

**The Service of Worship
Sunday, July 30, 2017**

SILENT MEDITATION

“Could it be that turning weeds into wheat is exactly the reason Christ came into the world?”

GREETINGS AND OPENING PRAYER *Rev. Sheryl Swan*
(Please sign Attendance Pad)

PRELUDE *Morning Has Broken* arr. C. Stevens

CALL TO WORSHIP Ginny Swift

Leader: We come with thanksgiving for the wonders of this warm and sunny season.

People: Let us praise the God of the harvest.

Leader: We come with anticipation for all that lies ahead at home, at church, and in our community.

People: Let us praise the God of the banquet.

Leader: We come with joy in the knowledge that the Spirit remains constant through the seasons of life.

All: Let us sing our praise to God!

+*HYMN #305 *Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!*

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

Please greet those worshiping near you, saying,
“The Peace of Christ Be With You.”

+*GLORY BE TO THE FATHER #581

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*in unison*)

God, you know that we have sinned. You know that we have hurt each other, been unkind and thought only of ourselves. You have given us such grace and mercy; help us to extend the same to our brothers and sisters. Free us from holding grudges, from gossip and from passing judgment. Let us never pour shame upon another, but instead love and peace. Help us walk with each other toward forgiveness and restoration. Thank you for the beauty you will bring to our relationships because we have sought your healing. We are yours, gracious God. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sheenie Quaichon, our flute soloist this morning is a recent graduate from Valley Forge High School and she will be attending The Ohio State University in the fall.

Reverend Mark is off through August 6th. During his time away, Rev. Sheryl Swan is filling in. If you have any pastoral needs, please contact her at home (440-572-0573) or at the church (440-885-2652).

Office Assistant Employment Posting: Parma-South Presbyterian Church is looking for an Office Assistant to work in the Church office four mornings a week from 9AM until Noon. If you are interested, please contact Bob Schomer at jack.r.schomer@gmail.com for additional information.

Parma Heights Food Pantry: On Saturday, August 5th from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM along with the regular produce distribution, there will also be haircuts, school supplies, clothes and shoes for school age children up to twelve years of age. Location: Behind Parma Heights City Hall Contact: Ann George (440) 842-6491. Volunteers are *always* appreciated!!

Y-Haven Transitional Housing is a program which serves homeless people recovering from opiate addictions. Gina Hansen is collecting household supplies for Y-Haven and is asking for donations to make up “hospitality kits.” If you can help, please put labeled donations in the workroom by August 15th. These new or like-new items are suggested: glasses/mugs (2 sets), pots/pans/skillets, toaster, coffee maker, cleaning supplies, dish rack and towels, area rugs (2), kitchen utensils, bedding for 2 single beds, towels for 2, shower curtain, laundry basket.

Gina will deliver the donations to Y-Haven on August 19, 2017. If you’d like to help deliver kits call her at 440-238-3475.

Darden gift cards include Olive Garden, Longhorn, Bahama Breeze, Seasons 52 and Yard House and Red Lobster. As of **July 28, 2017**, Red Lobster/Darden Cards will no longer be accepted at Red Lobster Restaurants as Red Lobster will no longer be a part of the Darden multi-brand.

CALENDAR OF THE WEEK

Sunday, July 30
10:00 AM –Worship Service

Monday, July 31
9:30AM – Senior Exercise Class – Library

Tuesday, August 1
9:45 AM – Men’s Bowling – Freeway Lanes
7:00 PM – Mission Team – Multi-Purpose Room

Wednesday, August 2
9:30AM – Senior Exercise Class – Library
10:30 AM – AI-Anon – MPR

Thursday, August 3
9:45 AM – Men’s Bowling – Freeway Lanes

Sunday, August 6 Communion Sunday
10:00 AM –Worship Service

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Today’s Ushers: Dakota Adam, Austin Csuti,
Emma Diedrich, Logan Diedrich,
Mary Diedrich, Scott Diedrich,
Dakota Reinhart

The Memorial Carillon is played this week in memory of
Gale Ellen Sargent

Chancel Flowers are placed in Loving Memory of
Joan Gorman by Kathy and Ken Pepera and Family
Daughter, Shirley Becker by Lee Boc

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Remember that Christ died for sins once and for all, that he might bring us to God cleansed of unrighteousness.

Remember your baptism and live in new life, assured of forgiveness through Christ, who intercedes on our behalf.

Amen

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Gina Hansen

CHILDREN'S CHAT

Rev. Sheryl Swan

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND LORD'S PRAYER

Rev. Sheryl Swan

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offering Sentence

Rev. Sheryl Swan

Offertory *Concerto in G Major*

G. Pergolesi

Sheenie Quaichon, *flute*

*Doxology

*Prayer of Dedication

*HYMN #314 *Longing for Light, We Wait in Darkness*

SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43 NT. p. 13

SERMON "Weeds and Seeds"

Rev. Sheryl Swan

*HYMN #300 *We Are One in the Spirit*

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing

#546

Lord, dismiss us with your blessing; fill our hearts with joy and peace;

Let us each, your love possessing, triumph in redeeming grace.

O refresh us, O refresh us, traveling through this wilderness.

POSTLUDE *Shout to the Lord*

D. Zschech

"WEEDS AND SEEDS"

July 30, 2017 Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

Life Group Study Guide

Notes from Worship Service

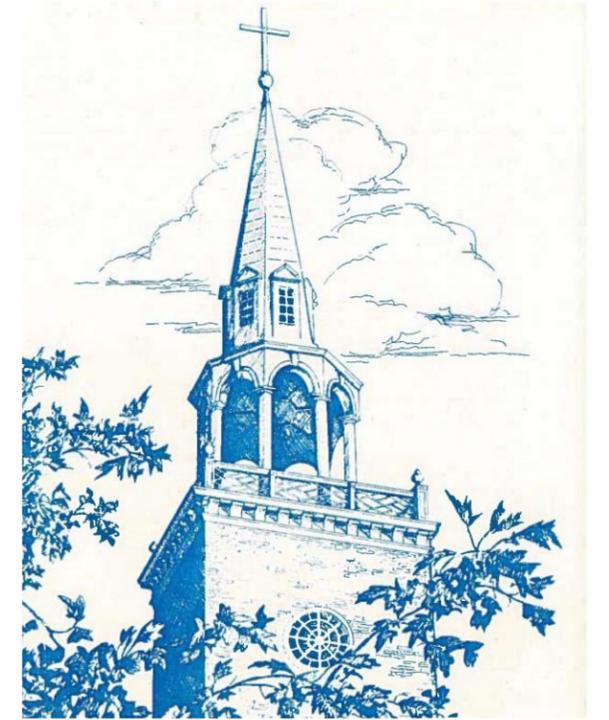
1. It is serious to put ingredients in our food without telling the public. How can God's people be affected by dishonest food labeling?
2. Jesus compared the kingdom of heaven to a man who sowed good seed, and the man's enemy who sowed seeds of weeds. What does this say about God and the kingdom?

Life Group Homework

1. Why did Jesus teach in parables?
 2. What do the seeds of wheat and the seeds of the weeds represent?
 3. Why did the Master not want the weeds to be pulled from the fields until the wheat was ready to be harvested?
 4. What do seeds in other parables represent?
- Read Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43
5. Who will ultimately separate good from evil?
 6. If we take it upon ourselves to separate good from evil what might be the result?

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Changing lives through Christ



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2017 Theme Verse

"But those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint." – Isaiah 40:31

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*Those who are able, please stand

+Appropriate time for the Ushers to seat latecomers