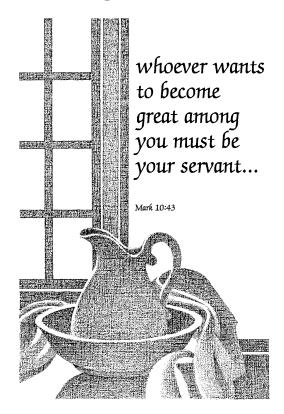
October 20, 2024 9:30 AM

Worship Service

22nd Sunday after Pentecost



CEDAR CHURCH

A Union Church since 1855 3419 Broadway Allentown, PA 18104 610-395-6332

Email: cedarchurch@ptd.net

Our Mission

Cedar Church extends a hand of welcome to all of God's children seeking a place of worship among persons dedicated to the love of Christ and his teachings.

*Please rise in body or spirit.

Before The Service

A selection of traditional & contemporary sacred music arrangements played on the piano

Prelude Lord, I Want to Be a Christian setting by Gordon Young

Ringing of the Bell

Welcome & Announcements

Greeting

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, & one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.





*Call to Worship

- P: O how manifold are the works of God.
- C: The earth is full of God's glorious creation.
- P: We are a part of God's magnificent design.
- C: Let us bless and praise our great and good God.
- P: Come, let us worship God!

*Opening Prayer

LA: Let us pray:

C: God, you are so great, we cannot help but praise you with our entire being. Help us to recognize your glory in everything around us: the winds carry your messages, and the elements preach your sermons. All of creation is a living love letter that inspires awe and praise. Help us to celebrate and find solace in this love today and every day. Amen.

*Invitation to Confession

P: We do not pray to alleviate our guilt, but to express our gratitude to God. For we know all the things we have said and done that we shouldn't, and all those words we could have spoken, all those actions we could have undertaken, but did not. Despite such lives, God still loves us, surrounding us with mercy and hope, waiting to restore us to new life. Please join me, as we pray together saying,

*Prayer of Confession

- P: When we take counsel in pretty words that lack knowledge and wisdom,
- C: forgive us.
- P: When we speak with authority and condemnation about things we barely understand,
- C: forgive us.
- P: When we, in our ignorance, act as if we can control the morning stars or the lion's roar,
- C: forgive us.
- P: When we have forgotten you and have forgotten who we are,
- C: forgive us.

Silence is kept for reflection.

*Assurance of Pardon

P: God, who speaks in whirlwinds and soft breezes, continues to speak to us now. Be assured that God's still small voice is planted deep within each of us, for the sake of creation.

C: Thanks be to God! Amen.

*Canticle of Praise



(Please be seated)

Scriptures (Scripture Verses are NSRV unless otherwise stated)

The Old Testament Lesson

Job 38:1-7

Job, too, has been asking for something that he finally receives – but not at all in the way he had imagined. Here God responds at last to Job. Yet God's statements, instead of starting with an acknowledgement of all Job has experienced, simply proclaim that God is God, and Job is not.



- ¹ Then the Lord spoke to Job out of the storm. He said:
- ² Who is this that obscures my plans with words without knowledge?
- ³ Brace yourself like a man; I will question you, and you shall answer me
- ⁴ Where were you when I laid the earth's foundation? Tell me, if you understand.
- ⁵ Who marked off its dimensions? Surely you know! Who stretched a measuring line across it?
- ⁶ On what were its footings set, or who laid its cornerstone –
- 7 while the morning stars sang together and all the angels shouted for joy?

The Psalm

Psalm 104:1-9, 24, 35b, The Voice

Psalms like these were probably composed and fitted into the psalter when the Jews were in exile in Babylon. It was this Judeo-Christian view of God which encouraged the development of modern science and an "open' world view" which neither banishes God nor makes God dependent on any one scientific theory.

