



**SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP**  
**A WEEKLY CELEBRATION OF THE RESURRECTION**

**IN PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP**

*“How precious to me are Your thoughts, God! How vast is the sum of them! Were I to count them, they would outnumber the grains of sand — when I awake, I am still with You.”* Psalm 139:17-18

The Welcome and Announcements

(Please sign the register pad, passing it down the row, then back to center aisle.)

The Prelude

*“Be Exalted, O God”*

*“Be still before the Lord and wait patiently for Him.” Psalm 37:7*

(If you have a prayer request, please fill out a green prayer card and pass it to the center aisle as they will be collected during the first hymn and included during the prayer time)

The Call to Worship

**WE WORSHIP IN PRAISE**

\*A Hymn of Praise *“He is Exalted”*

*He is exalted, the King is exalted on High  
I will praise Him  
He is exalted, forever exalted  
And I will praise His name*

*He is the Lord  
Forever His truth shall reign  
Heaven and Earth  
Rejoice in His holy name  
He is exalted, the King is exalted on high*

Repeat entire song

Ending  
*He is exalted, the King is exalted on high*

**THIS WEEK AT CCUPC**

<u>Day/Time</u>	<u>Activity</u>	<u>Location</u>
<b>TODAY</b>	<b>9/4</b> <i>Labor Day Weekend</i> <i>Pray for Guam</i>	
10:00 am	- Worship/Sunday Sign-Ups	
11:00 am	- Lemonade on the Lawn	Outside
	- Village B	Village B
<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>9/5</b> <i>Labor Day</i> <i>Church office is closed</i>	
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>9/6</b>	
7:00 pm	- Worship Committee Meeting	Conference Rm.
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>9/7</b>	
7:00 pm	- Adult Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>9/8</b>	
11:30 am	- Ladies Lunch & Learn	Greeting Area
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>9/11</b> <i>Pray for Guatemala</i>	
9:00 am	- Sunday School	Both Levels
10:00 am	- Worship	Sanctuary
11:00 am	- No Coffee Social	
11:30 am	- Church Picnic at Warrendale Park	

**A LOOK AHEAD AT OUR SCHEDULE:**

- The **Men’s Breakfast/Bible Study** group will start up on September 13<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 AM. They will be meeting the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays of each month.
- **Sunday School** will begin *next* Sunday, September 11<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 - 9:45 AM. Worship will continue at 10:00 AM. The annual **Church Picnic** will also be on this day at Warrendale Park beginning at 11:30 AM.
- The **NewComers Class** will begin on Sunday, September 18<sup>th</sup>. They will meet in the Pastor’s Study from 9:00 - 9:45 AM (during Sunday School).
- The Deacons are sponsoring a **Blood Drive** on September 25<sup>th</sup>.
- **Youth Group Kick Off** will be September 25<sup>th</sup>. We will be heading to downtown Pittsburgh for a Scavenger Hunt.
- **Communion** will be served on October 2<sup>nd</sup>.
- Mark your calendars!!! **VBS 2017** will be June 12<sup>th</sup> - 16<sup>th</sup>!!

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**Sunday Sign-Ups Wrap-Up Today!** What are “Sunday Sign Ups?” The Stewardship Committee has prepared sign up sheets designating all the Sunday School classes, committees, ministry teams, and focus groups that are available this program year for all of us. These classes, committees, ministry teams and focus groups are a great way to grow in your Christian faith and understanding, while meeting new people and serving your church. Check out the booklet that is inserted in your bulletin today, and then go out to the Greeting Area and sign up!! When signing your children up for Sunday School, please fill out the Registration/Medical form found on the children’s Sunday School sign up table.

