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**October 23, 2016**

**Order of Worship**

**10:30 a.m.**

**GATHERING**

Welcome and Announcements  
Minute for Mission  
Time of Silence

Sebber Banda

Prelude

Introit

*Let Us Sing and Praise the Lord*

Traditional African Folk song

Call to Worship

This is the day the Lord has made:

**a day for praise and prayer;**

**a day for gratitude and generosity.**

This is the time God has given us:

**a time for singing and silence;**

**a time for speaking and listening.**

This is the life to which God calls us:

**a life of humility and service;**

**a life of faith and trust.**

Prayer of Praise and Adoration

\*Hymn of Praise No. 207

*How Lovely, Lord*

Scripture Reading  
Call to Confession

Luke 18:9-14, N.T. page 76

When we pray to God, do we do so with pride in what wonderful people we are, or with that humble hope which recognizes how we have not lived as God's children, and how we need God's forgiveness and grace in our lives? Join me as we pray to our God, saying,

Unison Prayer of Confession

**Watching God, like the Pharisee, we think we can stick our thumbs into life, pull out a prayer, and congratulate ourselves for being such good Christians. Then, we remember the harsh words we have spoken this week, the hurt we have inflicted on someone we loved, the reluctant compassion we offered to someone who needed our help.**

**Forgive us, God of Grace, and deal gently with us. May we become more like the tax collector - humble, penitent, acknowledging our faulty lives to you. Then, may we receive the mercy promised to us through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.**

*(moment of silent confession)*

Declaration of Forgiveness

Forgiven and healed, we open ourselves to the grace, the peace, the hope offered to us through our loving God. This is the good news we have received!

**Graced and blessed, we are able to live our lives for others, taking them by the hand to reach that finish line called the Kingdom. Thanks be to God. Amen.**

\*Passing of the Peace

\*Hymn of Response No. 319

*Spirit*

## THE WORD

Welcoming the Children

Following Welcoming the Children, age 3 yrs - 3rd Grade, will proceed downstairs for a Bible lesson. The children will return after the sermon.

Blessing of Children

tune - Hymn No. 535, Tallis Canon

***Go with them, Lord, and guide their way, through this and every coming day,  
That in Your spirit strong and true, their lives may be a gift to You.***

Scripture Reading  
Sermon

Joel 2:23-29, N.T. page 799

**Looking Good  
Dr. Helen DeBevoise**

\*The Affirmation of Faith, pg. 14 - The Apostles' Creed  
Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

*Precious Lord, Take My Hand*

Roy Ringwald, 1968

Chancel Choir

tune, George N. Allen; words, Joyce Merman

*Precious Lord, take my hand, bring me home through the night,  
through the dark, through the storm, to thy light.*

*I have been to the mount, I have seen the Promised Land:  
precious Lord, precious Lord, take my hand.*

*Precious Lord, take my hand, bring thy child home at last,  
where the strife and the pain all are past.*

*I have dreamed a great dream that thy love shall rule our land:  
precious Lord, precious Lord, take my hand.*

*Precious Lord, take my hand, take thy child unto thee,  
with my dream of a world that is free,*

*for that day when all flesh joins the glory thou hast planned,  
precious Lord, precious Lord, take my hand.*

This version, to the honored memory of Martin Luther King, Jr. (1929-1968)

\*Doxology No. 590

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;**

**Praise Christ, all people here below; Praise Holy Spirit evermore;**

**Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen**

## SENDING

\*Hymn of Sending No. 354

*Guide My Feet While I Run This Race*

Charge and Benediction

Choral Response

*Amen*

African American, arr. Nelsie T. Johnson

Postlude

**\*All who are able may stand**

**We welcome to worship, missionary Ms. Sebber Banda**, a public health worker in Zambia. Sebber trains and encourages leaders who work in the community, assisting them to understand health issues through the use of a creative drama team. She educates entire communities on how to deal with sickness, especially malaria and cholera. She also helps them understand HIV/AIDS and how to care for infected people and their loved ones. Sebber also teaches the critical health importance of good hygiene and sanitation.

**Today's liturgies, the call to worship and the prayer of confession**, were written by the Reverend Thom Shuman and are based off of the Luke 18 scripture.

**Sanctuary Flowers** are given to the glory of God in honor of Katherine Kelley on her 55th birthday from her family; Eleanore and Frank Kaney, Susan Kaney and Glynn and Phillip Kelley.