- ¹ Call Him good, my soul, and praise the Eternal. I am here to declare my affection for You, Eternal One, my God. You are indeed great— You who are wrapped in glory and dressed in greatness.
- ² For covering You choose light—Your clothes, sunset and moonrise. For a tent, You stretch out the heavens; for Your roof, You pitch the sky.
- ³ Your upper chamber is built on beams that lie in the waters overhead, and the clouds, Your chariot; You are held aloft by the wind.
- ⁴ You make Your messengers like the winds; the breeze whispers Your words, Your servants are like the fire and flame.
- ⁵ You made the earth, and You made its frame stable forever. Never will it be shaken.
- ⁶ You wrapped it in a gown of waters ancient mountains under layers of sky.
- ⁷ But when You reprimanded those waters, they fled; the thunder of Your voice sent them running away.
- ⁸ They hammered out new depths, heaved up new heights, and swallowed up whatever You commanded.
- ⁹ At first, they covered the earth, but now You have bound them, and they know their appointed place.
- 24 There is so much here, O Eternal One, so much You have made. By the wise way in which You create, riches and creatures fill the earth.
- ³⁵ As for the Eternal, call Him good, my soul. Praise the Eternal!

C: Thanks be to God.

In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your



The Gospel Lesson

Mark 10:35-45

On the way to Jerusalem the disciples ask Jesus to grant them seats of honor. Jesus responds by announcing that he and his followers will "rule" through self-giving service.

*Gospel Acclamation



P: Listen to the Gospel of Jesus Christ according to Mark. C: Glory to you, O Lord.

- ³⁵James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to him and said to him, "Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you." ³⁶And he said to them, "What is it you want me to do for you?" ³⁷And they said to him, "Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory."
- ³⁸But Jesus said to them, "You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?"
- ³⁹They replied, "We are able." Then Jesus said to them, "The cup that I drink you will drink; and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized; ⁴⁰but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared."
- ⁴¹When the ten heard this, they began to be angry with James and John. ⁴²So Jesus called them and said to them, "You know that among the Gentiles those whom they recognize as their rulers lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. ⁴³But it is not so among you; but whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant, ⁴⁴and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all. ⁴⁵For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many."

P: This is the good news.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

(Please be seated.)

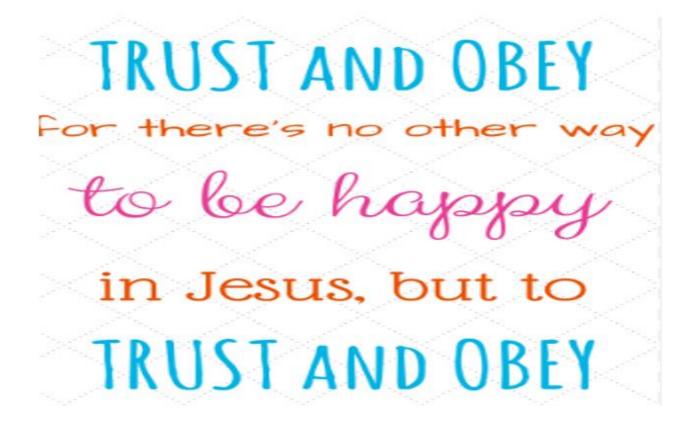
Prayer of the Day

P: Sovereign God, you turn your greatness into goodness for all the peoples on earth. Shape us into willing servants of your kingdom, and make us desire always and only your will, through Jesus Christ, our brother and Savior. Amen.

Sermon

"The fullness of joy is to behold God in all."

Julian of Norwich





Prayers of Intercession

P: Challenged by God's Word in Christ, let us pray for the church, the world, and the whole creation.

(Silence is kept)

LA: Holy One, we give thanks for all servant leaders of the church. Bless bishops, pastors, and deacons with humble wisdom and ground them in your love. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

LA: Creative One, we give thanks for the delicate balance of the natural world. Kindle in us a spirit of caring strength in the preservation of habitats, food availability, and centers of refuge, that all wildlife may thrive. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

LA: Empowering One, fill the leaders of governments with a spirit of service that prioritizes those on the margins due to job loss, underemployment, unsafe working conditions, and immigration status. May economic equity be achieved for all people. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Restoring One, send your angels to watch over, rescue, and protect those who are injured or ill. Nurse those who suffer hardship, disease, injury, or difficulty with your comfort and peace especially for those on our prayer list. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Abiding One, you call pastors to shepherd the congregation toward faithful living as servants and followers of Jesus. Inspire all ordained ministers and seminarians to ministry that challenges, engages, and comforts those in their care. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Saving One, we give thanks for the disciples James and John and all saints who have faithfully served you. We rejoice in a promised place at the feast of victory that we receive by your grace alone. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Into your hands, O God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in the saving grace you freely give, both now and forever.