**NEW Sunday School class for High School students. . . *Generation Change*** is a Bible Study designed to lead teens to a better understanding of their true value in Christ, learn how to make the most of what God has given them, and develop the skills they need to live out a life of Biblical stewardship. **Marcia Miller** and **Leland Kellar** will co-lead/facilitate the class in Room 113, off of Fellowship Hall. Dave Ramsey (Christian financial expert) and his daughter teach the lessons on DVD. Student workbooks supplement the class, and a variety of creative hands-on activities are included. Some topics include: stewardship of time and money, tithing, concepts of debt & net worth, budgeting, wants vs. needs, saving, setting goals, getting scholarships & grants, creating a resume, job interviews, picking classes in college, the cost of life in the “real world,” insurance, and investing. **The curriculum will be ordered soon, so please sign up on the sheet in the Greeting Area or let Marcia Miller know if your teen will be attending the class.**

You are welcome to join the **CCUPC Choir** this fall! We would love to make a joyful noise with you! Rehearsals begin this **Wednesday**, from **7:00 - 8:00 PM** here in our sanctuary. We will sing about twice a month for our 10:00 AM service. Please see Mindy or a choir member if you have any questions. Stay tuned for details about children’s choir in the near future.

The **Ladies Lunch & Learn** will hold a planning meeting on **Thursday, September 8<sup>th</sup>** at **11:30 AM** beginning with a brown bag lunch. The meeting will begin at noon.

Plan on joining us *next* **Sunday, September 11<sup>th</sup>** from **11:30 - 2:30 PM** at **Warrendale Park** (same park as last year) for our annual **CCUPC Picnic**. We will begin serving food at noon. The Church will supply the hamburgers, hot dogs, drinks, and place settings. Everyone is asked to bring a side dish or salad. Desserts will be provided. There will be games for all ages (bring your baseball/softball equipment, basketballs and tennis racquets).

**Faith, Service, and Fun!** CCUPC is partnering with **American Heritage Girls** (AHG), the nation’s premier character development organization for young women that embraces Christian values and encourages family involvement. AHG is a Christ-centered troop for girls ages 5-18 years old dedicated to building women of integrity. Do you know of a young lady who would like to be involved in our troop? Are you an adult who would like to help nurture this troop along? Our first troop meeting of the year is **Thursday, September 15<sup>th</sup>** at **6:00 PM** in the Fellowship Hall. Please contact Julie Kerr at 724-612-6797 or [juliettekerr@mac.com](mailto:juliettekerr@mac.com) to learn more.

**WE WORSHIP IN PRAYER**

\*The Call to Confession

\*The Unison Prayer of Confession

**Holy and loving God, we come to You for healing and life. Our sins hurt others and diminish us; we confess them to You believing Your promise that we will be absolved of them. Our lives bear the scars of sin; we bring these also to You with Your assurance that we shall be healed of their lingering effects. Show us Your mercy, O God. Bind up our wounds, forgive us our sins, and free us to love, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.**

\*The Assurance of Forgiveness

\*Glorifying God ***“We Will Glorify”***

***We will glorify the King of kings, we will glorify the Lamb. We will glorify the Lord of lords, who is the great I AM.***

The Joys, Concerns, and Prayers of God’s People

The 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 sins, as we forgive those who sin against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

**WE WORSHIP IN GIVING**

Our Invitation to Give

The Offertory Dave & Linda Watkins

***“Amazing Grace (My Chains are Gone)”***

\*Praising God #556 ***“Praise God From Whom All Blessings”***

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

\*The Prayer of Dedication

**WE WORSHIP IN PROCLAMATION**

The Ordination and Installation of Officers

\*The Greeting *(Please share words of peace, encouragement, and hope)*

The Children’s Lesson and Prayer

*(The children may come forward)  
(The children 3 years old - Kindergarten may now leave for TLC)  
(There is no KFC today)*

The Scripture Lesson (page 1034)  
Luke 14:25-33

The Sermon Pastor James M. Moran  
***“NO CHEAP CROSSES”***

**GOING IN GOD’S NAME**

The Closing Hymn #6 ***“Stand Up and Bless the Lord”***

\*The Benediction

The Postlude

***“Bless the Lord, O My Soul”***

*\*Please stand as you are able.*

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***Please keep these family members and friends in your prayers:***