## **Joel 2:23-32**

<sup>23</sup>O children of Zion, be glad and rejoice in the Lord your God; for he has given the early rain for your vindication, he has poured down for you abundant rain, the early and the later rain, as before. <sup>24</sup>The threshing floors shall be full of grain, the vats shall overflow with wine and oil. <sup>25</sup>I will repay you for the years that the swarming locust has eaten, the hopper, the destroyer, and the cutter, my great army, which I sent against you. <sup>26</sup>You shall eat in plenty and be satisfied, and praise the name of the Lord your God, who has dealt wondrously with you. And my people shall never again be put to shame. <sup>27</sup>You shall know that I am in the midst of Israel, and that I, the Lord, am your God and there is no other. And my people shall never again be put to shame.

<sup>28</sup>Then afterward I will pour out my spirit on all flesh; your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, and your young men shall see visions. <sup>29</sup>Even on the male and female slaves, in those days, I will pour out my spirit. <sup>30</sup>I will show portents in the heavens and on the earth, blood and fire and columns of smoke. <sup>31</sup>The sun shall be turned to darkness, and the moon to blood, before the great and terrible day of the Lord comes. <sup>32</sup>Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved; for in Mount Zion and in Jerusalem there shall be those who escape, as the Lord has said, and among the survivors shall be those whom the Lord calls.

## **Luke 18:9-14**

<sup>9</sup>He also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and regarded others with contempt: <sup>10</sup>“Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. <sup>11</sup>The Pharisee, standing by himself, was praying thus, ‘God, I thank you that I am not like other people: thieves, rogues, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. <sup>12</sup>I fast twice a week; I give a tenth of all my income.’ <sup>13</sup>But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even look up to heaven, but was beating his breast and saying, ‘God, be merciful to me, a sinner!’ <sup>14</sup>I tell you, this man went down to his home justified rather than the other; for all who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted.”

**Sanctuary flowers** are also given by Mike and Carol Bookhardt in celebration of their 30th wedding anniversary on October 4, and of the 80th birthday of Mary Bookhardt Sikes, Mike's mother.

**Ushers** are John DiSalvo, Dan Johnson, Vic Evans, John Walker, Fernando Sanchez, and John Hunter.

**Next Sunday, October 30**, is Bread For the World Sunday. We'll have an opportunity to write letters during worship and offer up our letters for prayer before they are mailed.

**Are you interested in being a member of Park Lake Presbyterian Church?** If so, you are invited to join the Session of Park Lake today following worship, for lunch and conversation; an elder will meet you at the chancel steps to guide you.



**KIDS' FALL HARVEST PARTY**  
*Sponsored by the PLPC Youth*  
**When? Sunday, October 30**  
**Time? 11:45am - 1:30pm**  
**Where? Struble Hall**  
**Who? All Kids, Age 3 - 10**  
**Cost? FREE!!**

**This Week at Park Lake**

Sunday Oct. 23	Monday Oct. 24	Tuesday Oct. 25	Wednesday Oct. 26	Thursday Oct. 27	Friday Oct. 28	Saturday Oct. 29
9:00 am Sunday School (F.Hall)	9:30am PW Bible Study (Office Conf.)		9:30am CCC Chapel (sanctuary)		Church Office Closed	
10:00 am Fellowship time (F. Hall)		10:00 am CCC (F. Hall) Church Staff (Office Conf.)			↑ ↓	
10:30 am Worship (Sanctuary)	11:00am PW Team (Parlor)					
11:45am Choir Rehearsal	12:00 pm Men's lunch (F. Hall)	4:00pm CCC meeting (Parlor)				
11:45am Session (F. Hall)		7pm Scouts	5:30pm CCC Family Table (F. Hall)	6:30pm Toastmasters (F. Hall)		6:30pm Organ Renovation Concert

Park Lake's  
Organ Renovation Concert  
*with Rudy Lucente*

Saturday, October 29, 6:30pm

Two years of work and the magic of the PLPC pipe/digital organ has been completed. New leather, new wiring, new winding, some new chests. Old termite damage has been removed and sounds are being heard that have not sounded in many years.



Thank you to so many who have helped make this renovation happen. It's time to celebrate the life and music of this grand instrument.

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**Rudolph (Rudy) A. Lucente**, a church musician for over 40 years, is an Assistant Organist at the Wanamaker Grand Court Organ in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. He is a staff organist at Longwood Gardens in Kennett Square, Pennsylvania and a member of the Philadelphia Organ Quartet.