Hear us as we pray the prayer Jesus taught us...

*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, for ever and ever. Amen.

Invitation to the Offering

P: We cannot give to God; we can only return from what we have received. Let us give back with a thankful and generous spirit. Bring your heart for servanthood and generosity before Jesus, in your giving here or online at CedarChurchLV.com

Anthem: Everlasting Love Lloyd Larson

*Doxology

(Intro note) 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.

*Prayer of Dedication

P: Let us pray.

C: God of abundance, you cause streams to break forth in the desert and manna to rain from the heavens. Accept the gifts you have first given us. Unite them with the offering of our lives to nourish the world you love so dearly; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Sending Hymn Hymn Sing Sunday -

The first & last verses of the following three hymns:



Draw Me Nearer



* Blessing

P: As you leave from this place, may your eyes be wide open to the awesome glory reflected in the beauty of God's creation above us, beneath us, before us, and behind us. Keep your feet on the ground, remembering it is from the ground God made you. And keep your mind above, following the model of Christ Jesus, who came to serve and in whose name we pray.

C: Amen.

*Sung Benediction:

C: God be with you till we meet again, by his counsels guide, uphold you, with his sheep securely fold you; God be with you till we meet again.

*Dismissal:

LA: Go in peace. The living Word dwells in you.

C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude Voluntary in D John Alcock

The Ministers Pastor

All the People Rev. Candi Cain-Borgman (cell: 610-762-9391)

Music Director Sexton Church Secretary

David Beck Don Hinderliter Jenny Simmons

(Office Hrs. Tue-Wed-Thu 8am-4pm)

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Cain-Borgman

ALTAR FLOWERS

Given by Marian Bastian in honor of my family.

BULLETIN

Given by Dale Clauser in loving memory of his wife Nancy Clauser.

Given by Sandra Diacogiannis in loving memory of sisters, Gail Gillespie, Maryann Murtaugh, Jackie Brosky, Brother Ronald Brosky and Gail Gillespie.

DEVOTIONALS

Given by The Estate of Paul and Madlyn Haines in memory of departed loved ones.

YOUTH BULLETIN

Given by Ron and Jenny Simmons in dedication to the children of Cedar Church, both those who are already a part of our church family and those whom God will bring through our outreach programs. May each one of these children grow in faith, love, and joy as they come to know Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior.

PLEASE REMEMBER THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS AND FRIENDS

Short and Long Term Illness

Malachi Calderon, Carol & Robert Biscontini, Elaine, Barbara Rohrbaugh, Ronnie Lawson, Nancy, Barbara Miller, Joanne McNabb, Lorenzo Coco Jr., Craig and Marlene Sebring, Sharon Acampora, Skip Phillips, Brandon Mace, Garnett, John Nuttall, John Winterburn, Amy Beck, Christa, Eric Wakoli, Patti, George Minnich, Marlene Frey, Andy Wheeler, Kourtney, Denise Follweiler, Sara Beth, Amanda & Jessie, Cindy Polchik, Danielle, Barry, Joan Carter, Dale Erdman, Jean Robertson, Megan, Kim Bastian, Pauline Gaal, Haisley Grim, Howard & Nancy, Cassie Mace, Brooke Weber, Members of our Recovery Groups, the Family of Wanda Delong and Cedar's Homebound Members

Homebound Members

Albert and Joan Plarr, Barbara Snyder, Betty Brunner, Eleanore Gilbert Frances Betz, Fred & Ardella, Jeanette Fry, Linda Ellis, Nancy Erdman, William Dorney, Bernice Rabenold, Marty & Rosanne Ritter, Lu Vogle, Shirley McNabb, Anna Mae Derhammer, Christine Wagner and Gail Ruth.

To add or remove a name from the prayer list, please contact the church office. (Hospitalization codes: 203 and 404)

Note: The Lehigh Valley and Saint Luke's Hospital Lists are not kept up to date and can be difficult to navigate. So, please notify the Church Office or Pastor Candi if you or a family member is hospitalized.

Long-Term Illnesses and Homebound Ministry Volunteers Needed



We are excited to announce the launch of our Long-Term Illnesses and Homebound Ministry, officially starting in January 2025! If you feel called to serve those who are unable to attend church due to illness or mobility issues, please sign up on the sheet located on the piano in the sanctuary.

