI: What Type Am I?

The final session of the Myers-Briggs Type Indicator presented by Pastor Jim, will be held next Sunday, October 12th.

In The Life of Our Church

Prayer Concerns:

Joan Moore Skilled Nursing section, Concordia at
Rebecca Residence

Mary Elizabeth Goehring. . Released from Butler Memorial, back home
at Concordia

Eleanor Ritts Now at the home of her daughter, Mary
Hammonds

Rogelio Guimong Shari Swanson's father, lung cancer

Shari Swanson Now visiting her family in Manila until 11-20

Mary Lee Marten Recuperating at home from knee surgery

For Continued Prayer:

Julie & Bud Bruno; Marion Campbell; Marian Curran; Joan Moore;
Brenda Keith; Gladys Strobel; Bill Wilson

Birthdays this week:

Melissa Reese McAnallen - October 6
Leah Swanson - October 8

DON'T MISS THIS SPECIAL EVENT !

***OPEN ALL DAY, SATURDAY OCTOBER 11TH DURING
THE ZELIENOPE AND HARMONY COUNTRY FALL FESTIVAL***

International peacemaker Dionisia Ramos from Ayacucho, Peru will be at the SERRV Shop during the Festival from 10:00 to 11:00 AM on Oct. 11 to answer questions about her work and her product development. The shop is located at 134-A South Main Street in Zelienville, and is operated by the Presbyterian Women of Beaver-Butler Presbytery.

A Greater Gift Shop will be open special hours on Saturday only, October 11th, from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM. Regular hours are Tuesday, Thursday and Saturdays from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM.



Arabic
السلام للعالم أجمع.

Chinese
我们祝愿世界人类的和平

French
Puisse la paix régner dans le monde.

Greek
Εύχομαι να επικρατήσει η ειρήνη στον κόσμο.

Hebrew
ישרה שלום עלי אדמות.

Hindi
विश्व में शांति रहे ।

MAY PEACE PREVAIL ON EARTH

German
Möge Friede auf Erden sein.

Korean
세계인류의 평화가 이룩되도록

Russian
ДА БУДЕТ МИР ЧЕЛОВЕЧЕСТВУ ВО ВСЕМ МИРЕ.

Spanish
Que la paz prevalezca en la tierra.

Tagalog (Filipino)
Sana'y manatili ang kapayapaan sa daigdig.

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Let us talents and tongues employ,
Reaching out with a shout of joy:
Bread is broken, the wine is poured,
Christ is spoken and seen and heard.
Jesus lives again,
Earth can breathe again,
Pass the Word around:
Loaves abound!

-- Verse 1 of the Hymn "Let Us Talents
and Tongues Employ" (Hope Publishing)
Words by Fred Kaan, 1975.

The Reverend Dr. James E. Swanson

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