

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (together) John Weicher
We are a people of limits. We understand them. We set them. From time to time, we forget that we have our own, and we are brought up short by such forgetfulness. And then we project limits onto you, eternal One, and we get into trouble – sinful, foolish trouble. Forgive us for the ways in which we try to restrict you – only so much grace here and not too much power there. Free us from the mindset that mistakes you for an exalted one of us. Thankfully, you are so much more. Open us up to your boundlessness and independence. For we confess that we are greatly dependent on your limitless grace these days. Amen.

SILENT PRAYER

ASSURANCE OF GOD’S PARDON

***RESPONSE** -- Spirit of the Living God Hymn #322
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

***THE PEACE**

OUR LIFE TOGETHER

THE WORD

MUSIC -- House Blessing David Brunner
Blessed is the spot, and the house, and the place and the city, and the heart, and the mountains, and the refuge, and the cave. Blessed is the heart, and the mountains, and the refuge, and the cave, and the valley and the land, and the sea, and the island and the meadow -- where mention of God has been made and his praise glorified -- the spot, the place, the heart.

Jane Urban; *soprano*; Katie Urban, *mezzo*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING -- Luke 13:10-17 (NT, p.76)

PSALTER -- Psalm 71:1-6 (OT, p.532), *responsively*

A TIME WITH CHILDREN AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

Children ages 4 through 8 may leave for Christian enrichment in the lavender room (across from the nursery). Older children are invited to remain in worship.

***HYMN** -- God, You Spin the Whirling Planets #285

SECOND READING -- Jeremiah 1:4-10 (OT, p. 698)

Pastor: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON -- Only a Boy John Weicher

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

OFFERING

OFFERTORY -- His Eye is on the Sparrow Charles Gabriel
Why should I feel discouraged, why should the shadows come, why should my heart be lonely and long for heaven and home, when Jesus is the portion? My constant Friend is He; His eye is on the sparrow, and I know He watches me. “Let not your heart be troubled.” His tender word I hear, and resting on His goodness, I lose my doubt and fears; though by the path He leadeth but one step I may see; His eye is on the sparrow and I know He watches me. I sing because I’m happy, I sing because I’m free; for His eye is on the sparrow and I know He watches me. Whenever I am tempted, whenever clouds arise, when songs give place to sighing, when hope within me dies, I draw then closer to Him, from care He sets me free. His eye is on the sparrow, and I know He watches me.

***DOXOLOGY** Hymn tune #416
Glory be to our Creator, praise to our Redeemer Lord.
Glory be to our Sustainer, ever three and ever one.
As it was in the beginning, now and evermore shall be.

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

SENDING

***HYMN** -- Called as Partners in Christ’s Service #343

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

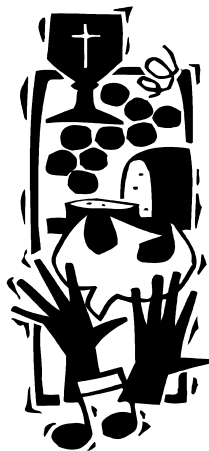
CLOSING VOLUNTARY

O Hail This Brightest Day of Days J. S. Bach

The Swarthmore Presbyterian Church
Swarthmore, Pennsylvania

August 22, 2010
10:15 a.m.

Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time



Members of the Congregation
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JOHN AND GWENDA FLETCHER *Congo*

A Stephen Ministry Congregation
An Energy Star Congregation
A Bread for the World Congregation

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

*The beginning of the opening voluntary is a call to silent
personal preparation for the worship of God.*

GATHERING

OPENING VOLUNTARY

Prelude and Fugue in g minor Johann Krebs
Jeffrey DeVault, *organ*

INTROIT -- Use Me, Lord Sheldon Curry
Lord, hear through my ears. Lord, see through my gaze. Lord, open
my mouth to sing your praises all my days. Lord, move through my
feet. Lord, touch through my hand. Lord, let every part of me be used
as you command. *Use me, Lord. Use me, Holy Father, make my life
a tool for you.* Lord, know through my prayer. Lord, heal through my
smile. Lord, help me to bear my brother's load an extra mile. Lord,
live through my life. And guide all my ways. Lord, give me the
strength to be your servant come what may. *Use me ...* Lord, sing
through my song. Lord, speak through my words. Lord, fill me with
power to spread your love throughout my world. Lord, fill all my
thoughts that I never stray. Lord, use my life as yours until my final
day.

Jennifer Sharp, Jane Urban; *sopranos*

CALL TO WORSHIP Eric Brucker

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Leader: O God, from my youth you have taught me, and I still
proclaim your wondrous deeds.

People: **So even to old age and gray hairs, O God, do not forsake
me, until I proclaim your might to all the generations to
come.**

Leader: Your power and your righteousness, O God, reach the high
heavens.

People: **You who have done great things, O God, who is like you?**

All: **Let us worship the One who was with us in the beginning
and shall be with us in the end!**

***HYMN** -- Come Sing, O Church, in Joy! #430

**All who are able, please stand.*