There will be a training class on **Sunday, November 17th, 2024**, after the 9:30 a.m. church service, where you'll learn how to offer communion to those who wish to receive it. Your involvement will make a meaningful impact in the lives of our homebound members!

LEHIGH MISSION DISTRICT CHRISTMAS INGATHERING Collection Begins October 27th and Ends Sunday November 30th

Cedar Church has been assigned to collect donations for Bright Hope Pregnancy Support Center and Refugee Resettlement through Bethany Christian Services.

Bright Hope Pregnancy Support Donation Items:

All items must be new—no used items, please.

Baby Wipes, Baby Bottles, Sippy Cups, Crib Sheets, Baby Towels, Baby Wash, Baby Lotion and Baby Oil

Refugee Resettlement Donation Items:

All items must be new—no used items, please.

Bath Towels, Hand Towels, Washcloths and Kitchen Towels

A collection box will be placed at the ramp door entry beginning Sunday, October 27th, and ending Sunday, November 30th. For any questions, please contact Linda Knauss, Jeannine Leonard, or Nancy Otto. Thank you!

Church Calendar

Sunday, October 20, 2024

Sunday, Scrober 20, 2021		
Hymn Sing		
Sunday Worship Service	9:30am	Sanctuary
Wednesday, October 23, 2024		
Book Club	10:30am	Social Hall
Young Adult Group	6:00pm	002
Choir Practice	7:00pm	100
Saturday, October 26, 2024		
Trunk or Treat	3:00pm	Parking Lot
Rain Date October 27 th		
Sunday, October 27, 2024		
Reformation		
Sunday Worship Service	9:30am	Sanctuary
Monday, October 28, 2024		
Book Club	7:00pm	100
Wednesday, October 30, 2024		
Cemetery	7:00pm	103
Choir Practice	7:00pm	100



Sunday, November 3, 2024 is All Saints' Sunday. We will celebrate with a service of Holy Communion and will especially remember family and friends who **in the last year** have died in the Lord. If you have someone you wish included in our prayer, please **print** the name(s) below and return this form to the church office or place it in the offering plate by October 20th

Name(s) of deceased	Relation of deceased to you (father, daughter, cousin,
friend, etc.)	(latifor, adagittor, coasiii,
Your name	
Phone #	

Christmas Poinsettias

Christmas is the time we recall the incarnation, the birth of the Christ Child. In the birth and life of Jesus, those who seek to be disciples are called to love one another.

Cedar Church will again be decorating the Sanctuary with poinsettias for Christmas. Plants will be a single plant with 5-7 blooms in a 6" pot. The cost of poinsettias is **\$10.00 per plant**.

Plant Pick Up: You can pick up your plant(s) <u>after</u> the 9:45 PM Christmas Eve service, or Sun Dec 29th after 9:30am service.

<u>Pay Online:</u> Go to <u>www.cedarunionchurch.com</u> select **GIVE NOW** select Poinsettias button.

If you would like a dedication in the Christmas Eve Bulletin you can email this form below to cedarchurch@ptd.net, place the form in the offering plate or you can mail it to the church office at 3419 Broadway, Allentown Pa 18104

Pay Cash or Check: using form below please place it in the offering plate or you can mail it to the church office at: Cedar Church, 3419 Broadway, Allentown, PA 18104 along with your cash or check.

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In memory of:			

In honor of:

WORLD HUNGER

"For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me". – Matthew 25:35

God richly provides for daily bread — the earth can produce enough food for everyone. Yet, many of our sisters and brothers still go hungry.

World Hunger not only provides immediate relief to those who are hungry, But ending hunger is about more than food. By connecting people with the resources they need to produce food and gain access to clean water, education, health care and sources of income, long-term, sustainable change can be accomplished. World Hunger is uniquely positioned to reach communities in need. From health clinics to microloans, community meals to advocacy, your gifts to World Hunger support sustainable solutions that get at the root causes of hunger and poverty.

Donation amount is a \$1.00 per name.

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Deadline: is December 10th to be able to have dedications listed in the Christmas Eve Bulletin.

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George Minnich, Marlene Frey, Andy Wheeler,

Kourtney, Denise Follweiler, Sara Beth,

Amanda & Jessie, Cindy Polchik, Danielle,

Barry, Joan Carter, Dale Erdman,

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