Geneva Cable (mother of Mindy Cable), Joe Ciaramella (father of Pastor Dena & Brooks Roy), Dave (co-worker of Tom Bell), Dick & Lillian Grundler (members of CCUPC), Kathy (friend of Karen Raman), Ryan King (nephew of Cindy Miller), Barry Lavery (brother-in-law of Dale & Diane Jacobs), Kim Long (friend of Nancy Hodges & CCUPC), Eli Markivich (son of Charlotte & Alex Markivich), Doug Marner (husband of Dara Marner), Jim Miller (CCUPC member), Lee Moorhouse (husband of Linda Moorhouse), Harriet Murray (wife of Bill Murray), and Karen Raman (CCUPC member).

The sympathy of our congregation is extended to Alan and Helen Vogel and family on the recent death of Alan's mother, Viola Vogel. Viola was 93 years old.

Dick and Lillian Grundler share their THANKSGIVING for all of the prayers and cards as they mourn the death of their daughter, Carol.

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The Deacons are sponsoring a **Replenishment Blood Drive** on **Sunday, September 25<sup>th</sup>** from **8:30 AM to 1:30 PM** with the Central Blood Bank. Many of our CCUPC members have benefited from donations during the course of an illness. Your gift of hope and healing will bless numerous patients. To schedule your life saving appointment, please visit [centralbloodbank.org](http://centralbloodbank.org) and search for group code G0010186, or sign up in the Greeting Area. Your donation is truly a blessing to those who are in need!

**Christmas in September!!** This year has been hard on many of our friends and neighbors. As a result, we have run low on gift cards that our staff/the office can disperse to people in need. When you’re at the Scrip table, please consider picking up an extra card for Walmart, Giant Eagle, or Target to help us get through the next few months. Just place the card in a pew envelope and label it “mission” or let the person at the script table know and they will make sure it gets into the office.

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**I WAS JUST THINKING . .**

The mark of a great leader is the demands he or she makes upon his or her followers. The Italian freedom fighter, Garibaldi, offered his men only hunger and death to free Italy. Winston Churchill told the British people that he had nothing to offer them but “blood, sweat, toil, and tears” in their fight against their enemies. Jesus spoke of the necessity of total commitment - even to the point of death. He conveyed this in no uncertain terms when he said to his disciples, “You must take up your cross and follow me.”

Why was he so harsh? He knew what lay ahead – of the remaining apostles after Judas committed suicide, all but one died by execution. Only John made it through alive but he was exiled to a small island in the middle of the Mediterranean Sea.

The demands that Jesus makes upon those who would follow him are extreme. Christianity is not a Sunday morning religion. It is a hungering after God to the point of death if need be. It shakes our foundations, topples our priorities, pits us against friend and family, and makes us strangers in this world.

Someone has calculated how a typical life span of 70 years is spent. Listen to these surprising numbers:

Sleep.....	23 years.....	32.9%
Work.....	16 years.....	22.8%
TV.....	8 years.....	11.4%
Eating.....	6 years.....	8.6%
Travel.....	6 years.....	8.6%
Leisure.....	4.5 years.....	6.5%
Illness.....	4 years.....	5.7%
Dressing.....	2 years.....	2.8%
Religion.....	0.5 years.....	0.7%
Total.....	70 years.....	100%

Viewed this way we see how small a priority spiritual matters occupy in peoples’ lives. But Jesus is a demanding leader. A thousand times more demanding than any of us will ever know. He gives us the imperative command to take up a cross. Will it be a burden? At times yes. But the joy of following Jesus will overshadow its weight.

Bless Your Hearts,

Pastor Jim

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If you have been a visitor of our church, and would like to learn more about us, join our **NewComers Class** that will begin on **Sunday, September 18<sup>th</sup>** at **9:00 AM** (during Sunday School) in the Pastor’s Study. You will learn more about the Presbyterian Church, our own congregation, and what it means to grow as a disciple of Christ. If you are interested in attending, please write “NC” on the registration pad as it is passed to you this morning, or call the church office at 724-776-5310.