

Call to Worship

O God, you know us inside and out, through and through.

You search us out and lay your hand upon us.

You know what we are going to say even before we speak.

We praise you, O God, for the wonderful knowledge that whoever we are and wherever we go, you are with us.

Opening Hymn # 7 All people that on earth do dwell

Prayer of Invocation

God of all generations, as the author of the psalm acknowledged your creative presence in such an intimate and personal way, so we affirm your presence with us in an even more wonderful and personal way - in the relationship established through Jesus Christ and through the Holy Spirit. We praise and thank you, O God, for reaching out to us and touching our lives in this way. We turn towards you in gratitude seeking to love as we have been loved and pray that this time of worship will be a worthy offering of praise and thanksgiving for the way you lay your guiding hand on our lives. In Jesus' name, we pray. **Amen**

Worship Songs

Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, you plant each of us like seeds in the same field and together we are nourished and nurtured by the sun. We sway in the wind and are refreshed by the rain. We are blessed by the knowledge that you want us to grow towards what you call us to be.

When we deprive others of that same opportunity,

forgive us.

When we want to uproot those whom we believe do not belong in our part of the field,

forgive us.

When we label others as good or bad rather than accept them for who they are,

forgive us.

When we are reluctant to acknowledge that we ourselves are a mixture of weeds and wheat,

forgive us.

When we are afraid to look into the fields of our own lives to see what is growing there,

forgive us.

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So we pray that you will help us to reach out to the uprooted and rejected,

the lonely and the outcast,

and to develop and grow the good in ourselves, in others and in the world. This we pray in Jesus' name. Amen

Words of Assurance

If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! All this is from God to whom we have been reconciled by Christ. Rejoice then, for we are known, accepted, loved and forgiven

Thanks be to God

Scripture Readings

OLD TESTAMENT: Genesis 28: 10-19a

EPISTLE: Romans 8: 12-25

Concerns & Prayer

Offertory Hymn # 505 Sweet hour of prayer

Offertory Prayer

Lord Jesus Christ, you have grown your life in us through the gift of your Spirit. Accept these gifts and the service of our lives as we dedicate ourselves to spread the seeds of your life wherever we go and through whatever we do. In your name we pray. **Amen**

Gospel Lesson:

Matthew 13: 24-30, 36-43

Sermon

Rev. Dr. Vijaya Kumar

Closing Hymn # 506 What a Friend we have in Jesus

Benediction:

Grace, mercy and peace be with you from God who creates Jesus Christ who lives and the Holy Spirit who sustains you this day and every day.

Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BIRTHDAYS & Anniversaries: July 20 - 26

Rashmi Rajendran	23	Rose & Emmanuel Chery	21
Wilson Christian	25	Jaya & Sajesh Raghavan	21
Sibu Isaac	26	Jayanthi & Moses Samuel	25

SCRIPTURE READINGS SCHEDULE

July 20	Benjamin Vincent & Omana Thomas
July 27	Prem Sunder & Michelle Sunder

USHERS/ OFFERTORY SCHEDULE

July 20	Corrine Singh & Angelica Oliveira
July 27	Amit Sinha and Jill Sinha

FELLOWSHIP HOUR SCHEDULE

July 20	Mary Paul
July 27	Monica Routh

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

Annual Retreat On August 2 -3 at Menschmill Camp

This year's annual retreat will be led by Dr. Sam Kamaleson. The theme is "Family: Living Deep in a Shallow World." If you have not registered kindly send your registration form with the check as soon as possible.

Cottage Prayer Meeting:

July Cottage Prayer Meeting will be held in Sajesh and Jaya Raghavan's house in York, PA on Saturday, July 26 at 5.00 p.m. Let us all gather at the church at 3.00 p.m., so that we all can drive together. Those who want to go on the Church Van should be there at the church at 3.00 p.m. sharp. Sajesh's mailing address and phone: 241 Edinburgh Road, York PA 17406. Tel: 717-843-9902

Annual General Body Meeting:

Our Annual General Body Meeting will be held next Sunday, immediately after the Service. All are requested to be present in the meeting.

Fasting and Prayer:

We thank all those who participated in the Fasting and Prayer yesterday.

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July 20, 2008

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Sunday Worship

10AM

Sunday School

10:30 AM